Luke the Evangelist, Sunday 18th October, 2026

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A community together in faith.

Sunday Link

Connecting a community

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Services in Church

Sunday 18th October 9.30am Eucharist, Fr Stan

Tuesday 20th October, 11am Eucharist in Church

Hymns:-

Procession 136 Alleluia, Alleluia.
Gradual 612 We have a Gospel to proclaim
Offertory 393 Brother, Sister, let me serve you
Communion 308 Just as I am
Anthem Oh Lord increase our faith - Loosemore
Recessional 362 Tell out my soul

Please remember in your prayers this week the sick

Brian, Marilyn, Claire, Christopher Munns, Dave Cheney, Nina Beetson, Mark Butts, Georgie Grigg, David Wilson, Jonathon Reynolds, Antoinio Riccio, Snowy (Johnny Ellson), Michael, Nicky.

We also pray for those who have recently died remembering known to us and those whose Years Mind occur at this time remembering Denis Samwell, Denise Horn, Daune Jennings Ireland and Arthur Haseldine.

RUSHDEN TOWN BAND CONCERT

tickets are now available! Saturday 28th November 2026 at 7:30pm. Tickets £10 each. See Julie

Family Funday returns to Church, Sunday 18th October 2pm -4pm. To celebrate this long-awaited return, we have organised a light party with a buffet, games, lights, disco and a sparkly prayer rope!

Sponsored Lights

Claire, Andrew, Sarah and Jonathon

Wishing Dad, Pete, a very Happy 80th Birthday on 24th October.

Coffee Morning

Raised £231.50 this week.
Well done, Ladies.

Events team meeting on Monday 18th October 7.00 At Chris C's abode.

All Souls Service of Remembrance and Reflection

An evening service to remember all those we have lost and to celebrate their lives On Sunday 1st November at 6pm. If you would like anyone to be remembered and their names read out in prayer, please let your churchwardens Julie or Colin know and fill in the list in church.

Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes are now available if you, or a group of you, would like to pack a box full of goodies for children. Leaflets are also available to guide you as to what you can include. If you have any questions, speak to **Meg**. Please return your boxes by **Sunday 15th November** at the latest. Thank you to Meg for providing the boxes and organising the collection.

Christmas Tree Festival

Wonder and Wildlife:- Fri 4th, Sat 5th, Sun 6th December plus Winter Glow Lightshow.
Trees, decorate with the Beauty of the earth:- Colours, pets, plants, Christmas creatures, Reindeer, Polar Bears, Robins, Landscapes, historical, mythological, weather sea, Rainbows, and or a Partridge in a pear tree.

Relicensing Service for Lay Readers
By Bishop Alex

Sunday 25th October at 3pm. Tea and cake served after the service.

Free Organ Recital by Zsombor Toth-Vajna
Thursday 29th October in Church At 6.30pm

A leading Hungarian Organist and international conductor reproducing the sounds of the 17th century.

Summer Time ends on 25th Ocotber

Clocks fall back one hour on Sunday next and we welcome Pete to the 80's club.

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Collect God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed in the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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.

'**This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God**

Congregational response to Psalm 147:-

The Lord heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.

Alleluia! How good it is to sing praises to our God! how pleasant it is to honour him with praise! The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel.

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He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds. He counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.

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Great is our Lord and mighty in power; there is no limit to his wisdom. The Lord lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God upon the harp.

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New Testament Reading from Paul to 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.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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 prayer God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord.***Amen***.

Prayer for a new Priest. Heavenly Father, We pray during this period of vacancy and ask that you will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others and welcome newcomers. Lord Jesus, guard and grow this parish as we serve you together in this period without a vicar.