

Good Neighbours

A reflection on a parable



Grace, mercy and peace be with us
With us and our neighbours

Jesus said: "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."

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Jesus made the teacher of the law really think about who his neighbour might be — it could be anyone who needed his help!

Some things to wonder about:

Who is my neighbour?

Who has been a neighbour to me when I needed them?

How can I care for my neighbours?

Lord God,

You taught us how to be a good neighbour and to care for those in need.

Help us to care for others as you care for us.

Amen

... the law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself."

Galatians 5:14

