

# The Smestow Vale Team Ministry



## St Benedict Biscop and the Venerable Bede Keeping in Touch with our Church Family Sunday 20th October 2020

### St Luke

Almighty God,  
you called Luke the Physician,  
whose praise is in the gospel,  
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:  
by the grace of the Spirit  
and through the wholesome medicine of the Gospel  
give your church the same power to love and heal  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Luke, the Evangelist.

'Evangelist' here meant the author of a Gospel and to evangelise is to take this Good News to others.

#### Luke Paul's Faithful Companion.

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. 6 As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. 9 Do your best to come to me soon, 10 for Demas, *in love with this present world*, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, a Titus to Dalmatia. 11 Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. 12 I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus 13 When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. 14 Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. 15 You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. 16 At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! 17 But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth

*2 Timothy 4:5-17*

#### The Mission of the Seventy

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. 2 He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. 3 Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' 6 And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. 7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; 9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

*Luke 10:1-9*

#### A reflection on our Gospel from Susan Williams

Tactics are important. In general practice in Shetland, once, to encourage the population of Lerwick to have a 'flu injection, we took over the local Leisure Centre. War-time music played, coffee served, general check-ups (BP, weight, cholesterol), given. Fun and it worked! Government instructions during this Covid-19 pandemic are complex. Jesus' instructions to his evangelising disciples are clear and simple. They are to depend on God, so no

'purse, bag or sandals, and keep focussed (no chatting to others on the way). Be affirming and non-judgemental, so 'Peace' is to be their first word, and save precious time by staying at one address. Show gratitude by eating what they are given and receive hospitality as freely as they give it. They are to show concern and God's power by healing the sick, and encourage 'holiness in everyday life' by announcing the kingdom of God is near. By appointing the seventy, Jesus makes them feel chosen and loved -just as we are. By sending them to every place where he will go, he is asking them to share in God's work. A plentiful harvest is what we are seeing during this pandemic as many people watch 'On-line' services and look up 'Prayer' on the Internet. They are to pray for more workers – something we can all do, even when shut up at home. Though Jesus sends them out as lambs among wolves, we remember St Paul's words, 'God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, of love and of a sound mind.' (2 Tim 1:7)

In sending us out to share the Good News of Jesus, God gives us prayer, Scripture, the strength of the Sacrament and the power of the Holy Spirit to help us.

*Susan*

**"Please remember those who have asked for our prayers**

Lisa, Morgan, Margaret Ward, Joy Waistell, Monika, Dot Inskip, Michael Concannon, Sarah Aldridge, Jane, Kath Humpheson, and Carl Baker.

**Those who have died**

Marjorie Martin

**Prayers for Saint Luke's Tide**

**Sunday**

Pray that we may tell and demonstrate the kingdom of God to all we meet. (Luke 10: 9)

**Monday**

Pray for all who work in the medical professions in local hospitals.

**Tuesday**

Pray for all who work at the doctors' surgeries in the Team area.

**Wednesday**

Pray that it may be possible to catch up on elective surgery before the next lockdown.

**Thursday**

Pray for Compton Hospice and for all who minister to those at the end of their lives.

**Friday**

Pray for those suffering financial hardship because of Covid 19 restrictions.

**Saturday**

Continue to pray for the American electorate as the presidential campaign continues.

Please send requests for prayers to the Parish Office.

**Sunday Worship at St Benedict's**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion

Please remember to book **each** week by contacting Hilary on 01902 892856 or by email hilmoore@gmail.com. Please telephone by **12noon** on Saturday. There will be a service led by Paul on Facebook and on You Tube this Sunday.

**Harvest Charity**

Our Harvest Charity is Tear Fund's Project with the Rohingya Refugees. You can still donate by cash or by bank transfer.

**Thank you**

To those who have decorated our Church for harvest



Luke was a friend of St Paul and is mentioned three times in his letters. Paul describes him as "the beloved physician" and in his second letter to Timothy as his only companion in prison. He is believed to be the author of two books in the New Testament, the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. Luke's narrative of the life of Christ has a pictorial quality and shows the sequence of events from the nativity through to death and resurrection. Luke makes it clear that the good news of salvation is for all, regardless of gender, social position, or Nationality. Traditionally Luke wrote his gospel in Greece and died at Boeotia at the age of 84.

Saint Luke is the patron saint of artists, physicians bachelors, surgeons, students and butchers;

St Luke is often shown with a bull, the symbol of sacrifice. Reminding us of the sacrifice that Jesus made for all Humanity.