



## Sunday 18 October – ST. LUKE'S DAY

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### A REFLECTION BY FRANCES DANIEL

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#### 'WHY, GOD, WHY?'

As we all struggle to live in the 'new normal' and wonder if we may ever return to the 'old normal', I am reminded of Habakkuk. As the good suffered, and the wicked flourished, and believing that God is just and good, Habakkuk asks: 'Why, God, why?' As he takes his stance high on the watchtower, the assurance comes – God has not joined sides with the wicked. Only those who trust God will live. God, his strength and joy, is God after all! This leads him into prayer.

Imagine what it would be like to say his prayer, with a few extra phrases! (From an idea by Larry Crabb in "Finding God".)

Though the fig-tree does not bud  
*And I am alone;*  
And there are no grapes on the vines  
*And I cannot hug my children or grandchildren;*  
Though the olive crop fails  
*And I can find little joy in my world;*  
And the fields produce no food,  
*And I have to queue outside the greengrocers in the cold;*  
Though there are no sheep in the pen  
*And I cannot celebrate my birthday with my friends;*  
And no cattle in the stalls,  
*And I have no basis for feeling safe and secure.*  
Yet I will rejoice in the Lord,  
I will be joyful in God my Saviour.  
The Sovereign Lord is my strength;  
He makes my feet like the feet of a deer,  
He enables me to go on the heights.

Frances Daniel

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Our Sunday service can be found [here](#), from 8am on Sunday.

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## TODAY'S 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.

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## TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

[Isaiah 35:3-6](#)

[Luke 10:1-9](#)



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## NEWS

**Remember - clocks go back at 2am on Sunday 25 October; check your smoke alarm too!**

**The Electoral Roll is now closed. It is published in the church and on our website.**

- **All Saints' APCM** – Wednesday 21 October, 7pm. Please call Lesley in the office (07842 544711) or email Rebecca - [admin@allsaintsmilford.co.uk](mailto:admin@allsaintsmilford.co.uk), to book your place. The Annual Report and Financial Statements are now available on the [website](#)
- **Village Pumpkin Hunt** – Saturday 31 October. To take part by carving a Pumpkin and praying that it would shine Christ's light in the village, please contact Rebecca ([admin@allsaintsmilford.co.uk](mailto:admin@allsaintsmilford.co.uk)). Find more information about the Pumpkin Hunt itself on the website.
- **Samaritan's Purse** - All questions and queries regarding St Mary's shoeboxes to Vera (642981) please. Please contact Beverley (643427) for all questions related to All Saints' shoeboxes.

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## PRAYER POINTS

*"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they soar on wings like eagles." Isaiah 40:31*

- Lord God, as we look to you as our source of hope and strength, help us to see your perspective during these times of challenge and to know that, in spite of what we see with our human eyes, your plans for your creation will be fulfilled.
- We pray for God's will for our Parish as we search for a new priest-in-charge, with a new advertising campaign now taking place; may he or she apply for the post.
- We pray for those suffering from illness including those with Covid-19; that nurses, doctors and carers may bring healing to them. We ask for protection and help for the elderly, clinically extremely vulnerable and those suffering from mental illness and loneliness.
- We bring our nations to you and ask for your strength and wisdom for local governments to carry out the measures to reduce the spread of the virus.

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## CONTACTING US

- **The Church Office is closed.** Lesley is working from home Tues-Thurs, 9am-11.30am and can be contacted by email [office@allsaintsmilford.co.uk](mailto:office@allsaintsmilford.co.uk) or telephone (07842 544711). Alternatively, face-to-face meetings can be booked via [ChurchSuite](#), email or telephone.
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