



Sunday 10th July 2022

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

In Memory: Sam Ward, Clifford Raymont, Anthony 'Tony' Squire Parnell, Marina Harris, Lawrence Hurley, Penelope Hurley, Ann Toler, Eric Wakeham, Michael Dow and Pamela Langworthy.

New Bishop of Plymouth Announced It was announced on Wednesday that the Reverend Prebendary James Grier will be the new Bishop of Plymouth. James will be consecrated a bishop by the Archbishop of Canterbury in Southwark Cathedral on Michaelmas Day, 29 September. He will be welcomed and installed as Bishop of Plymouth in the Cathedral during Evensong on Sunday 9th October to which all are welcome.

New Rural Dean Announced Our Rector Rev'd Andrew Down has been appointed Rural Dean for the Newton Abbot Deanery. Andrew will perform this role alongside his role as Rector of the Beacon Parishes. A special service of celebration of this new role and the Newton Abbot Deanery will take place with Bishop James the new Bishop of Plymouth on 18th October at 7pm at St Andrew's Church Ipplepen. Congratulations Andrew.

'Cultivate': new journal of life-long learning produced by the diocese of Exeter. Copies can be found in our churches and can be downloaded using the following link. The first issue includes articles about St Benedict, Care Home Ministry, the spirituality of wild swimming and techniques for prayer. Enjoy. <https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Cultivate-Issue-1.pdf>

God's Church for God's World: Lambeth Conference 2022 The Lambeth Conference, which is the once-a-decade gathering of bishops from across the worldwide Anglican Communion, is taking place from 26 July to 8 August in Canterbury. The theme is 'God's Church for God's World - walking, listening and witnessing together,' There will be time for prayer and reflection, fellowship and dialogue on church and world affairs. Bishop Robert and Bishop Jackie and Assistant Bishop Mark Rylands will be representing the Diocese of Exeter at the conference. There won't be votes or decisions on key subjects but the conference will make a series of 'Lambeth Calls' These will be short written statements, that include declarations, affirmations and common 'calls' to the church and the world that the bishops want to make. The subjects will include: • Mission and Evangelism, • Reconciliation, • Safe Church, • The Environment and Sustainable Development, • Christian Unity, • Inter-faith Relations, • Anglican Identity, • Human Dignity • Discipleship
www.lambethconference.org

Readings	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
1st Reading	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm	25:1-10	15
2nd Reading	Colossians 1:1-14	Colossians 1:15-28
Gospel	Luke 10:25-37	Luke 10:38-End

Readings for the week ahead:

Mon 11 th	Matt 10:34-11.1	Thurs 14 th	Matt 11:28-End
Tue 12 th	Matt 11:20-24	Fri 15 th	Matt 12:1-8
Wed 13 th	Matt 11:25-27	Sat 16 th	Matt 12:14-21

Readings can be viewed/downloaded from <https://bible.oremus.org/>

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Today's Sunday Services

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion	
	With children's activities	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
4.30 pm	Come Holy Spirit - An informal Service	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen

Morning Prayer

This week morning prayer will be said at the following times:

Tuesday	9.15 am	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
Wednesday	9.15 am	- Online Via Zoom (for the zoom password email rev.andrewdown@gmail.com)
Thursday	9.15 am	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Friday	9.15 am	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston (A time of silent prayer and meditation)

Reflection

All our churches are open for private prayer and reflection throughout the week from approximately 9am to 5pm each day.

Mid-Week

Rev'd Andrew Down - Day off on Mondays.

Monday	3pm-5pm	T-Pot	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	10.30 am	Coffee Mates	- Church Cottage, Denbury
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin Denbury
	11.30 am	Wedding Meeting	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
	4.30 pm	Sta*x Youth Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Friday	10.00 am	Wedding Meeting	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston

Next Sunday 17th July 2022 – Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
12.00 noon	Pastoral Care Meeting	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Points for Prayer. We continue to pray for the people of Afghanistan after the recent earthquake and for those effected by the war in Ukraine. Please remember in your prayer, the Reverend Prebendary James Grier, the new Bishop of Plymouth, Liz and the family as he makes this transition in ministry and the family prepare to move to Plymouth.



Reflection by Hillarie Griggs

Luke 10:25-37
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Although the parable of the Good Samaritan is only found in the Luke's Gospel it is probably the best known of all Jesus' parables. People who have never picked up a Bible will still recognise the meaning of the term "Good Samaritan" as someone who takes care of a stranger in need.

I want to reflect not on the parable itself but on the conversation between the lawyer and Jesus. During his ministry Jesus was approached by many people. He had gained a reputation as a wise teacher who knew the scriptures and could interpret them. This meant some who came to Jesus were genuinely seeking to learn more about God while others were trying to test him. We are not sure which category this particular man fell into. He may have been trying to catch Jesus out or he may have been a genuine searcher.

If we look at the two questions the lawyer asks: '*What can I do to inherit eternal life?*' and '*Who is my neighbour?*' both are focused on himself; The first question is understandable coming from an expert in Jewish Law. These experts would spend their lives trying to work out what they had to do to inherit eternal life. They would create long lists of rules and regulations that they had to follow. They thought that if they got that right they would have done enough to earn eternal life. He wanted Jesus to give him the definitive list of rules saying, do this and don't do that, so he could earn his salvation. Jesus shows him exactly what the summary of the Old Testament Law was actually about. It's all about loving God and trusting Him for everything and showing that love is the way you treat other people. Even today we still tend to ask ourselves that same question, maybe framed in a different way; Am I good enough to get to heaven? We forget that there is nothing that we can do to earn eternal life it is a gift given to us all through faith.

His second question reveals his thought process, as he wants to qualify who he must give his love to. It implies that he only wants to help those that he really has to, but maybe not anyone else. He wants to limit his love to people in his immediate surroundings possibly people who were like him and who he understood. Was the lawyer again hoping that Jesus would narrow it down so he knew exactly who he should love? In telling the parable of the Good Samaritan Jesus wanted to challenge him and to expand the man's heart. Jesus turns the question of '*Who is my neighbour?*' on its head, saying that it is not about defining who your neighbour is in order to then calculate who you give your love to. No, it is about seeing whose neighbour you can be and whom you can be the Good Samaritan to. It is about being a neighbour to everyone. All deserve our love.

In this encounter Jesus challenges the individual asking the question, wanting him to think more deeply and encouraging him to be more loving and to be more inclusive. How does the parable of the Good Samaritan challenge you? Who is your neighbour? What would the Samaritan do if he encountered the same scene every time he passed along that road? When would he realise it is not enough to just help the victims but that something needed to be done to solve the problem. In our times, what are the things that will not be solved until the unjust systems of world that create inequalities are changed?

