

Beaminster Area Team

God our Father, renew our hope. By the Holy Spirit's power, strengthen us to pray readily serve joyfully and grow abundantly rejoicing in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Week: 18th October, 19th Sunday after Trinity

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35: 3-6
Psalm: Psalm 147 1-7
New Testament: 2 Timothy 4: 5-17
Gospel Reading: Luke's Gospel 10: 1-9

Reflection on the Gospel reading:

Luke tells us that the 70 were sent to places Jesus intended to go to himself, they were preparing the way for him, they weren't working alone, but with Jesus. The same is true for us today; people coming to the point of wanting to open their lives to Jesus doesn't depend on us – it depends on us being willing to go where Jesus already is, through the Spirit, and to prepare the way for people to be able to see him.

Luke records that Jesus said he was sending the 70 out 'like lambs into the midst of wolves'. That doesn't sound very comfortable or safe does it? One of the commentaries I read this week says that mission is spelt R-I-S-K. When we do take that risk, when we are prepared to move out of our comfort zones, to depend on Jesus and trust him for what he is prompting us to do, those are the times when we really can experience being his body here on earth.

Even though we can't meet as normal at the moment, there are lots of ways we can be in touch, on the phone, by sending emails and letters. Luke wrote his gospel to tell the stories of Jesus, and in the way he wrote he made it clear that this was good news for everyone. We need to share this story, and show how it is our story too today.

Lord, we thank you for Luke, and for what we learn of you from him. Thank you that we can be part of your story here on earth. Please give us the courage, and help us through your spirit, to share your story and ours with those we meet. Amen

LLM Barbara Simmonds

Harvest collect 19th Sunday after Trinity:

O God,

forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts:

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever Amen

Worship to enjoy at home

BBC Radio 4, 8.10am Sunday Morning

Worship,

Songs of Praise BBC1 1.15pm

A Useful Telephone Link from The Church of England. This is a free number where you can listen to prayers, reflections and hymns and join in worship with others.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers