

S. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE

NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 2014

From the Priest-in-charge

The beautiful opening of October makes one remember that S. Luke the Evangelist often has a 'summer' near his day (18th October). By name he has the bad luck to recall the adjective lukewarm. The Acts of the Apostles (the second volume of the two-volume work which begins with his gospel) can indeed at first sight seem to deserve this description, because you don't get from it such a vivid sense of the conflict of opinion among the apostles and in the Christian congregations as you do from the epistles of S. Paul.

On a second look, however, this derogatory view of the volumes attributed to Luke can seem misplaced. He does make it plain that there were profound differences which had to be held together, even between those, like Peter and Paul, who had clasped the right hand of fellowship. He does not veil the apostolic sufferings: 'though much tribulation we must enter into the kingdom of God', say Paul and Barnabas in Acts (14.22). And he is not afraid to relate sayings and stories which are far from lukewarm: 'I am come to cast fire on the earth' (a saying of the Lord only known from S. Luke's gospel). Only Luke gives us the parables of the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan, but only he balances the Beatitudes by Woes, including the famous Woe unto you, when all speak well of you. His has been very much a gospel

for those in affliction and adversity, and those needing comfort. His traditional identification with 'Luke the beloved physician' (Colossians 4:14) is open to discussion, but this tradition of the church does truly identify the healing character of the two great books which circulate under his name.

With best wishes to all readers,
William Horbury.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral Dorothy Helen Widdess, aged 91 15th September

NOTES AND NEWS

Lunchtime Concert

A lunchtime concert will take place in S. Botolph's at 1.10 p.m. on Friday 10th October. The Fireside Wind Quartet will perform music by Dvorak, Farkas and Nielsen. There will be a leaving collection for the Restoration Fund.

Centenary Wreath

A wreath will be laid during Mattins on Sunday 26th October by Mrs. Margaret White, in memory of her great-uncle Philip Claud Harris of the Rifle Brigade. He is commemorated on the parish war memorial in S. Botolph's (the subject of a note in the last Newsletter), and was killed in the defence of the Ypres Salient on 23rd October 1914, aged 20. His parental home was 14 Botolph Lane. The wreath-laying will allow us to associate ourselves with

the national and international memories of this centenary year, as they affect our parish in particular.

'Fifty Million to be Saved by Abolition of PCCs'

A recent newspaper headline running somewhat as above will have raised a wild surmise in the minds of Parochial Church Council members throughout the country — but whether they hoped or feared, the reference was not to their Councils but to police commissioners. Our own P.C.C. is due to have its next meeting on 14th October at 8.00 p.m.

CALENDAR

TRINITY XVI *Harvest Thanksgiving* Sunday 5th

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist; Epistle, Prof. Cockerill

Preacher: Mr Richard Howlett Jones

6.30 p.m. Evensong (said)

Wednesday 8th October Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

Friday 10th Lunchtime Recital by the

Fireside Wind Quartet 1.10 p.m.

TRINITY XVII Sunday 12th

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Mattins

1. Ezekiel 37.1-14, Mr Barker; 2. Luke 12.11-21, Dr Lindsay

Preacher: The Revd Vivienne Lake

12 noon Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Tuesday 14th Parochial Church Council 8.00 p.m.

Wednesday 15th Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

Saturday 18th *S. Luke* Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.

TRINITY XVIII Sunday 19th 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Order 1)

Epistle, Dr Hunter; Intercession, Mrs. Coggill

Preacher: Dr Andrew Davison

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 22nd Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

Summer Time ends before services on Sunday 26th

TRINITY XIX Sunday 26th

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Mattins

1. Daniel 5, Mrs. Baker; 2. Luke 12.35-40, Mr Howlett Jones

Preacher: Prof. William Horbury

12 noon Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Tuesday 28th *SS. Simon & Jude* 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Wednesday 29th Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

ALL SAINTS (transferred) Sunday 2nd November

Trinity XX 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Epistle, Mrs. Horbury; Refreshments, Hunter

Preacher: Dr Andrew Davison

6.30 p.m. Evensong

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