

PEW NEWS

Sunday 19th October 2025

Luke the Evangelist

WELCOME

Please stay for refreshments after the 10.30am service. At this service there are activities and learning for primary school aged children in the Den. The President will call them forward when it is time to join the group.

NOTICES

Church Open

Church is open on Friday mornings from 10.30am to 12 noon. On the second and last Friday of each month there is Crafty Coffee – an opportunity to bring your handicrafts and work alongside others or just have a coffee and chat. See you there.

Midweek Holy Communion

The Vicar and Churchwardens would like to reintroduce a midweek Holy Communion Service and would like to know if anyone would like to attend and which day and time (morning or afternoon) would suit. Please speak to Dianna, Deglan or Hilary. Thank you.

Refreshments after the 10.30am services CAN YOU HELP?

We all enjoy having a chance for chat and refreshments after the 10.30am service. The group of those preparing and serving could do with a few more volunteers. Could you consider offering one Sunday a month? To find out more what's involved please speak to those on duty this morning. Thank you!

Prayer Matters

If you would like the church family to pray for a loved one, please seek their permission to have them included on our prayer list. It is not necessary to print surnames. You may also wish to remember someone at their Years' Mind. For further information please speak to Dianna.

Quiz Night: Saturday 25th October, at 7 pm.

£5.00 per person. Includes a Jacket Potato (& filling) Supper. Please bring own drinks. Teams of 4 – 6: Please sign up your team, on the list sat the back of the church. Contact Daryl or Carole, for more information.

Half term Family Lunch Club – opportunity to help

During half-term North Camp Methodist Church provides a family lunch club on Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30 October. Volunteers are needed to greet guests, participate in children's activities and, importantly to cook. Their cook has just had to pull out. To find out more please speak to Dianna.

The Triangle Café and Christian Resource Centre

A resource at 64 Kingsmead for churches, school and individuals. Do pop in for a cuppa or to browse the wide selection of books, CDs, DVDs, cards and gifts. They have a range of Bibles in stock as well as reduced items. You'll also find a wide range of Advent calendars and books and gifts. The Triangle online shop can be found at <https://trianglechristianshop.org.uk>.

Readings for next Sunday 26th October

Jeremiah 14.7-10, 19-end; 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18, Luke 18.9-14

TODAY'S COLLECTS AND READINGS

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.

Old Testament Isaiah 35.3-6

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.’

New Testament 2 Timothy 4.5-17;

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.

Gospel Luke 10.1-9

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.”

Post Communion Collect

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.