



St George's Anglican Church | Malvern

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10 July 2016**

**Sentence.** Do to others as you would have them do to you. Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.

*Luke 6.31,35*

**Collect** God of bandit places, love demands our all:  
reveal to us our wounds and give us grace to know our neighbour, tending us with foreign hands;  
through Jesus Christ, who crossed over for us. **Amen.**

**A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.**

*Law (Hebrew Torah) is better translated as 'teaching' and promises that when people live according to God's teaching through Moses, they will prosper. Following the teaching is not meant to be mere compliance with rules but whole hearted embrace of God's intentions for human community.*

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.

*Deut. 30. 9-14*

Reader For the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 25.1-10** APBA, page 244

*This poem is an acrostic, each line beginning with letters from the Hebrew alphabet. It alternates prayers for deliverance with expressions of trust in God.*

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.**

*This joyful introduction to the letter is one of thanksgiving and prayer. The church in Colossae is commended by Paul for its expression of the Christian virtues of faith, love and hope as a community.*

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. *Colossians 1.1-14*

Reader    May your word live in us,  
**ALL**        **And bear much fruit to your glory.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**ALL Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Assist your neighbour to the best of your ability.

**ALL Alleluia!**

Reader The Lord be with you

**ALL And also with you**

Reader A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

**ALL Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

*This parable is well-known, yet still to be well lived. It shows the radical nature of God's love and grace extended beyond the 'exclusion zones' we create. It is a call and challenge to extend that same love and grace to all we meet, and to find new ways of telling the story of God's love that exceeds human expectations and overcomes human boundaries.*

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.'

*Luke 10.25-37*

Reader For the Gospel of the Lord

**ALL Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Bible Readings next week      9th Sunday after Pentecost**  
Genesis 18.1-10a   Ps. 15   Colossians 1.15-29   Luke 10.38-42

**Prayer for the Week** O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Pray for the Faithful Departed**

We remember before God: Shirley Elizabeth Edwards, Patricia Corless, Elizabeth Weeks, Sheila Tait, Ethel Giggins, Valmai Hingston, Kenneth Cartledge, Charlotte Hallam, Stewart Lannan, Mavis Nicholas, Nancy McGrath *whose anniversaries occur this week.*

**Commemorations of the week.**

**July 11 Benedict of Nursia** (c.480-550). Abbot and founder of Subiaco and Monte Cassino monasteries and author of the monastic Rule that bears his name. His Rule is orderly and workable and flexible enough to be used outside monasteries. It has had an enormous influence on down the centuries, especially on Anglican worship and spirituality which is predominantly Benedictine in character: biblical, sacramental, communal and ordered.

**July 13 Sydney James Kirkby**, bishop, and pioneer of outback ministry and the Bush Church Aid Society (d. 1935).

**July 14 John Keble** priest of the Church of England who preached a sermon in 1833 on this day that began a reform process, known as the Oxford Movement within the Church of which we remain the beneficiaries today.



An Afternoon with The Very Rev'd Greg Jenks  
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Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 2016 from 2.00 pm  
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