

CARING FOR OTHERS



Word of the Week

Luke 10: 25-27

A teacher of the Law came up and tried to trap Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to receive eternal life?” Jesus answered him, “What do the Scriptures say? How do you interpret them?” The man answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind’; and ‘Love your neighbour as you love yourself.’” “You are right,” Jesus replied; “do this and you will live.” But the teacher of the Law wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “Who is my neighbour?”

Jesus answered, “There was once a man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attacked him, stripped him, and beat him up, leaving him half dead. It so happened that a priest was going down that road; but when he saw the man, he walked on by on the other side. In the same way a Levite also came there, went over and looked at the man, and then walked on by on the other side. But a Samaritan who was traveling that way came upon the man, and when he saw him, his heart was filled with pity. He went over to him, poured oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them; then he put the man on his own animal and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Take care of him,’ he told the innkeeper, ‘and when I come back this way, I will pay you whatever else you spend on him.’”

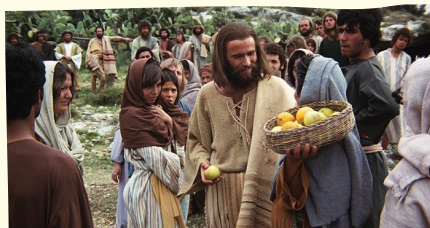
And Jesus concluded, “In your opinion, which one of these three acted like a neighbour toward the man attacked by the robbers?” The teacher of the Law answered, “The one who was kind to him.” Jesus replied, “You go, then, and do the same.”

In this week's Word of the Week Jesus tells a story about a guy who is helped, not by 'good people' or religious people; but by a man nobody in Jesus' audience likes- a man who is meant to be the enemy. He asks, "Which one of these three acted like a neighbour towards the man attacked by the robbers?" The priest, levite or the Samaritan?

The Gospels are full of stories describing how Jesus reaches out to those who were suffering. Can you think of any examples of Jesus caring for others that you have heard of or have read in the Bible.

His compassion and care is an example for us today.

The message to us is clear we should always look for opportunities to care for people suffering and try to relieve their discomfort and pain.



Something to Watch

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Does the vicar deserve help more than the rough sleeper? How does this example link to our Word of the Week?

How do you feel after watching this?



Faith in Action

We have seen so much compassion and care shown to others over the last few months.

How have you seen people care for others over the last year through the Covid-19 pandemic?

How have you cared for others? Even when we are in lockdown are there lots of ways we can care for others without leaving our homes. What could you do this week?

Prayer for the Week

Dear God, help me today and always, to be loving to everyone I meet; to be honest in everything I do even when no one is looking. To be caring whenever I see a need whether or not there is a hope of reward. Help me to be like your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.