



# Crucis



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*Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.*

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Galatians 6:14

## Message from Fr Michael Turner

There was once an elephant who had a very loving mahout. This elephant loved to serve and did whatever he was asked by the mahout. The mahout took care of the needs of the elephant but was too poor to procure enough food for it. So each evening, on the way back from their work, the mahout used to make a round of the houses in the village. Most people gave the elephant something to eat. But once, they made a stop by the tailor's shop. The tailor, instead of offering something or nothing to eat, took his needle and gave the elephant a good prick on the tip of his trunk. The elephant and his mahout went off in silence.

Some months later, a destructive storm took place. Many houses collapsed. Among them also the tailor's house collapsed. Many people lay under the debris. So several survivors rushed to the mahout to get the elephant to help in the rescue operations. The elephant willingly went with his mahout. The elephant lifted logs and enabled those trapped inside their fallen houses to come out alive. Then the elephant and the mahout arrived at the tailor's house. There also the elephant lifted up the log. The tailor rushed out. But as soon as he was out, the elephant let the logs crash once more on the tailor.

Yes, elephants are renowned for having a good memory. But their memory stores no forgiveness. It is the sense of forgiveness that makes us true and authentic humans.

There is a lot of wrong doing in our world. We all are indebted to one another for something or the other. We may ask ourselves why is there so much of wrong being done to one another. The answer is this: How else can our sense of forgiveness be activated and triggered?

God created everything. All that He created was good. Yet the crown of His creation did Him and Creation much wrong. Imagine the injustices and exploitive actions we perform with each other! He even allows the atheist to deny His Creator. Yet God has a great sense of forgiveness. He lets the sun shine on everyone – even the atheist.

Without this sense of Forgiveness we humans would die embittered creatures. But, if like the Triune God, we let the sun shine on evil as it shines on good, then, we will see evil turn into good. Are we humans or elephants?

Fr Michael

## Services in October

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| Sun 4  | Trinity XVIII      | Sung Mass 11.00 a.m. |
| Wed 7  | St Francis (tr)    | Lay-led 10.00 a.m.   |
| Sun 11 | Trinity XIX        | Sung Mass 11.00 a.m. |
| Wed 14 | Elizabeth Fry (tr) | Lay-led 10.00 a.m.   |
| Sun 18 | Trinity XX         | Sung Mass 11.00 a.m. |
| Wed 21 | St Luke (tr)       | Lay-led 10.00 a.m.   |
| Sun 25 | Trinity XXI        | Sung Mass 11.00 a.m. |
| Wed 28 | Ss Simon and Jude  | Lay-led 10.00 a.m.   |

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## Prayer for Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

*O Heavenly Father, grant us so to love thee with all our heart and mind and strength, and our neighbour for thy sake; that the grace of charity and brotherly love may dwell in us, and all envy, harshness and ill-will may die in us; according to the perfect love of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## Saints' and Special Days in October

**St Francis of Assisi, Deacon & Friar (4 October)**

### S. FRANCIS of Assisi



Born in 1181, the son of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up everything to obey literally the words of the Lord: 'Leave all, and follow me'. He lived in complete poverty, preaching the Gospel. Others came to join him, and they lived by a simple rule based on the Gospel.

From them grew the Franciscan Order, which spread rapidly during his own lifetime, though Francis ceased to be its leader and left its administration to others. His life was a putting into practice of the Beatitudes, and was characterised by faith, joy, service of others, prayer and love of all created things. Two years before his death in 1226, his life being so closely linked with that of the Saviour, Francis received the Stigmata, the marks of the wounds of Christ, on his body.

**Elizabeth Fry, Reformer (12 October)**

Elizabeth Gurney was born at Earlham in Norfolk in 1780. At the age of twenty, she married Joseph Fry, a London merchant and a strict Quaker. She was admitted as a minister in the Society of Friends and became a noted preacher. The appalling state of the prisons came to her notice and she devoted much of her time to the welfare of female prisoners in Newgate. In 1820 she took part in the formation of a night shelter for the homeless in London. She travelled all over Europe in the cause of prison reform. She was a woman of strong Christian and evangelistic impulse and this inspired all her work. She died on this day in 1845.

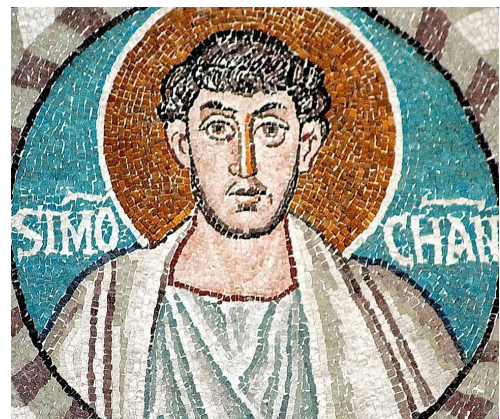


**St. Luke, Evangelist (18 October)**

Luke is the author of the Gospel bearing his name, and also of the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. From Acts we learn that he was a gentile convert to Christianity, a doctor, who accompanied St Paul on his second and third missionary journeys, and who stayed in Rome with him while he was in captivity. Eastern

Christians credit St Luke with having produced the first ikon. He is thought to have died at the age of 84 in Greece.

**S. LUKE**  
A doctor, probably  
also an artist



**Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles (28 October)**

Simon and Jude were named among the twelve apostles in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Simon is called 'the Zealot', probably because he belonged to a nationalist resistance movement opposing Roman rule. Luke describes Jude as the son of James, while the Letter of Jude has him as the brother of James, neither of which negates the other. It seems he is the same person as Thaddaeus, which may have been a last name. The two apostles are joined together on 28<sup>th</sup> October because a church which had recently acquired their relics was dedicated in Rome on this day in the seventh century.

### Vestry notes

Diocesan Autumn Synod this year will be at St Ninian's on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> October.

Our AGM will be on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November in the hall immediately after the service.