

Hill Chapel Library

We have a box at the back of church with a variety of religious books belonging to parishioners which other people may like to read. If you would like to borrow any of the books or add some books of your own for other members of our parish to use - you are more than welcome. Please do fill in the form when taking and returning the books. Many thanks.

Garden Collection

Many thanks to all who contributed towards the Garden Collection.

Attendance and Collection

28th August : Attendance - 53 Collection £262.00

4th September: Attendance – 49 Collection £95.00

Parishioners Who are Unwell

If you would like the parish to pray for someone, please notify Father Sony on 01772 865229 for inclusion in the Bidding Prayers or newsletter. We also have an area in Church where you can write a prayer intention on a card and hang up if you prefer.

Cycle of Prayer during September

The Harvest, the Fruits of Human work and Reverent Use of Creation.

Students and Teachers – Education Day – 11th September

The Spread of The Gospel – Home mission Sunday – 18th September

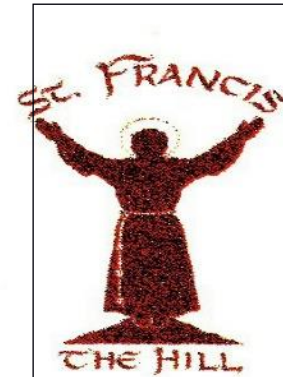
Feast Days – Mon St Theodore of Canterbury
Wed St Matthew
Sat Our Lady of Walsingham

Diary Dates

Saturday 1st October – Harvest Celebration

Sunday 2nd October – Family Mass

Sunday 9th October – Synod Follow-up meeting after mass.



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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Home Mission Day **18th September – Readings – Year C**

Parish Mission Statement

Our Parish, guided by the example of our patron St Francis of Assisi, seeks to be a welcoming Catholic Community by living, sharing and growing in faith. We strive to deepen our own relationship with Christ and meet the needs of others.

Today's Mass is for the People of the Parish

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially Ellen Woods.
We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. We remember Monica Melling.

There will be a whole school mass the following Tuesday ((20th) to celebrate the spiritual inauguration of the new academic year.

Tea and Coffee are served at the back of church after Sunday Mass. This is an ideal opportunity to meet and greet new parishioners and to catch up with familiar faces too.

Pakistan Floods Appeal

Throughout September we are collecting for The Floods Appeal in Pakistan. Over 30 million people have been affected by the floods and 10 million people made homeless. The death toll is now 1.300 and continuing to rise, These innocent victims have lost their homes, cattle and livelihoods. Families are in urgent need of safe drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Cafod has joined with the Disasters Emergency Committee to launch an appeal in response to this emergency. Any help you can give will be very gratefully appreciated.

Safety Rules for Mass:

Although safety rules have been restricted, we are only a small church and do want everyone to be kept safe:

- Please sanitise your hands on entry
- If preferred - please feel free to wear a mask on entry, on receiving Holy Communion and when leaving church
- Please follow the one-way system to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion – guided by the stewards.

Harvest Celebration

We are planning a Harvest Celebration on Saturday October 1st from 11.00am to 2.00pm in church. We are also collecting for the Longridge Food bank at the event. We will have a collection box available at the back of church if you wish to donate any offerings tinned or packed food which will be displayed at the celebration.

If you would like to take part in setting up a display for the celebration – please contact Maria Peel or Bernadette Coulthurst.

There will be refreshments on the day – any offers of cakes would be very welcome. This is an opportunity for the Parish to come together and celebrate and we look forward to seeing you there.

From the Archives

This week I continue my focus on the four evangelists with a brief biography of St. Luke.

The author of the gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke was born in the first century AD in Antioch, Syria. He was considered to be a Gentile though some sources say he was a Hellenic Jew, a form of Judaism that combined Jewish religious culture with some elements of Greek culture. Luke was converted by St. Paul and was his disciple. He was present in all of Paul's missions as his personal physician and, in effect, as a kind of biographer. He uses the word "we" to signify that he was present when most of the things he wrote about happened during Paul's missions. He travelled with Paul from Troas to Macedonia, then to Philippi where he stayed behind for seven years and lastly, he shared the shipwreck and dangers of the memorable journey to Rome. Luke was present in Rome with Paul near the end of Paul's life. This is found in the second letter of St Paul to Timothy. Luke was one of the companions of Paul who did not abandon him in Rome during his imprisonment and martyrdom.

It is evident that Luke was an educated man as in addition to being a physician, he was said to have been an artist and a rhetorician, someone who speaks words primarily to impress or to persuade. Luke's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, account for 27.5% of the New Testament, the largest contribution by a single author. In the Acts of Apostles, Luke tells us about the beginning of the very early Church. It is from this work that we come to know about Pentecost and the workings of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. It is only in his Gospel that we find the story of Lazarus and the rich man, the Magnificat, and the scriptural basis for the "Hail Mary".

St. Luke was believed to have been murdered as a martyr after he was said to have been hung from an olive tree, although other sources say that he may have died a natural death. He passed away at the age of eighty-four in Thiva, the ancient Greek name for Thebes, Boetia (Central Greece), in the Roman province Achaia. His tomb is located in Thebes. Saint Luke is the patron Saint of physicians, artists, rhetoricians, surgeons and, rather surprisingly, farmers. We celebrate his feast day on the 18th of October.

St. Luke, Prayer for Physicians:

We ask your intercession on behalf of all doctors, asking that they have the wisdom and knowledge necessary to treat their patients effectively and restore them to physical and mental health. That they have the compassion and empathy necessary to comfort those who are suffering and the strength and grace to fulfil their duties as doctors. O Blessed St. Luke, we thank you for your prayers and assistance. Amen

Mike Bryan