

## Reflection

By Revd Canon Sarah Partridge

*'This Sunday, the 18th of October, is the actual Feast Day of St. Luke the Evangelist. It doesn't happen all that often that it falls on a Sunday so it's good to be able to celebrate it properly with the appropriate readings.*

*St. Luke has traditionally been held to be a doctor on the sole evidence of St. Paul referring to a companion of his called Luke as 'the beloved physician'. As a consequence Luke is the patron saint of surgeons and physicians. The Orthodox tradition also holds that Luke was an artist and the first icon painter and he is therefore the patron of artists. Slightly more strangely he is also the patron saint of bachelors, students and butchers! It is the healing professions and ministries that he is most associated with however.*

*And this association is given some weight by the particular attention that his gospel pays to those on the edges of society in 1st century Palestine. The poor, the diseased and disabled, the mentally ill, women and children. Those indeed whom one would expect a compassionate doctor to also have a care for.*

*It also seems appropriate at this time to focus, even if briefly, on the issue of healing. Although it is difficult, if not impossible, to predict a time when the pandemic will be a thing of the past, there is no doubt that a great deal of healing will need to occur in just about every aspect of life. For some the healing will be physical but there are deep 'wounds' in relationships of many kinds - between individuals, between the people and government, and within communities to name but a few. I hope that the church will have a significant role to play in this healing process in the future.'*



King Charles the Martyr  
Tunbridge Wells

**Nineteenth Sunday  
after Trinity  
18<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

### **Today's Services: Booking not required**

**8.00am - St Mark's Holy Communion (BCP)**  
The Revd Claire Allwood  
**Live streaming on Facebook**

**10am KCM Holy Communion (cw)**  
President: The Revd Canon Sarah Partridge  
Preacher: The Revd Canon Sarah Partridge  
Deacon: The Revd Laurence Powell

**Live streaming on Facebook and Zoom**  
Zoom link for 10am Holy Communion Service  
until further notice:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82593820722?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82593820722?pwd=cExlZHF2SHk3V295ZWdSRTJEMXJOUT09)  
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Password: 072916

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

**11.30am - KCM Holy Communion (BCP)**  
The Revd Laurence Powell

### **Next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

**8am - KCM Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10am - St Mark's Holy Communion (cw)**  
**6.30pm - KCM Choral Evensong**

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## The 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.  
Amen

## First Reading: Isaiah 45. 1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him—  
and the gates shall not be closed:  
<sup>2</sup> I will go before you  
and level the mountains,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
<sup>3</sup> I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
<sup>4</sup> For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I surname you, though you do not know me.  
<sup>5</sup> I am the Lord, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,  
<sup>6</sup> so that they may know, from the rising of the  
sun  
and from the west, that there is no one  
besides me;  
I am the Lord, and there is no other.  
<sup>7</sup> I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the Lord do all these things.

## Second Reading:

### 1 Thessalonians 1. 1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,  
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the  
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup> We always give thanks to God for all of you  
and mention you in our prayers, constantly  
<sup>3</sup> remembering before our God and Father your  
work of faith and labour of love and  
steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.  
<sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by  
God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our  
message of the gospel came to you not in word  
only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit  
and with full conviction; just as you know what  
kind of people we proved to be among you for  
your sake. <sup>6</sup> And you became imitators of us  
and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you  
received the word with joy inspired by the Holy  
Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all  
the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.  
<sup>8</sup> For the word of the Lord has sounded forth  
from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia,  
but in every place where your faith in God has  
become known, so that we have no need to  
speak about it. <sup>9</sup> For the people of those regions  
report about us what kind of welcome we had  
among you, and how you turned to God from  
idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to  
wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised  
from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from  
the wrath that is coming.

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 22. 15-22

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted to  
entrap him in what he said. <sup>16</sup> So they sent their  
disciples to him, along with the Herodians,  
saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere,  
and teach the way of God in accordance with  
truth, and show deference to no one; for you do  
not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then,  
what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the  
emperor, or not?' <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their  
malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the  
test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used  
for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>  
Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and  
whose title?' <sup>21</sup> They answered, 'The emperor's.'  
Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the  
emperor the things that are the emperor's, and  
to God the things that are God's.' <sup>22</sup> When they  
heard this, they were amazed; and they left him  
and went away.

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