

For Prayer & Thanksgiving

- *Dr Jocelyn is now resident in the Bupa rest home in Whitby.*
- *Drs Ron and Rita have a son Isoa Jonathon Manulevu born Wednesday this week (13 Oct.)*
- *Gwladys' Paul (Evans) is in hospital.*
- *The ongoing work of the Pantry/ Foodbank helping Porirua families to find food security.*
- *The renovation of 49A Mungavin Ave. as internal work nears completion with flooring laid end Oct. and as external painting proceeds.*

Parish Finances

Your Vestry met on 2 October and treasurer Sofia advised on Parish finances.

30 September balances:

Westpac current account had

\$36,194.45

The BNZ Pantry accounts had

\$36,683.40

The following motion was agreed,

“In the light of extra funding required above the \$70,000 (plus GST) previously approved for 49A Mungavin Ave. renovations, \$10,000 is allocated from the Pantry fund on the basis that a portion of the renovation work relates to future Pantry operation.”

Sofia/Dawn—Carried.



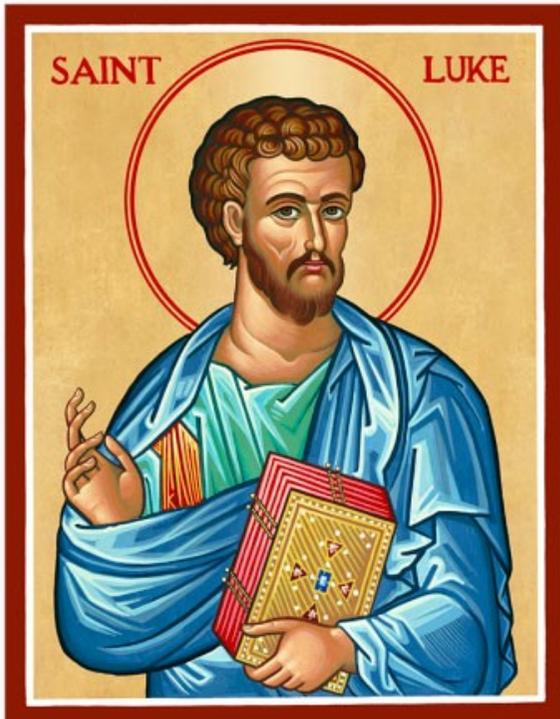
NEWS
October 17th 2021

Saint Luke—18 October

According to information given us by Paul in his letters, Luke was a Gentile, a physician, a dear friend of Paul (Colossians 4:14), and at one point apparently Paul's only companion in prison (2 Timothy 4:10,11). The New Testament tells us no more about Luke directly, but since the time of the Muratorian Canon (c.180) tradition has recognised Luke as the author of the anonymous third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Since parts of Acts (16:10-18; 20:5-15; 27:27-28:16) purport to be narrated by an unidentified travelling companion of Paul, this tradition may come from an intelligent deduction from the references to Luke in the epistles combined with the account in Acts. The general location of these “we” passages may also suggest that Luke came from Macedonia, but another tradition associates him with Antioch in Syria. The narrated sections are stylistically homogeneous with the rest of Acts, tending to confirm that the author was himself the companion of Paul. But questions arise when the theological standpoint of Luke-Acts is compared with that of the Pauline letters. The author seems to know nothing of some of the key elements in Pauline theology. The cross is understood as part of the whole exemplary career of Jesus, rather than as the means of salvation from the power of sin. The struggle over the Law, which preoccupied Paul in his letters, is completely absent from his speeches in Acts.

The two-volume narrative of Luke-Acts takes as its major emphasis the story of the transition of the gospel from the home of the Jewish religion, Jerusalem, to Rome, the heart of the imperial world. It is a gospel for all: for the poor, for foreigners, for women, for all who might have thought their disadvantage denied them salvation. Jesus is the first Christian, his example followed by the heroes of the early church. His example and theirs are recorded for us to follow in our world. What happened to Luke after the death of Paul in Rome is not known, though according to one tradition he wrote his Gospel and Acts in Greece and died at the age of 84 in Boeotia in Greece.

PATRON SAINT OF
physicians
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SENTENCE

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good tidings of salvation.

Isaiah 52:7

PRAYER

Jesus, the crucified, let not our feet take us from suffering to the other side of the road; keep us, with Luke, helpers, healers and bearers of hope. Hear this prayer for your name's sake. Amen

Luke 10: 1-9 The Mission of the Seventy

10 After this 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. 2 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. 3 Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" 6 And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. 7 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. 8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; 9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the Gospel writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him "our beloved physician." His Gospel was probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.

Luke appears in Acts during Paul's second journey, remains at Philippi for several years until Paul returns from his third journey, accompanies Paul to Jerusalem, and remains near him when he is imprisoned in Caesarea. During these two years, Luke had time to seek information and interview persons who had known Jesus. He accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome where he was a faithful companion. Luke's unique character may best be seen by the emphases of his Gospel, which has been given a number of subtitles:

- 1) The Gospel of Mercy
- 2) The Gospel of Universal Salvation
- 3) The Gospel of the Poor
- 4) The Gospel of Absolute Renunciation
- 5) The Gospel of Prayer and the Holy Spirit
- 6) The Gospel of Joy

Concerning Physicians and Health

1 Honour physicians for their services, for the Lord created them; 2 for their gift of healing comes from the Most High, and they are rewarded by the king. 3 The skill of physicians makes them distinguished, and in the presence of the great they are admired. 4 The Lord created medicines out of the earth, and the sensible will not despise them...

12 Then give the physician his place, for the Lord created him; do not let him leave you, for you need him. 13 There may come a time when recovery lies in the hands of physicians, 14 for they too pray to the Lord that he will grant them success in diagnosis and in healing, for the sake of preserving life.

The Wisdom of Sirach (aka Ecclesiasticus) 38:1-4, 12-14

From 2 Timothy 4:9-15

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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP RESUMES AT 10AM THIS SUNDAY 17 OCT IN ST ANNES

It's been a long wait and we are still in L2 lockdown!

This Sunday you are invited to attend a short worship service, no MT, if you are: **double vaccinated, wear a mask, are well and over 12—no children yet please**

