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The good lawyer

Luke 10.25-37

A lawyer was asking Jesus tricky questions. He and Jesus agreed that the most important thing was to love God and your neighbour, but the lawyer then asked, 'Who is my neighbour?' Jesus answered by telling the well-known story of the good Samaritan and said, 'Go and do likewise.'

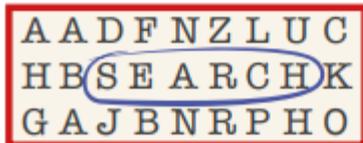
Now read **Luke 10.25-37** see p.2 for text.

A note on the passage

The people Jesus was talking to wouldn't have much to do with Samaritans. They disliked them intensely. So, it would have been a surprise to them that the man who loved his neighbour in the story was a Samaritan! It challenged their assumption about people. The point being that a better question than 'Who is my neighbour?' is 'Are you a good neighbour?'



How do you go about weighing up your options?



When you have found all the words below, you will have nine spare letters. Arrange these to make a word that describes the good Samaritan. NB: DO appears more than once, so we have started you off with the correct one.

MAN, ROAD, JERUSALEM, JERICO, THIEVES, WOUNDED, PRIEST, LEVITE IGNORE, SAMARITAN, PITY, HELP, GO, AND, DO, THE, SAME.

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BAKE

Make some gingerbread people and use them to act out the story. You will need to break the leg of one of them – perhaps an arm as well!

Ingredients: 350g plain flour, 15ml bicarbonate of soda, 30ml ground ginger, 110g soft butter or margarine, 175g soft light brown sugar, 1 egg, 60ml golden syrup, currants for eyes. Mixing bowls, spoon, sieve, lightly greased baking tray, cooling rack, oven gloves.

Method: Preheat oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5. Sift the flour, bicarbonate of soda and ginger into a bowl. Stir in the sugar. Rub in the butter until the mixture is like fine breadcrumbs. In another bowl, beat the egg and syrup together. Mix all ingredients together to make a firm dough. Roll to 5mm thickness and cut out about 12 gingerbread people. Add currants for eyes. Bake for 10-12 minutes until golden. Leave to cool for a minute before moving to a wire rack to cool completely.

Pray



Sit quietly or lie on the floor. Imagine you are a wounded person, on the way to Jericho. Try to imagine that your arm or leg is badly hurt. Think how you might feel as people pass you by without stopping to help. Say a simple prayer for people who are hurting and need help. Ask God for help to show you how you can help someone who is hurting.

WALK

Each time someone drops some litter, they are spoiling the area; of course, it may not all be deliberate, some may be dropped by accident. But, why not go for a walk near your house and collect as much litter as you can. For each piece of litter you collect, you will be 'doing the right thing' on behalf of someone else! If you can put some of the collected litter in the recycling, even better!



| Daily Readings for week commencing 11 th July 2022 | | |
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| Monday | Judges 13: 1-24 | Luke 17: 20-end |
| Tuesday | Judges 14 | Luke 18: 1-14 |
| Wednesday | Judges 15: 1-16:3 | Luke 18: 15-30 |
| Thursday | Judges 16: 4-end | Luke 18: 31-end |
| Friday | Judges 17 | Luke 19: 1-10 |
| Saturday | Judges 18: 1-20, 27-end | Luke 19: 11-27 |

Pray for those in need... Please pray for the people of Ukraine...for those in need of God's healing touch...Heather, Dorothy, Pat, Sue, Joyce, Maureen, Shane, Bryn, Katie-Lou, Margaret and Alison... **Please pray for those who mourn the loss of a loved one...** remembering the souls of *Maureen and Lynne*

"On Saturday the 16th of July at 10.30am on Newtown Green field (by Ronkswood Community Centre) Phil is walking the 'Blindfold Mile' in support of New College Worcester.

The aim is to spread awareness of vision impairment and allow people to experience some of the challenges that blind and partially sighted people overcome each day, and to raise funds for NCW. There is still time to sponsor Phil!



A couple of things to mull over....



Next week we welcome Revd Peter Hart to preside and preach – Rob will be at Whittington and St Mark's

The tragedy of the shooting in Chicago at an Independence Day parade will renew the calls for gun control laws in America. In the light of the story of the Good Samaritan, however, we are challenged as to how we would react in such a life-or-death situation. Stories are emerging of parents hiding their children from danger despite that action putting them more at risk, while others simply ran for their lives. We all have ties that enable us to put ourselves at risk for those that we love. Jesus' parable challenges us to build such care for all people that we will take action for those we have no connection to – or even an active dislike for.

One of the five marks of mission is care for God's creation and that is clearly what was in the minds of the members of 'Just Stop Oil' as they glued themselves to the copy of Da Vinci's 'The Last Supper' at the Royal Academy in London. This is a less dangerous protest than those who walked onto the track at Silverstone during the British Grand Prix last weekend. The need to take action over climate change is widely recognised but opinions vary about how much action should be taken and how quickly it should happen. Is polite discussion and petitions making enough impact or is it right to disrupt the day-to-day lives of people in order to advance your position? What would Jesus do in our position?