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One night a snake... while it was looking for food, entered a carpenter's workshop.

The carpenter, who was a rather untidy man, had left several of his tools lying on the floor.

One of them was a saw. As the snake went round and round the shop, he climbed over the saw, which gave him a little cut.

At once, thinking that the saw was attacking him, he turned around and bit it so hard that his mouth started to bleed.

This made him very angry. He attacked again and again until the saw was covered with blood.

Dying from his own wounds, the snake decided to wrap itself around the saw and began to squeeze with all its strength but it ended up killing itself.

Sometimes we react with anger not realizing we are only hurting ourselves. In life, sometimes it's better to ignore situations, ignore people and their behavior. People say and do things but it's your decision to react in a positive way.

A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare. Proverbs 15:1

As I get older I realise:

- I talk to myself because I need expert advice.
- The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I Don't need to write that down".
- When I was a child I thought naptime was a punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.
- "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I'm there. ~ unknown

IN OUR PRAYERS

- We continue to pray for Judy Lennon.
- We pray for Mavis Chaffey, who has been moved to the Rehab ward at Tamworth Base.
- We give thanks for the colour and beauty of spring.
- We thank God for the arrival of Rev Geoff Flynn in Tamworth.
- We pray for Beth and Peter Scorgie, who both have a number of health issues at the moment.



Meg's Musings

I really enjoyed the story Janet found for us about the angry snake - whose anger ensured it's death.

It reminded me of the words of Ecclesiastes 3, which tells us that there is a time and a place for everything.

There is a time for anger. When we see injustice, we need to respond in a way that helps the people who are being harmed.

But using anger as a first response to every little hurt or slight means that our focus is on our own feelings, rather than the feelings and needs of others.

Anger has become a part of The Voice debate - and not in a good way.

Let's play our part in the referendum in a caring, respectful way, and ask ourselves, "what would Jesus do" - and say.

Blessings from Meg



You either get better
or you get bitter. It's simple.
You either take what has been
dealt to you and allow it
to make you a better person, or
you allow it to tear you down.
The choice does not belong to
fate, it belongs to you.

If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude.

~ Maya Angelou

.... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



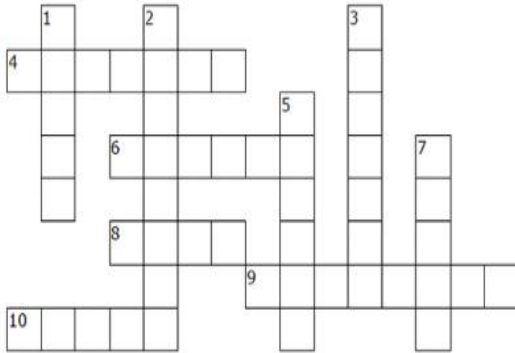
Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30

The Workers in the Vineyard

'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' Matthew 20:12 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 20:1-16



ACROSS

- 4. People who labor, usually for wages or a salary
- 6. The place where God lives
- 8. A period of time equal to sixty minutes
- 9. A place where grapes are grown
- 10. Pay received for working

DOWN

- 1. Coins or bills used to pay for something
- 2. To give or share freely with others
- 3. To gripe or complain
- 5. Not playing by the rules
- 7. Two things that are of the same value

Mathew 20:1-16 (NLT)

Parable of the Vineyard Workers

20 "For the Kingdom of Heaven is like the landowner who went out early one morning to hire workers for his vineyard.

² He agreed to pay the normal daily wage and sent them out to work.

³ "At nine o'clock in the morning he was passing through the marketplace and saw some people standing around doing nothing.

⁴ So he hired them, telling them he would pay them whatever was right at the end of the day.

⁵ So they went to work in the vineyard. At noon and again at three o'clock he did the same thing.

⁶ "At five o'clock that afternoon he was in town again and saw some more people standing around. He asked them, 'Why haven't you been working today?'

⁷ "They replied, 'Because no one hired us.' "The landowner told them, 'Then go out and join the others in my vineyard.'

⁸ "That evening he told the foreman to call the workers in and pay them, beginning with the last workers first.

⁹ When those hired at five o'clock were paid, each received a full day's wage.

¹⁰ When those hired first came to get their pay, they assumed they would receive more. But they, too, were paid a day's wage.

¹¹ When they received their pay, they protested to the owner,

¹² 'Those people worked only one hour, and yet you've paid them just as much as you paid us who worked all day in the scorching heat.'

¹³ "He answered one of them, 'Friend, I haven't been unfair! Didn't you agree to work all day for the usual wage?'

¹⁴ Take your money and go. I wanted to pay this last worker the same as you.

¹⁵ Is it against the law for me to do what I want with my money? Should you be jealous because I am kind to others?'

¹⁶ "So those who are last now will be first then, and those who are first will be last.

If you can't do anything about it then let it go. Don't be a prisoner to things you can't change.

— Tony Gaskins —

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Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."



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"Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all." ~ Helen Keller

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