

# Trinity Methodist Church

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## SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025

“On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and love your neighbour as yourself.” “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

Luke Ch. 10 v 25-28

**10.00 am**                      **Rev. B. Middlemiss**

Readings:-

Amos Ch. 7 v 7-17

Colossians Ch. 1 v 1-14

Luke Ch. 10 v 25-37

**Prayer Diary:-**      Door Stewards, Keep Fit, Badminton, House Group and Group A.

**SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY 20th July 2025**

**10am - Mr. J. Hinton**

**Daily Prayer at 9:00am every day** (except Sunday): This is now on Microsoft Teams. Just download Teams and you can go straight on to it or use this link

<https://teams.live.com/join/9414857191536>

## **EcoShop**

The EcoShop is **open on Tuesdays from 10am to 1pm** and we would love you to come along to try us out. You will be able to buy 10 items for £4. Please bring your own bag if you can.

There are 2 bins in the cafe area for donations (nothing perishable please) to be sold in the shop.

**We are getting short of egg boxes, again, please can you save yours.**

**Thank you so much for your support.**

**We look forward to seeing you at the Eco Shop – please support us.**

## **GARDEN PARTY**

Lesley will be holding her Garden Party again this year which will be on Saturday 19th July from 2.30pm onwards at 39 Tollesby Road, Acklam. If you are able to go please can you put your names and the number of people attending on the list in the Crush Hall. Thankyou -

Lesley.

if anyone had any items suitable for a tombola. If you have, please can you contact her.

<b>Worship at Home WaH 13 July 25 Ruth Lewis LP</b>
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Some words from Leviticus 19:33-34 Do not mistreat foreigners living in your country, but treat them just as you treat your own citizens. Love foreigners as you love yourselves, because you were foreigners one time in Egypt. I am the Lord your God. And in today's reading Jesus said : "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."

**Hymn StF 685 H&P 758 In Christ there is no east or west.**

### **Prayer:**

Father God, lovingly you rescue the weak and urge justice for all. You stand with the poor in the gutters where they have been left hurting.

Jesus Christ, son of the Father, you will not pass us by, but stoop to lift us up and carry us out of our pain. Your stories shatter our complacency and send us forth to serve and love others.

Holy Spirit, bringer of hope, you take us by the hand, leading us out of the ditches we have dug for ourselves, into the brightly lit streets of God's kingdom. Father, Son and Holy Spirit we worship and adore you.

### **Reading: Luke 10: 25-37 The Good Samaritan**

**Message:** In this parable Jesus answers the question: Who is our neighbour? These days when, throughout the world, populism seems to thrive when foreigners and immigrants are viewed with suspicion if not outright hostility, it is a timely message for Christians.

The battered, victim of crime in Jesus' story would probably have seen the Samaritan coming towards him as a threat, might have expected people like the Samaritan to be the perpetrator, rather than the rescuer. Jesus make it clear that such prejudice is wrong and, even more than that calls us to be like the Samaritan, a good neighbour to everyone, even people we are tempted to consider our enemies or

economic competitors. Had the roles been reversed, had the Samaritan been the one wounded, he might too have viewed the Jew approaching him with fear, expecting the worst. .

These days in our Health and Care services, it is often left to foreigners, like the Samaritan to pick us up. In your local hospital or health centre, in care homes you may have seen them, you may even be one yourself, a so-called “foreigner” or “immigrant” working in Health and Social care, giving and contributing to the healing of [sometimes] suspicious citizens who have fallen down or fallen ill or just got old. This parable is worth remembering when today in newspapers, television and social media, unscrupulous politicians, seeking cheap popularity, rail against foreigners and immigrants. As Christians we know better, they are the neighbor’s we are commanded to love.

Luke portrays Jesus as the divine foreigner, from heaven, who comes to visit human beings where they live, on earth. In this interpretation of the parable Jesus sees us lying on the roadside and full of compassion, bends over, comes close and pours oil and wine into our wounds. Oil symbolizes the healing power of Jesus; the wine is an image of his love. Just as Adam was created from the dust, we can be raised from the dust and created anew. In this parable Jesus painted a wonderful self- portrait, so if we say we follow Jesus we must do as He did. We too must act for the stranger, our neighbour, and as Jesus commanded love them as we love ourselves. Go and do likewise.

**Hymn: StF 249 H&P 145 Kneels at the feet of his friends**

**Prayer:**

O Lord our God, we turn our minds, our thoughts, our prayers to those in need, our neighbours near and far. Help us now as we pray, to be willing to offer a hand of help and friendship wherever we can to those for whom we pray.

O Lord our God, we pray for neighbours across the world who continue in vicious armed conflict, bombing each other out of existence. Russia and Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, Gaza, Sudan and other countries.. Strengthen the peace makers, and bless stretcher-bearers and medics who bravely come to the rescue.

O Lord our God, we pray for those traumatised through accidents, random shootings, un-provoked attacks, leaving scars physical and emotional that will last a lifetime. For the emergency and health service workers who react to such events and pick up the pieces of carnage, mentally and physically.

O Lord our God, we pray for those with health problems, and chronic conditions, needing treatment and care in our hospitals. For those who may be frail and old, now dependent on the mercy and kindness of others. For those for whom life today is a real struggle.

O Lord our God accept our prayers, our yearnings and our hopes for others, our neighbours near and far. Help us to follow Jesus and love our neighbours. Let’s say The Lord’s Prayer.

A hymn about following Jesus, our saviour and rescuer.

**Hymn StF 345 H&P 216 : And can it be**

**Blessing:** May God give his strength to your weakness, may Christ lift and redeem you from the power of death, and may the Holy Spirit refresh, restore and raise you up to more than you can be. Amen