



Who was St Luke?



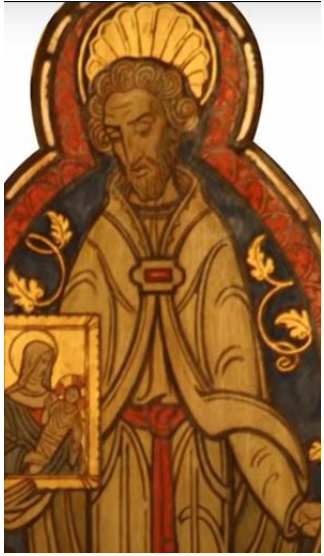
Hi, I am Saint Luke!

I wrote two books of the Bible, the **Gospel of Luke** and the **Acts of the Apostles**.

In my gospel I tell the stories of when Jesus was on earth and His promise to save all people.

I also tell the story of Christmas, when Jesus was born and how the world rejoiced.





Luke is the patron saint of doctors and also painters owing to the belief in medieval times that he painted a picture of the Virgin Mary.

St. Luke is also the patron saint of:

- Surgeons
- Students
- Butchers
- Women

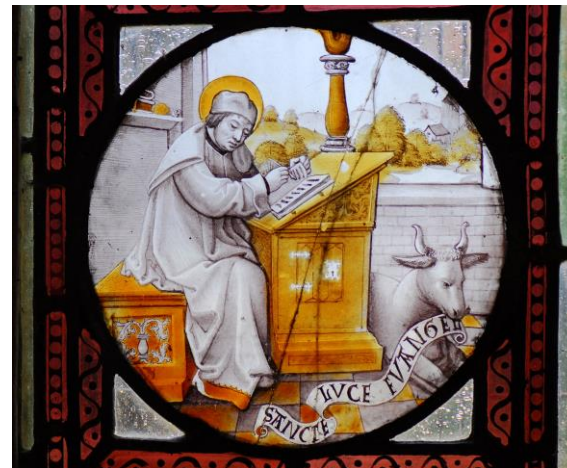


**St Luke's Feast Day is:
October 18th**





St. Luke's symbol is the ox or winged ox. The ox is a sign of temple **sacrifice**, as Luke emphasizes the sacrificial love of Jesus. The wings remind us that the gospel is meant to be spread throughout the world. This may be why Luke is the patron of butchers.



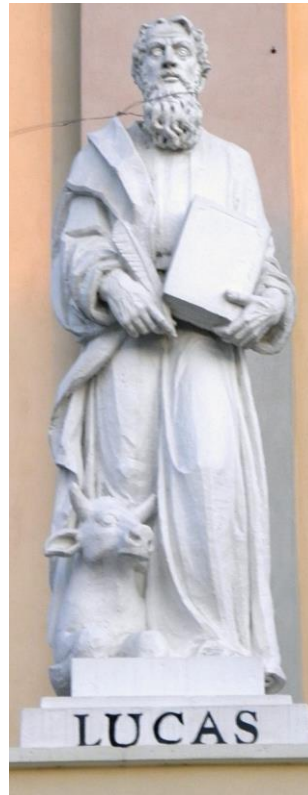


St. Luke chooses to tell some of the most famous of Jesus' **parables**, The Prodigal Son, The Sower, The Good Samaritan, The Rich Fool. He spent years interviewing eyewitnesses.

St Luke was born in Syria, which at the time was part of Greece.



He trained as a doctor and became friends with St Paul in the year 51. Together they travelled spreading the words of Jesus and writing about His message to the world.



A parable is a short fictitious story that teaches a religious principle, simple truth or moral lesson.



Luke writes his history of the life of Jesus and the Church to explain what happened. His writing shows a particular concern for the status of women, the poor and outsiders in society, and he is keen to demonstrate that the good news about Jesus is for everyone.

It seems very likely that Luke spent time with **Mary** the mother of Jesus, who gave him information for the Christmas story recorded in the opening chapters of his Gospel.

It is because of St Luke that we have the Nativity story.

Luke also wrote about the Three Wise Men who visited Jesus in the Bible. Luke never said there were 3 wise men, only wise men from the east.



According to the oldest tradition, St Luke settled in Boeotia (in Greece) to write his Gospel and died there at the age of 84.





St Luke's Church

St Luke's is a family-friendly church built in **1851**.



The Vicar
Fr Nick Barry

