



St Nicholas' Church

Bishopwearmouth

13 July 2025

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Worship this week

Sunday 13 July 4 after Trinity

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.30am Baptism of Alexis Owusu
and Holy Communion
3.00pm Messy Church

Thursday 17 June

10.00am Morning Prayer
(Revd Andrew is away)

Sunday 20 July 5 after Trinity

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion

Praying for

- Parish streets: those who live on Montrose Gardens, Thomas Hawksley Park, Horsley Gardens, and Highside Drive.
- Alexis Owusu, and her parents Sam and Mary, as Alexis is baptised today.
- That we would grow younger, as we seek to support more families to grow deeper in the Christian faith.
- For all who need to know the peace of Christ today.

**On Tuesday mornings we pray together in church
7.30-8.00am.**

Join in

Thank you everyone who joined in our bring and share lunch to welcome Katherine & Arlo to our parish. It was a wonderful occasion!

For the next few weeks we will be wearing name badges to help them remember all the new-to-them faces.

Of course, we want to be a church that welcomes *everyone* who comes through our doors. How might we grow in being a church that receives all?

At a very practical level, could you be a 'sidesperson'—someone who welcomes people as they arrive at either of our entrances?

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Parish Safeguarding Officer

Following Peter Fielding's retirement from the role, the PCC needs to appoint a new PSO. To find out more about the qualities and experience required, and role description—what's involved—please speak to Revd Andrew.

Supporting your local Church

As part of our response to God's love shown to us through Jesus we give financially to the Church. The money goes towards supporting the activities of the church as well as maintaining the building. There are plates in church into which you can place cash or a giving envelope before a service, or a card reader is available. Alternatively you can give a one-off gift or set up regular giving by scanning this QR code.





At home

Find a place where you will not be interrupted, and read **Luke 10.25-37** twice through, slowly, out loud.

‘Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’

He answered, ‘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.’ And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’

‘But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

‘But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.” Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

- Where are you in the story?
- What do you think is the secret to a good life?
- The word ‘inn’ (pandochei) means all-receiving, or welcoming all. What might it mean for the inn in the parable to represent the Church? Who is (not) welcome here? How would they know?
- How might we become better at receiving all?

You might like to colour-in the picture of olive oil and wine (symbols of the Holy Spirit and of Jesus).