

Readings for Sunday 25th October

Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18

The LORD said to Moses, 'Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: "Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.

""Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favouritism to the great, but judge your neighbour fairly.

""Do not go about spreading slander among your people.

""Do not do anything that endangers your neighbour's life. I am the LORD.

""Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbour frankly so that you will not share in their guilt.

""Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbour as yourself. I am the LORD

Matthew 22:34-46

The greatest commandment

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?'

Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'" This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself." All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.'

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 'What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?'

'The son of David,' they replied.

He said to them, 'How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him "Lord"? For he says,

"The Lord said to my Lord:

'Sit at my right hand
until I put your enemies
under your feet.'"

If then David calls him "Lord", how can he be his son?' No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.