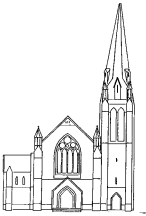




## THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND NORTH PARISH CHURCH, GIRVAN AYRSHIRE.



### October Newsletter for Girvan North.

**Dear friends**, when we think of the Parable of the Good Samaritan what goes through our minds? Are we Good Samaritans or do we walk over to the other side? Before the parable begins, an expert in the law asks Jesus what he must do to get eternal life. Jesus asks the man what is written in the law, and he replies: "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". Jesus thinks this is a good answer, but the expert is confused about who his neighbour is. Jesus tells him the Parable of the Good Samaritan which is found in Luke's Gospel.

A man was travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho, a very dangerous road to travel at the best of times, when robbers attacked him. They stole his clothes and beat him severely. A priest approached the man but crossed over to the other side. A Levite, or assistant in the temple, behaved in the same way. A Samaritan then approached the seriously ill man and stopped to help. He bandaged his wounds and poured oil and wine on them. Then he put the man on his donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. He gave the innkeeper two Denarii to look after him and would pay the innkeeper more money if it cost more to look after him. "Which of these people was the poor man's best neighbour?", Jesus asked. The law expert replied, "The one who had mercy on him". Jesus told him to behave in a similar way. We must do too. What can we learn from this parable? There are many people in the world who pass by others in need. They are far too busy in their daily lives to stop and help. Like the priest and the Levite were in this parable. Yet the Good Samaritan was acting in a way which was unexpected. Samaritans were shunned by Jewish people at that time, yet it was the Samaritan who stopped and helped. Jesus was making the point that the stranger is often our friend, and the person who should be our friend does not behave in a friendly way.

With all the uncertainties in the world today, the poverty which exists around us, and the general difficulties we all face with coronavirus, it is always important to be kind. To be kind to the friend and to the stranger. A little kindness goes a long way. The Samaritan not only helped the stranger but went the "extra mile" to help him. He did not need to do what he did, but he did it all the same. We too not only need to help the stranger but need to go the "extra mile" as well. Just because someone passes by the person needing help, it does not justify us doing the same thing. Just think, we could start something special. If we stopped to help, others may stop to help too. Girvan has some social problems.

There is poverty, drug addiction, alcohol addiction, homelessness and loneliness. Girvan North, like all churches in Girvan, is responding to these problems. We can only do this is by not walking by, but by stopping, taking an interest and helping, because there for the grace of God go you and I. It is time we all became Good

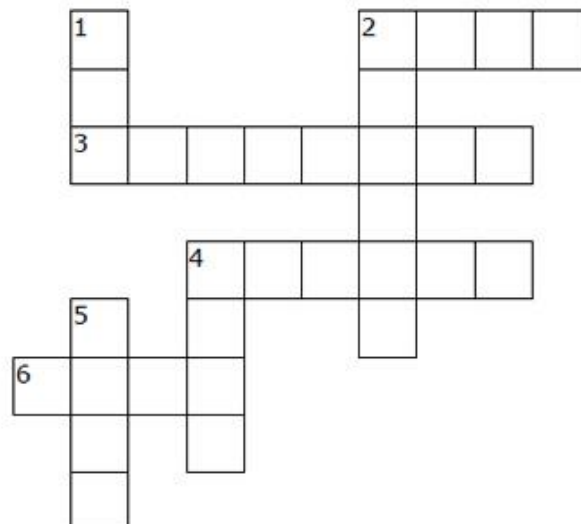
Samaritans to the good people of Girvan, and help each other, like many are doing already. We just need to think of the generosity of the congregation on Harvest Thanksgiving last Sunday morning. This is particularly true during these uncertain times. If you can be anything at all, be kind.

**Best wishes, Glenn.**

## Parable of the Good Samaritan

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Based on Luke 10:25-37



### ACROSS

2. A pathway for vehicles, people, and animals
3. Someone who lives very near to you
4. A person who performs religious duties in the church
6. To hit someone again and again

### DOWN

1. An adult male human
2. Someone who takes money or property illegally from another person
4. To feel sympathy and sorrow for the misfortune or suffering of another
5. Not living

MAN	PRIEST	PITY	ROBBER
ROAD	BEAT	DEAD	NEIGHBOR

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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7. 14-21-7-25-18-26-17-22 \_\_\_\_\_
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LEVITE	PRIEST	STRIPPED	ROBBERS
SAMARITAN	JERICO	BEAT	NEIGHBOR

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EXPERT	STRIPPED	HEART	PITY	ETERNAL
LEVITE	LIFE	ROBBERS	SAMARITAN	TEST
LAW	INHERIT	SOUL	MIND	DEAD
MERCY	JERICHO	LOVE	STRENGTH	NEIGHBOR

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# Parable of the Good Samaritan



Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

"A man was going down from Jerusalem to \_\_\_\_\_, when he fell into the hands of \_\_\_\_\_. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A \_\_\_\_\_ happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a \_\_\_\_\_, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a \_\_\_\_\_, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own \_\_\_\_\_, took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra \_\_\_\_\_ you may have.'

"Which of these three do you think was a \_\_\_\_\_ to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had \_\_\_\_\_ on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do \_\_\_\_\_."

Luke 10:30-37 (NIV)

donkey	Jericho	likewise	neighbor	robbers
expense	Levite	mercy	priest	Samaritan

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