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Fourth Sunday after Trinity: July 14th, 2019

*Hymns: 415, 45, 343, 736*



*Today's Gospel is probably the best known of all Jesus's parables, and is quoted very frequently. As so often in Luke's gospel, we see a reversal of expectations. Jesus does not just speak of this, but enacts it.*

For your prayers

For the Church especially Justin our archbishop, Sarah our bishop,  
and Graham our area bishop

For the needs of the world, and for the UK

For our local community, and all in our city affected by knife crime

For the sick and the suffering

For the departed

## Collect

In Christ you draw near to us, God of mercy and compassion,  
lifting us out of death, binding up our wounds,  
and nursing our spirits back to health.

Let such a tenderness as yours compel us to go and do likewise.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

## First Reading *Deuteronomy 30.9-14*

The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

## Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 25.1-8*

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over  
me. Let none who look to you be put to shame, but let the treacherous  
be shamed and frustrated. R.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my  
salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long. R.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are eternal.  
Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions,  
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love. R.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.  
He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly. R.

Second Reading                      *Colossians 1.1-14*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,  
To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Gospel Reading                      *Luke 10.25-37*

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

## Notices

Refreshments after worship do come into the church hall for tea or coffee after the service.

Thursday morning eucharist this week at 10am.

Servers it would be great to get together a team of servers for the Sunday service. Fr. Peter has already mentioned this to a few people. Is this something you could do? Training will be provided.

Gift Aid declarations Gift Aid is a great help to charities as if a person is a UK taxpayer, their gift to a charity can be increased by 25%. To help us to do a backdated claim for Gift Aid for four years, if you are a taxpayer, please sign and return to Fr. Peter the Gift Aid declaration given out today.

Church lunch on Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> after service. Roast dinner and dessert £5 a head. If you would like to come, names and money, please, to Jane.

Fr. Peter becoming Vicar Peter will be made Vicar of the parish on Thursday July 25th during the midweek eucharist at 10am by Archdeacon Stephan. Peter will be delighted to see as many as can come.

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