

**A festival for October
St. Luke the Evangelist, October 18th**

A 'Luke' mentioned by Paul 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 of the New Testament, firstly the gospel which stands in his name and also the *Acts of the Apostles*. Luke's narrative of the life of Christ has a pictorial quality and shows the sequential pattern from the nativity through to the death and resurrection. As a Gentile, Luke makes clear that the good news of salvation is for all, regardless of sex, social position or nationality. Traditionally, Luke wrote his gospel in Greece and died in Boeotia at the age of eighty-four.

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.

**St. Augustine of Canterbury,
Highgate**



CHURCH NEWS

October 2017

The Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

Having just returned from two weeks holiday in September, and in a warmer part of the world than this, I am processing the experience as I was fortunate enough to visit Kotor in Montenegro. I was there on a Sunday and managed to go to Mass in the Roman Catholic cathedral. From there I wandered into a Serbian Orthodox Church where the eucharist was also being celebrated. I then sat down in the square alongside ladies in hijabs. I was hugely conscious of the long, troubled history of the Balkans, the immense diversity that was present in one very small area of that city of Kotor, and how I had no idea whether the apparent peace around me was actually real. I felt a huge sense of privilege alongside a degree of confusion and fascination. The best word for how I feel is perhaps disconnection as my horizons were being broadened, the limits of my experiences being tested. As we celebrate Harvest this month, we have the opportunity to be taken out of our day-to-day experience, and pause—as I did while I was away—to give thanks. We give thanks for abundance, but also look outwards. Our harvest gifts are tokens of a wider concern for the world and people in need. It is easy to be disconnected from need or to be overwhelmed by it. Harvest offers one, focussed way of being connected to God and the world. Our horizons can be broadened.

Please support generously our harvest appeal, and also spare a prayer for the Balkans, its peace, its peoples.

With my best wishes and prayers,
Fr. Peter

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**Enquiries with regard to baptism, weddings
and banns of marriage should be made to
Fr. Peter**

Looking ahead

November

1 All Saints' Day Mass at 10am and 7.30pm
2 All Souls' Day Mass at 10am and 7.30pm
5 All Saints' Sunday
12 Remembrance Sunday
19 Bishop of Edmonton joins us for the Parish Mass at 10am
26 Christ the King with Parish Mass, Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 10am

December

3 First Sunday of Advent
17 Carol Service at 3pm
24 Christmas Eve: Crib Service at 4pm and Midnight Mass at 11.30pm
25 Christmas Day Parish Mass at 10am
26 St. Stephen's Day Mass at 10am
27 St. John Mass at 10am
28 Holy Innocents Mass at 10am

January

1 Mass for New Year' Day at 12 noon
7 Epiphany of the Lord
28 Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Candlemas

The Vicar's Notices

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest will be celebrated on Sunday October 1st and once again we will be contributing items for our neighbouring parish of St. Andrew, Whitehall Park's cold weather shelter. Items needed: sugar, easy cook rice, baked beans, tinned custard, tinned tuna, ketchup, cooking oil, coffee & tea, washing-up liquid, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, razors, deodorant.

NEW PRIESTS IN HIGHGATE

Welcome to Fathers Kunle Ayodeji at St. Michael's and Tim Miller at All Saints'.

MISSION PARTNERS

Last month the Parochial Church Council agreed that we should have Mission Partners through the Church Mission Society (CMS.) Mission Partners are a way of being linked in with specific work in the wider Church, and we will regularly hear of their work, and meet them in due course. We will be supporting Dick and Caroline Seed who are working in theological education in Kenya.

Calendar for October 2017

- 1 Harvest Festival
Parish Mass at 10am
- 2 Study Group in the Vicarage at 8pm
- 4 Mass at 10am
- 7 Mass at 12 noon

- 8 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
Parish Mass at 10am
- 11 Mass at 10am
- 14 Mass at 12 noon

- 15 Dedication Festival
Parish Mass at 10am
- 18 Mass at 10am
- 21 Mass at 12 noon

- 22 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
Parish Mass at 10am
- 25 Mass at 10am
- 28 Mass at 12 noon

- 29 Last Sunday after Trinity
Parish Mass at 10am

Bible readings for the Parish Mass

- 1 Harvest Festival
Psalm 8
John 6.35-40

- 8 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
Isaiah 5.1-7
Philippians 3.4b-14
Matthew 21.33-46

- 15 Dedication Festival
1 Kings 8.22-30
Hebrews 12.18-24
Matthew 21.21-16

- 22 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
Isaiah 45.1-7
1 Thessalonians 1.1-10
Matthew 22.15-22

- 29 Last Sunday after Trinity
Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18
1 Thessalonians 2.1-18
Matthew 22.34-46