Next collection will be **August 6th** please leave donations in church.

If you would like to pray privately with someone at Sun 10.30 service at SMM, please sit in the front pew with the green ribbon at the end of the service or speak to one of the vergers. Someone will pray with you.



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ACNY is celebrating all creatures great & small: Summer social media campaign

- they are looking for anything to do with animals at church. Inside or outside, invited or uninvited, real life or painted, stained glass, statues etc. Please email images to marymagbelmont@gmail.com



Spirit-led prayer group: Dates for July: 10.30 am on 4th and **18th** July at SMM



St Laurence cream teas: August 2nd & 23rd:

2.00-4.00pm



Mothers Union: July 21st the programme features -   Age UK on claiming benefits

**Vacancy update:** closing date 14th July, interviews 25th July.

**SMM PCC** meeting postponed until 11th August at 6.30pm in Narthex

**For our prayers this week:**

Pray for those who are unwell or asked for our prayers: Jean Dennison, Andrew Dover, Sylvia Dawson, Anna Harvey, Mike Jackson, Anne Johnson (P’ton), George Kitching, Trevor Uren, AlfieWalton, Geoffrey Winter. Those who havebeen bereaved:- the family of June Brindley; the family of Thomas Close.

**From our Parish weekly prayer cycle:**

Messy church; Carrville Methodist Church; Pittington Community Centre; the physically disabled; residents of Devonshire Road, Peel Avenue, Minster Court, Romney Drive, Yewbank Avenue, Ramside Park, Belmont.

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**Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

**July 13 th 2025**

**Collect**

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

**SMM Hymns: 366** Judge eternal**; 726** When I needed a neighbour; **233** Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost; **282** How sweet the name**; 129** Dear Lord and Father**; 60** Be still for the presence of the Lord**; 740** Will you come and follow me.

**SL Hymns: 189** God is working his purpose out; **465** Meekness and majesty; **756** When morning gilds the skies; **564** Praise to the Lord.

**Bible Readings**

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 30:9-14

 Colossians 1:1-14

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 10:25-37

**Upcoming services**

**w/b Sunday 13th July**

9.00 am Holy Communion BCP SMM

9.30 am Holy Communion SL

10.30 am Holy Communion SMM

Wed 10.00am Holy Communion SMM

Thur 10 -11am Church open for prayer SL

**w/b Sunday 20th July**

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Sat 10-12 Orthodox Mass SMM

Congratulations and best wishes to Daniel Halliday and Ella Curtis who are getting married in Scotland on Friday 25th July.

**Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

9Then the Lord your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. The Lord will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your ancestors, 10if you obey the Lord your God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

11Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. 12It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, ‘Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so that we may obey it?’ 13Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, ‘Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so that we may obey it?’ 14No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so that you may obey it.

**Colossians 1:1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

2To God’s holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

3We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people – 5the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel 6that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world – just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace. 7You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, 8and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

9For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, 10so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. 13For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Luke 10:25-37**

**The parable of the good Samaritan**

25On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he asked, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’

26‘What is written in the Law?’ he replied.

‘How do you read it?’

27He answered, ‘“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, “Love your neighbour as yourself.”’

28‘You have answered correctly,’ Jesus replied. ‘Do this and you will live.’

29But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’

30In reply Jesus said: ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half-dead. 31A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. “Look after him,” he said, “and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.”

36‘Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?’

37The expert in the law replied, ‘The one who had mercy on him.’

Jesus told him, ‘Go and do likewise.’