



Connections

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all your marvelous works.

Psalm 9: 1

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COMING SOON

On Sunday, October 20, Christ Church will have the opportunity to hear about the work of effect:hope (The Leprosy Mission Canada). This Christian organization has partnered with families and their communities to transform the lives of people suffering leprosy and other diseases of poverty for 127 years. They do this by curing those who are sick, providing disability support, and restoring communities.

Four goals define their work:

ACTIVATE AND EQUIP COMMUNITIES

People are equipped with the skills needed to earn a livelihood, and helped to form support groups so they can help one another even after the program ends.



STRENGTHEN HEALTH SYSTEMS

Although there are treatments for diseases such as leprosy or hookworm, many endemic communities are unable to access those treatments. The Leprosy Mission Canada works to strengthen health systems so they can handle the needs of each community they serve.



INNOVATE THROUGH RESEARCH

There is a lot we don't know about leprosy and other neglected tropical diseases. By involving local communities, NGOs, and governments, it is possible to better understand how a disease affects an entire region.



ENSURE THAT THE PEOPLE SERVED ARE TREATED AS EQUALS

effect:hope works with governments to develop better policies and laws to help achieve this, such as removing discriminatory laws against people with leprosy. The communities are involved in these advocacy efforts to ensure their best interests are kept in mind.



SAINT LUKE — DOCTOR, EVANGELIST, WRITER

On October 18 we celebrate the feast day of St. Luke. There are only a few certain facts about St. Luke's life. We know him best as the author of the third gospel and of the Acts of the Apostles.

A Greek himself, he wrote the story of Jesus and the Christian community for Gentile readers. He also accompanied St. Paul on some of his journeys and shared in his sufferings. Probably a physician, Luke may have pioneered as an early member of the church at Antioch.

The saint's books reveal something about his character. Luke wrote excellent popular prose with an artist's skill at painting picture stories.

Demonstrating an unusual commitment to accuracy, he appears to have fastidiously checked his facts. For example, archaeologists have confirmed many details that he reported in the Acts.

Some of Luke's main themes - prayer, the Holy Spirit, and mercy - suggest that he was a compassionate, spiritual man. He aimed his books to persuade Gentiles that the Christian story was true. So he made it more accessible to them by filling his gospel with accounts of Christ's openness and mercy.

Tradition says Luke lived a long life without marrying and that he died at age eighty-four.



TAKE HOME BIBLE STUDY

Beginning this week and for five more successive weeks, you will find a special insert with your Sunday Order of Service. It will include the following:

- ♦ A passage from Holy Scripture
- ♦ Some comments about the context of the reading
- ♦ Some additional Scripture readings*
- ♦ Suggestions about how to do this study
* optional but helpful

We encourage you to take it home and follow the simple instructions for study. This is not a Bible Discussion Program. It is a Take Home Bible Study for your own personal use.

A MARTYR IN CANADA

Jean de Brébeuf, was born in Normandy in 1593 and worked primarily among the Huron Indians in Quebec, Canada.

He was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1622. In 1625 he arrived in the New World with the French explorer Samuel de Champlain. Brébeuf learned the Huron language and culture and wrote extensively to help other missionaries understand these proud people.

When the village of his Jesuit mission was taken by the Iroquois, Brébeuf and his companions were made prisoners and tortured to death in 1649. His memory is cherished in Canada more than that of all the other early missionaries.

His heroic virtues, shown at every stage of his missionary career, and his endurance of privations and suffering, set on foot a movement for his canonization as a saint and martyr. The result of a year-long ecclesiastical inquiry to examine his life and virtues and the cause of his death, was that he was named a saint in 1930. His feast day is October 19th.

The story of Brébeuf and his fellow martyrs is told at the shrine of Ste. Marie-among-the-Hurons, near Midland. We are reminded of his empathy with the Huron people when we sing the beautiful Christmas carol he wrote for them "Twas in the moon of wintertime, when all the birds had fled, that mighty Gitchi-Manitou sent angel choirs instead"

Diwali (Deepavali) - the "Festival of Lights"

Many Hindu and Sikh Canadians celebrate Diwali, which is known as the "Festival of Lights". It is a joyous festival that attracts much public attention in Canada. Various community groups, businesses, schools and associations celebrate Diwali each year.

Some communities organize carnivals that include firework displays. Many Diwali festivals feature dances, street lighting, and plays.

Women wear fine jewelry and silk outfits to celebrate Diwali. Some women and girls use *mehendi*, which is a temporary henna decoration, on their palms. Many homes that celebrate Diwali have assorted sweets,



savories and Diwali herbs. Lights, candles and sparklers are lit inside and outside homes, particularly in courtyards. Diwali is celebrated to honor Ramachandra, the seventh incarnation of the god Vishnu. It is believed that on this day Rama returned to his people after 14 years of exile, during which he fought and won a battle against the demons and the demon king, Ravana. People lit their houses to celebrate his victory over evil (light over darkness).

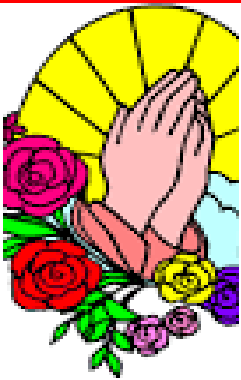
The goddess of happiness and good fortune, Lakshmi, also figures into the celebration. It is believed that she roams the Earth on this day and enters the house that is pure, clean, and bright.

Diwali celebrations may vary in different communities but its significance and spiritual meaning is generally "the awareness of the inner light". The festival symbolizes the victory of righteousness onto the lifting of spiritual darkness.



CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

NOVEMBER 2
9:30 AM TO 1 PM



Your prayers are asked for

Deb A and her father Bob,
Anne S, Annet K, Barb N,
Cathy N, Coreen L, Corinne
P, Florence S, Hannah,
Jeanette M-D, Jenille L,
Joan N, Viggie M.

It happened on this day

October 26, 312 Two days before the battle of Milvian Bridge, Roman Emperor Constantine had a vision of the cross of Christ. This vision made him a believer and a supporter of Christianity.

October 31, 1517 German reformer Martin Luther nailed his "Ninety-Five Theses ... for the Purpose of Eliciting Truth" to the door of the Wittenberg Palace Church, touching off the Protestant Reformation. In 1522 Protestant public worship was celebrated in Wittenberg for the first time.

October 20, 1632 Christopher Wren was born. Wren planned the rebuilding of London after the Great Fire of 1666. He designed more than 50 London churches, the most famous of which is St. Paul's Cathedral.

October 31, 1896 Ethel Waters, known for singing "His Eye is on the Sparrow" was born. She appeared at many Billy Graham crusades when thousands of people came forward to commit their lives in faith to our Lord Jesus Christ



Scripture readings

October 20 Jeremiah 31:

27 to 34; Psalm 119: 97 to 104;

2 Timothy 3:14 to 4: 5; Luke 18: 1 to 8.

October 27 Joel 2: 23 to 32; Psalm 65;

2 Timothy 4: 6 to 8 and 16 to 18; Luke 18: 9 to 14.