



Oct 2023

this month includes...

Rector's Journal

Hymn Writers : 5  
by Robin

Nature Notes  
by Margaret S  
plus

News from Sudan  
A look at Luke  
Pray the day

## What are you grateful for...?

**Friday:** dull ache in jaw, and I have lost the ability to crunch Maltesers on the right hand teeth.... hope it passes.

**Saturday: 2am** - frantically emptying cupboards looking for pills – anything will do.

**Saturday: 9am** - look at prices for emergency treatment, decide to double up on the pills.

**Saturday/Sunday - midnight** and I'm carefully planning the painkiller timetable so as to provide relief at the 10am service. This means aiming for a Personal Best at **8am**, and I manage a respectable 22 minutes.

**Sunday : 6pm Evensong** - absolutely unbearable, and I



have to leave the church rapidly and munch Nurofen and Anadin.

**Monday:** Alleluia! Praise the Lord! My sainted dentist sees me at 11am and diagnoses an infection, prescribing 2 lots of antibiotics. Never have I paid a bill so gladly, never was I prepared to offer unto half my kingdom (not that big an offer really) to obtain relief. Never have I slept for so long.

By strange coincidence, we are launching our **giving** campaign at church; focusing

on **what we are grateful for**, and how much of our **time, talents, and money** we would **give** to God out of sheer gratitude. If we felt a fraction of the **gratitude**, which I felt for my dentist when she cured my pain, **to God** for redeeming and saving us; then the Church would not have a "giving" problem at all.

Mark



# 18<sup>th</sup> October: St. Luke – gospel writer & physician



Described by Paul as “the beloved physician”, Luke is the patron saint of doctors. His name means “Light Giver”, and through his writings we meet Jesus, the Light of the World. Luke is author both of the third **Gospel** and of the **Acts of the Apostles** (together, over a quarter of the New Testament!), placing special

emphasis on **the poor, social justice and women** – it is believed he may have been close to Mary the mother of Jesus, since so much of his Gospel is written from her point of view (including the *Annunciation*, the *Magnificat*, the *Presentation* in the Temple and the *boy Jesus* lost in Jerusalem). **Forgiveness** and **God's mercy** are also of first importance to Luke in reporting Jesus’ ministry – only from him do we know the parable of the *Prodigal Son* and hear of the woman who washed Jesus’ feet *with her tears* – and he often focuses on Gentiles, such as in the parable of the *Good Samaritan* (again, found only in his Gospel). Luke was not himself an eyewitness to Jesus, but he **travelled with Paul** on some of his missionary journeys.

Almighty God, who inspired your servant St. Luke to set out in his Gospel the love and healing power of your Son : please bless all medical staff, and make obvious in your church Christ's love and power for the healing of bodies and souls, to the glory of your name; through Jesus our Lord, Amen.

*Need help to pray regularly? Try this...*

## Liturgy of the Hours

Stuart Townend

With **ev'ry morning** I will kneel to pray, to be a blessing in this coming day  
In ev'rything I say and ev'rything I do, to wholly honour you.

**At noon** remind me through this day to give my full attention to the ones I'm with,  
Be mindful of those things around and those within, and fully enter in.

And **in the evening** as my thoughts retell this passing day let me remember well;  
So that no bitterness takes root within my soul, help me to let them go.

And **in the night-time** may my mind be free to truly rest and be refreshed in sleep;  
And by releasing every worry, every strain, be free to start again.

Teach me the wisdom of remembering, and give me the wisdom to forget.

**Lead me, oh, teach me to live each day for you.**

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me and before;

Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in peace and Christ in storm;

Christ in hearts of all who know me, Christ in friend and stranger all.





Sunday 15 Oct  
4pm  
@ Methodists

Remember to tell family and friends with children about **Messy Church!**

**FAITH IS LIKE WI-FI**  
IT'S INVISIBLE BUT IT HAS THE POWER TO CONNECT YOU TO WHAT YOU NEED

**St. Peter's Study Group** meets again on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2.30pm at 156 Main St, asking **what the Bible means to us** today – come and share ideas over a coffee.

From the Registers  
**Wedding**  
Sep 30 Lauren Ellis & Jack Clough  
**Funeral**  
Sep 28 Florence Muriel Lloyd-Henderson

Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.

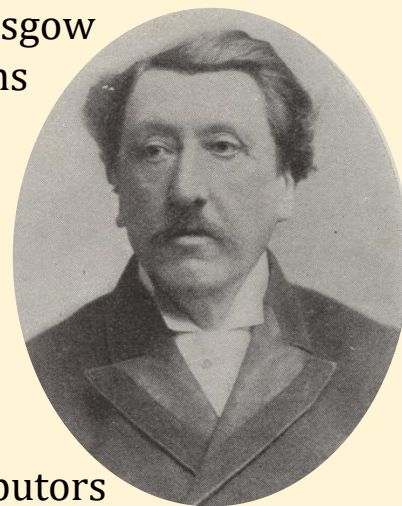
*Desmond Tutu*

## Hymn Writers : William Chatterton Dix (1837–1898)

*part 5 of an occasional series by Robin Leleux*

'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' wrote John Keats in his poem 'To Autumn'. In church, we celebrate this season with our Harvest Festival hymn '**To thee O Lord our hearts we raise**', in the words of William Chatterton Dix (with tune by Sir Arthur Sullivan) ([listen at www.youtube.com/watch?v=6P7StHkaLAM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6P7StHkaLAM)).

Although a Bristol man by birth, Dix spent much of his life in Glasgow working in marine insurance; he also wrote and published hymns and spiritual works throughout his life. Early in 1859 he was convalescing so unable to attend the Epiphany Sunday service at his church; instead, he read of the coming of the Magi in Matthew's Gospel, which inspired him to write his Christmas - Epiphany hymn '**As with gladness men of old**' ([listen to it here www.youtube.com/watch?v=UB8rKNrlpDQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UB8rKNrlpDQ)). This was published in *Hymns Ancient & Modern* which appeared soon after, which pleased him as a layman since most of the new hymnal's contributors were clergymen.



In his late twenties Dix was seriously ill for months which resulted in severe depression - but also something of a spiritual awakening, for it was in this period (1865-6) that he wrote some of his best-known hymns and carols including the communion hymn '**Alleluia, sing to Jesus**' ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=UJDWFYIkBns](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UJDWFYIkBns)) and his most widely loved carol 'The Manger Throne' ('**What child is this**'). Six years later, this poem was incomparably set to the English Folk tune 'Greensleeves', in an arrangement probably by the great English composer and arranger of church music, John Stainer (*our recording at this link is a less formal arrangement* [www.youtube.com/watch?v=wO8qluGa-tM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wO8qluGa-tM)).

# Wulfherans

Sign up for our

**Harvest Supper**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct**  
**7.30pm**

£5, pay on the night



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## Peace point

Peace cannot be kept by force.  
It can only be achieved by  
understanding. *Albert Einstein*

Autumn leaves... Jesus doesn't.

## Nature Notes for October

Early in the week I walked down the lane towards the canal with just the most lovely **hedgerow** on the pathway, a real treat to see!

The trees across the road are just full of **conkers** (to the children's delight)! and again - lovely **coloured leaves**.

Oddly, not many birds about these last few days, even in the

garden, just Blackbirds and Sparrows – but quite a few **Butterflies** with such attractive colourings.

I was looking through my Jim Moir **book** on birds – such super drawings - *please do ask to borrow it!*

Margaret Spencer



## Butterflies and Moths to see in October



Speckled Wood



Brimstone moth



Comma



Frosted Orange moth



Peacock



Angle Shades moth



Red Admiral



Light Emerald moth



Wall