



From the Curate

On 6th October, the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse published its report into the Church of England. It does not mince its words: *'The culture of the Church of England facilitated it becoming a place where abusers could hide. Deference to the authority of the Church and to individual priests, taboos surrounding discussion of sexuality and an environment where alleged perpetrators were treated more supportively than victims presented barriers to disclosure that many victims could not overcome. Another aspect of the Church's culture was clericalism, which meant that the moral authority of clergy was widely perceived as beyond reproach.... In the context of child sexual abuse, the Church's neglect of the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of children and young people in favour of protecting its reputation was in conflict with its mission of love and care for the innocent and the vulnerable.'* While noting recent changes, the report is clear more needs to be done. Indeed, from outside the Church's tottering walls, the report cries out with the Gospel's imperative, especially as St Luke tells it whose feast we mark today. Driving Luke's vision is the conviction that in Jesus God upturns the destructiveness of human power. He is scathing of religious leaders who fail their duty. He has a visceral concern for the poor, sick, abused, socially excluded. He champions children. In a joint statement, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, give an indication of what Luke's vision might mean in light of the report. *'We cannot and will not make excuses and can again offer our sincere and heartfelt apologies to those who have been abused.... Survivors have told us that words without actions are meaningless.... We make an absolute commitment to taking action to make the Church a safe place for everyone, as well as to respond to the needs of survivors.... Safeguarding is valuing every person as one who is made in God's image. It is the prevention of harm, and the promotion of well-being. It is about responding compassionately to victims and survivors, addressing issues of justice with regard to survivors...and helping them to rebuild their lives. Safeguarding is fundamental to our faith.'* Let us all take this to heart as we seek to repent for, carry, and heal the terrible wounds of abuse.

Fr Angus

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Electronic versions of the latest Sunday sermons and the current issue of PewNews are available to download on the website.

Today's Readings

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

Isaiah 35. 3-6

It feels like these words from Isaiah could have been written for us today. Many of us are feeling weary and lost due to the ongoing crisis that is unfolding all around us. 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God!' says the prophet. We must always remember that this God – the God of exodus and exile, the God of Jesus Christ – is one who draws close to the vulnerable and the broken in order to heal and restore. We might well feel caught up in desert wanderings at this time, but even here in a time such as this, God can make newness possible.

A reading from the Second Book of Timothy

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

Here Paul speaks with tenderness and pathos about his coming death to the young Timothy. He speaks of being 'poured out like a libation.' All of his life has been lived as an offering to God. Paul writes of his steadfastness and endurance as a disciple, reminding us that Christian faith is not easy, but takes discipline and courage. But Paul believes that death is not finally about absence and loss, but rather is about God's embrace of us, about a love that finally crowns us with victory. Like Daniel in the lions' den, we might feel there is danger all around us, but God is with us and his love sustains us through all things.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

After this 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. 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. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. 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. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

Luke 10. 1-9

Luke reminds his readers that the call to discipleship is a simple one. It means to be sent out into the world as agents of God's radical hospitality. It means to live simply and rely on God's provision for us. It means to be those who speak peace to a troubled world. It means to be those who heal, forgive, love and restore. It means to speak words of challenge and faith, 'the kingdom of God has come near to you.' How might we draw people into the kingdom's embrace in our lives and here in this place?

Today's Mass

Collect

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 love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Parish Notices

The Feast of Luke the Evangelist

Today we celebrate the Feast of Luke the Evangelist. Luke is widely believed to be the author of both the Gospel named after him and the Acts of the Apostles, more than a quarter of the New Testament. We know little about his life – he may have been a Gentile physician – but we do encounter his unique narrative voice. Luke is a gifted storyteller weaving together parable, teaching and shorter vignettes into a compelling story of God with us as Jesus and the early Church. Here is a God of love who was born as a vulnerable child and lived among us to overturn the structures of our world so that the mighty and rich are cast down and the poor and lowly raised up.

Children's Church

We are holding our monthly session of Children's Church today and welcome any families with young children to participate. The session runs on the third Sunday of each month in the church hall using the Diddy Disciples resources. This will follow social distancing protocols. If you are interested in attending, please contact Fr Angus.

All Saints and All Souls

We will be celebrating All Saints Day, our Patronal Festival, on Sunday 1 November at our main parish Eucharist. On Monday 2 November we will hold a Eucharist for All Souls Day at 7:00pm. Due to health restrictions, we are unable to put out in church a list for names to filled in and read out at All Souls. Could you instead give the details to the parish office by email or phone? We ask everyone to provide their list of names by next Sunday, thank you.

Current Guidelines for Public Worship

To ensure the safety of all who come to worship at All Saints, we continue to follow government guidance. Please listen to the usher's instructions on arrival. Hand sanitiser is to be used at the door and when using the toilet facilities and face coverings are now required by law in places of worship unless you are medically exempt.

Christmas Lunchtime Concerts

Our lunchtime concerts are back! Beginning Thursday 26th November at 1pm, and then each Thursday following, enjoy music from John Bruzon, London-based Finnish pianist Julia Wallin, jazz numbers from BAFTA award-winning Joss Peach, and our very own Alan Ireland. Admission is free, with a retiring collection. Bring a friend or two!

Art and Christianity

For those interested in the relationship between art and religion, we can commend the charity "Art and Christianity." For more information about their work, including their journal, exhibitions and lecture series and how to support them, see: <https://www.artandchristianity.org/>.

All Saints Food Spread

We continue to raise funds through our Food Spread project to provide food deliveries for local charities. See www.justgiving.com/campaign/Allsaintshovefoodspread.

Generous Giving

Thank you to the many people who have made very generous donations to the Church during the closure. It has been a great help in partly offsetting the considerable loss of income we have suffered during the lockdown. Now that the Church is open, and following Government guidelines, we will not be accepting coins in the collection plates, only notes. We would much prefer you to make contactless donations by credit or debit card if you are able to. The card reader is available at the entrance desk. Tony Mollett, our treasurer, is available via email (see contacts on first page) for more information on other ways of giving.

For our Prayers

Sick: Lou; Martyn; June & Sara Cuttress; Kala; Wyatt Baker; Sheila Dishington; Joy; Sheelagh; James Walker; Lorna; Fleur Boxell; Hunter; Betty & Michael; David James; Heather, June Elves, Trish Abala; Derek, Jane Stone, Margaret Giddings, Anne Ore, Jonathan Davidson, Audrey Ryder, Ann Quirk, Pat. For those who have recently died: Cynthia Holloway; and for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Edward Burton; Zillah Winters; Jim Nelson; John Millyard and Anthony Perry.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available by appointment with the Vicar.

Next Week's Readings: Last Sunday after Trinity

Nehemiah 8.1-4a,8-12; Psalm 119. 9-16; Colossians 3. 12-17; Matthew 24. 30-35

This Week

The Daily Office

Morning prayer Sun-Thurs, 9:00am

Evening Prayer Mon-Thurs, 5:00pm

Weekly Eucharists

Tuesday

11.30am Mass

Wednesday

9.30am Mass

Sunday

8:00am BCP Mass (1st Sundays only)

10:00am Mass

Sunday Mass Congregational Texts

Please respond with the words in bold (unless they are sung by the choir).

The Gathering

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Kyrie

Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy,**
Christ have mercy, **Christ have mercy,**
Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy.**

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

The Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

The Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Acclamation

Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come;
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Breaking of the bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The Blessing

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**