

Pews News

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A warm welcome to everyone. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us.

Sunday 10th July – The fourth Sunday after Trinity

	St John the Baptist	St Peter's Church
9.30am	Early Birds led by Naomi Ferry	
10.45am	Communion service led by Rev Christine Polhill	Morning Worship led by Patsy Toulouse
12.15pm	Baptism of Arlo led by Rev Christine Polhill	

Collect for Sunday 10th July

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

Sunday 17th July – The fifth Sunday after Trinity

	St John the Baptist	St Peter's Church
9.30am	Morning of Worship led by the Ministry team	
10.45am		Communion service led by Rev John P
4.00pm	BCP Service led by Rev Graham	

Prayer for Ukraine

Lord of all people and all nations,
We lift before you the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia,
Each girl, boy, woman and man living in fear of what tomorrow may
bring,
We long for a time you spoke of through your prophet Isaiah,
When weapons of war would be beaten into ploughshares,
When nation will no longer lift up sword against nation,
We cry out to you for peace,
Protect those who only desire and deserve to live in security and safety,
Comfort those who fear for their lives and the lives of their loved ones,
Change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression,
Fill earthly leaders with great wisdom to find paths to peace,
Please Lord come and have your way in your world,
May your will be done here, on earth as it is in heaven,
May your peace reign. Now and always,
We lift this prayer to you, our God who is able to do
more than we can ever ask or imagine,
In the name of Christ our saviour,

Amen.



Please pray for all those known to us who in need of our prayers and for those mentioned below.

'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.' 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

- We pray for our Church, our Bishops and Clergy particularly those newly ordained.
- We pray for our Government for wisdom as they work through the issues faced at present.
- We thank you for the Queen and the Royal family, we give thanks for the Queens service to our nation.
- We hold in prayer those members of our church family who are caring for loved ones at home, in hospital or in residential care.
- We pray for those who are recently bereaved especially for the family of Steve Partridge whose funeral will take place on Tuesday 12th July at St John the Baptist, Shenstone. We pray for his wife

Carol, daughters Nicola & Emma, grandson Samuel and brother Bryan.

- We pray for those known to us who are ill, and we particularly hold in prayer Brian and Linda Jenkins and family, Bill and Elaine Whitney, Dorothy Middleton, Jean and Alan Tidman, Ann and Roy Powell, Jane Lawton, Di Proctor and Rev John P, Rev John A, Rev Jo, Rev Liz and Rev Graham.
- We pray for our Church wardens who are taking on extra tasks whilst there is so much illness about.
- We pray for Arlo who is baptised this Sunday at St John the Baptist, Shenstone.
- We pray for the staff and pupils at our Village schools as they come to the end of this academic year.
- We pray for calm and peace as we read and listen to stories in the news and help us to discern the truth.
- We thank you Lord for the earth and all you have provided for us. We are especially grateful to live in our beautiful villages.



If you would like a prayer included in next week's newsletter, please contact Veronica Raybould on 01543 480 756

Notices:

- The funeral of Steve Partridge will be held at St John the Baptist, Shenstone on Tuesday 12 July at 2 pm, followed by a finger buffet at Ingestre Golf Club (ST18 0RE) – all welcome.
- PCC meetings for both churches have recently been postponed, the reschedule meetings will take place on Wednesday 3rd August 3pm at St Peters, Stonnall and 7.30pm at St John the Baptist Shenstone.
- We welcome Arlo and his family to church today as they celebrate his baptism at St John the Baptist Shenstone.

Reflections on this week's reading Luke 10:25-37

'Go and do likewise' (v.37)

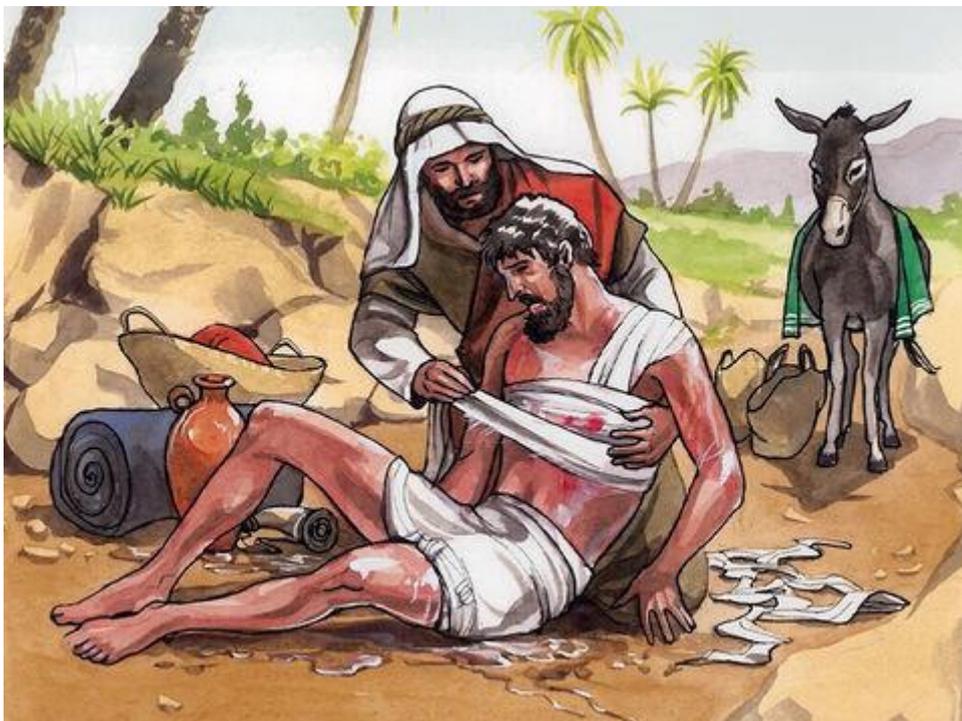
It can be difficult to receive very well-known passages from scripture freshly because we have heard them too often. The parable of the Good Samaritan is surely one of those passages. It has become a hallmark for the response to suffering that everyone recognises as truly and distinctive Christian. The Samaritan acts without guile; he has no need, as the

lawyer does, to justify himself. He is moved by pure compassion. He does not weigh up the disadvantage to himself in acting compassionately, as the priest and the Levite do when they pass by. His response is direct and human. He 'feels with' the suffering of the robbed and wounded man. Such compassion cannot be faked; it springs from the heart.

But there is more in the story Jesus tells than a paradigm of Christian love. The mercy shown by the Samaritan mirrors the boundless mercy of God. The Samaritan's spontaneous response to human need reveals God's own heart. The fact that he is not an orthodox Jew drives the point home. God's love is not limited to those of the right creed or practice. God's love is manifest whenever compassion for suffering results in the relief of suffering. The story invites us to examine our own hearts. We can all feel sorry for those in obvious need. But do we do anything about it?

Amen

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