

**Sentence** The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ask therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.  
*Luke 10.2*

**Collect**

Almighty God,

who inspired your servant Luke the physician

to set forth in his gospel

the love and healing power of your Son:

graciously continue in your Church

this love and power to heal,

to the praise and glory of your name;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah**

*Jeremiah spoke in the years leading up to the fall of Jerusalem in 597BC after which the people of Judah were taken to Babylon and exile for 70 years. The balm of Gilead was resin from the Styrax tree, widely used for medicinal purposes. God has heartbroken contempt for the lies and deceit of the people who know better, but fail to follow God's path and so bring ruin as a consequence.*

Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people

not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,  
and my eyes a fountain of tears,  
so that I might weep day and night  
for the slain of my poor people!

O that I had in the desert  
a traveller's lodging-place,  
that I might leave my people

and go away from them!  
For they are all adulterers,  
a band of traitors.  
They bend their tongues like bows;  
they have grown strong in the land for falsehood, and not for truth;  
for they proceed from evil to evil,  
and they do not know me, says the LORD. *Jeremiah 8.22-9.3*

Reader For the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 145.10-18 APBA p.376**

*This song of praise is an acrostic poem in the original Hebrew, and is a joyous expression of God's wonderful deeds.*



The Lord is com - pas-sion - ate t'ward all His works.

The Saint Noël Chabanel Responsorial Psalm Project <http://chabanelpsalms.org>

**A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy**

*This letter is personal (unlike those written to congregations) and directed to Timothy, Paul's companion in ministry. These closing words demonstrate Paul's endurance for the gospel and hope in the face of cer-*

**Commemorations of the week**

**October 23** – James of Jerusalem, brother of our Lord. Head of the Jerusalem church and martyred c. 62 AD

**October 24** – United Nations, inaugurated 1945.

**Congratulations to Rick and Sandy Richards**  
Celebrating 60 years of marriage their wedding took place at  
St George's on the 22nd of October 1958.  
They were married the then newly ordained John Leaver

If you are having a special birthday, an anniversary or other special event you would like to celebrate with one of the Vicar's blessings, please let her know. Blessings can take place during a church service, or in a family gathering.

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."

*Luke 10.1-9*

Reader For the Gospel of the Lord

**ALL Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### **Prayer for the Week**

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills

to worship you in spirit and in truth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Bible Readings next week 28 October 2018**

Jeremiah 31.7-9 Psalm 126 Hebrews 7.21-28 Mark 10.46-52

### **Pray for the Faithful Departed**

*We remember before God:*

Elaine Meyer, Patricia Elizabeth Belshaw, Edna Valentine, Nellie Johnson, James Cunningham, Frank Nelson, Eric Dalton, Edith Pearson, Elsie Casey, Mary Newton, Hazel Dean *whose anniversaries occur this week.*

*tain martyrdom (the lion's mouth was a common OT reference to a violent death.) Notice Luke's faithfulness in staying with Paul.*

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.

*2 Timothy 4.9-17a*

Reader May your word live in us

**All And bear much fruit to your glory.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**All Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Cantor No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**All Alleluia!**

Reader The Lord be with you

**ALL And also with you**

Reader A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**ALL Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Known as the mission of the seventy, this whole account of Jesus sending out his disciples is replete with biblical imagery. They are to go in peace and be people of peace preparing the way for Jesus to go where he intends to go.*

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