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Liturgical Date: Year C, Pentecost 5, Sunday, 13th July 2025

Presenter: Rev Josh McPaul

Focus Reading: Luke 10:25-37

Message 6 minutes 0 seconds

"The Really Good Samaritan"

Discussion Starters

- 1 Which character do you most connect with in the story? Why?
- 2 The sermon suggests that we often fall short of being the "Good Samaritan." How does this idea of "falling short" resonate with your own experiences?
- 3 Sometimes we are the "man in the ditch." How might acknowledging our own vulnerability change how we approach acts of service and compassion?
- 4 The lawyer asks, "And who is my neighbour?" – a loophole, or limit who we are obligated to help. Who are the invisible neighbours for our church?

Readings for this day

Amos 7:7-17 Called by God, Amos has gone from herding sheep to Challenging Jeroboam and the people of Israel. With a plumbline God finds the nation warped.

Psalms 82 God confronts the nations with their sins and misdeeds. The poor have been ignored and the wealthy favoured. They are told to give justice to the weak and orphans and rescue the needy.

Colossians 1:1-14 Paul praises the saints in Colossae for their faithfulness and love of God. He prays they be strong to endure challenges that may come.

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All Age Message: Rev Josh McPaul

"Look for the Helpers"

Length 2 minutes 15 seconds

Precis of AAM

Jesus tells us that we can be good Samaritans. But he also tells us that we can rely on good Samaritans as well – and God is the best helper of all.

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 82 –page 306-307

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