

Thoughts and Prayers for the Week

Sunday 10th July 2022



4th Sunday after Trinity

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to
our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.



Readings for the Week:

Deuteronomy 30: 9-14

Psalm 25: 1-9

Colossians 1: 1-10

Luke 10: 25-37

Reflection

At first, I thought that our readings this week were all about obeying the rules and keeping the commandments.

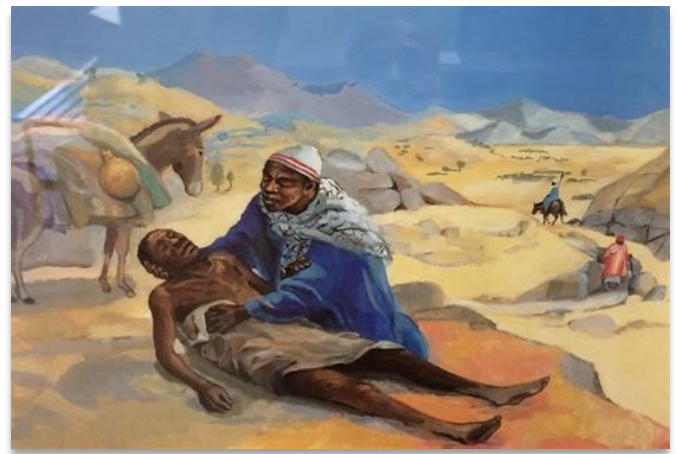
In Luke, the Lawyer comes to Jesus and asks what he must do to get to heaven.

“Keep the commandments” says Jesus “and love your neighbour as yourself”. In Deuteronomy we are told the same thing. But, says God, this commandment is not too hard for you. You will not have to send up to heaven for it or cross the sea. No, says God, the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart. So, you don’t have to be a lawyer or have a degree to know God’s will for you.

The Lawyer thought he knew it all. “Who is my neighbour” he asks. Jesus didn’t give a lecture, he told a story, a well-known story but one that we should never forget.

A man is robbed beaten up and left half dead. The first person to pass by is a priest. He knew all the commandments but didn’t think they had anything to do with the heap at the side of the road so he passed by.

The next man to come along was a Levite who was a sort of assistant to the priest. He would have know the commandments but he had more important things to do so he too kept on going.



The final man to arrive was a Samaritan. Samaritans were despised by the Jews and I don’t know if he would have known all the rules and regulations but he certainly knew the most important one. He stopped, he bound up the man’s wounds, he put him on his donkey and took him to an Inn to be cared for. And not just that, he paid the innkeeper and promised to come back.

And said Jesus to the Lawyer “go and do likewise”. And, my friends, that is what he says to us.

Because the most important rule is love, caring for those in need.

Finding someone lying at the side of the road is unlikely, but there are many needs. People are lonely, sad, unwell and hungry. The word of God is in our hearts and the word is love, lets spread it around.

~June Cutting~

Let us continue to support and strengthen each other

- ◇ Daily, by saying The Lord’s Prayer together, morning and evening
- ◇ Lighting a candle at home 10.00am on Sunday if we are unable to come to church

Our Services:

Sunday 10th Jul 2022 4th Sunday after Trinity	11:00am Group Eucharist (Service conducted by the Revd Lynn Chapman, The Rural Dean, Priest in Charge of the Brooke Benefice)	Topcroft Church
Sunday 17th Jul 2022 5th Sunday after Trinity	10.00am Group Eucharist (Service conducted by the Revd Liz Cannon, Retired Parish Priest)	Bedingham Church

This week we pray for:

- ◇ In the morning: the day and its tasks; the world and its needs; the Church and her life
- ◇ Local government, community leaders
- ◇ All who provide local services
- ◇ Those who work with young or elderly people
- ◇ Schools, colleges and universities
- ◇ Emergency and rescue organisations
- ◇ In the evening: peace; individuals and their needs

Food Bank

Items for our Food Bank are still needed; we are very grateful to all who continue to contribute during this difficult time.

Our next collections will be on:

Sunday 7th August 2022. Any items can be left at Hempnall Church Office Mon-Thu, 9am-12:30pm.

Please phone before arrival - 498157

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

UHT MILK, MEAT SPREAD, SMALL COFFEE, FRUIT JUICE, PASTA SAUCE, SAUCE FOR RICE, TINNED FRUIT, SUGAR, CUSTARD, BISCUITS

NO PEANUT BUTTER PLEASE

HYGIENE—MALE & FEMALE DEODORANT
ANIMALS—DOG, RABBIT & GUINEA PIG
FOOD (NOT CAT)

WE REMEMBER:

Martin, Molly, Dennis, Ian

Hempnall: Lesley and family,
Phillip, Sophie

Bedingham/Woodton:
Sheila, Hilary, Peter, Liz, Anne, Chris,

Topcroft: Gerald, Jane

LONG TERM CARE:

Bedingham /Woodton:
Dennis, Shirley, Jacob, Myrtle, Rudolph

Fritton/Morningthorpe: Beryl



RECENTLY DIED:

Robert Gray, Vieviene Miller, Pauline Atherton

Please ring us if you need:

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At times, our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.

- Albert Schweitzer

