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"The Word in the World" Devotional Sharing

Christ Is Present Among the Strangers (Mathew 25：31～46) **Brother Lau**

In recent days, immigration issues have created serious social tensions across Europe and the United States. In some areas, these tensions have even escalated into riots and looting. Much of the controversy revolves around immigration policies, including the allocation of public resources, public safety concerns arising from illegal immigration, and the impact of different religious and cultural backgrounds on society.

Christians and churches cannot remain detached from these developments. In Matthew 25:31–46, the Lord Jesus teaches that how people treat those in need will be one of the important considerations at the final judgment. In verse 35, Jesus says, "I was a stranger and you invited me in." How, then, should Christians respond to the debate over whether immigration policies should be more welcoming or more restrictive, without becoming like the goats whom the Lord rebukes?

First, we need to understand who Jesus means by "the least of these brothers and sisters." Many people are concerned about why these individuals find themselves in situations of poverty, hunger, illness, or imprisonment. However, it is worth noting that Jesus does not explain their backgrounds. We do not know why they have no food or water, nor do we know why they are imprisoned. The passage does not discuss whether they deserve help, nor does it examine the reasons behind their circumstances. It tells us one essential truth: the King is present among these people.

Therefore, the central issue is not what these people have done, but how those who follow Christ respond to them. In the context of this passage, a widely held interpretation is that Jesus uses "the least of these brothers and sisters" to reveal the true spiritual condition of believers. Whether these brothers and sisters refer broadly to all people who are poor and vulnerable, or more specifically to persecuted disciples of Jesus at that time, the central emphasis remains on how believers treat them.

Today, whenever immigration issues arise in Western societies, people often find themselves divided into two opposing camps. One side argues, "The Bible teaches us to welcome everyone." The other responds, "Large numbers of illegal immigrants can indeed place pressure on public safety, government finances, and cultural identity, and may even create tensions at the level of religious belief." Yet much of this discussion remains focused on policy considerations.

Matthew 25 brings us back to a different level of reflection. When Jesus, the King, identifies Himself with "the least of these brothers and sisters," His concern is not whether people hold the correct political position, but whether they demonstrate compassion towards the vulnerable. When believers encounter those in need, do they see merely a social problem, or do they see a person who needs help? Do they see a threat, or do they recognise that Christ is present among them?

This passage does not directly address immigration policy. In other words, governments still have a responsibility to establish and enforce appropriate immigration policies, and society can reasonably debate issues such as the allocation of resources, public safety, and cultural integration. Nevertheless, whatever the outcome of these debates, the church must never lose its spirit of compassion.

The church must maintain a Christ-centred balance between upholding the truth and practising compassion. In the face of tensions arising from immigration, Scripture reminds us that the mission of the gospel and our social responsibilities are not separate from one another. The church is certainly entrusted with the mission of proclaiming the gospel and leading people to Christ. At the same time, it must show compassion to those who suffer, regardless of whether they eventually become believers. Compassion is not a substitute for the gospel; rather, it is a fruit produced by the genuine gospel.

When the day of final judgment comes, what people consider important may be very different from what the Lord Jesus considers important. Society may focus on issues such as legal or illegal status, contribution or burden, identity or belonging. But Jesus is concerned with whether His disciples have recognised Him among those who are overlooked, forgotten, and marginalised.

As the Lord says:

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

Therefore, this passage offers us several important reminders:

- **Christians may hold different opinions about immigration policies, but they must never lose their compassion for people.**
- **We may discuss national resources and public safety, but we must also respect every person who is created in the image of God.**
- **Society may establish boundaries, but it should never close the door to opportunities for people to come to Christ.**

The church may not be able to solve all the immigration challenges facing Western societies. Nevertheless, it must make a choice: When hungry people, the sick, prisoners, and strangers come among us, will we recognise that Christ Himself is standing before us in the form of these people?

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Church Family News Sharing

1. 【Safeguarding】

   《1》 During the winter months, it gets dark earlier in the evening. Parents are kindly reminded to keep a close eye on their children and ensure that they do not run around inside or outside the church, particularly in the outdoor areas.

   《2》 Regarding the Entrance Door on Crestfield Street (near the Small Chapel), we have noticed that it is sometimes left propped open after Sunday services. Please remain vigilant and ensure that the Entrance Door is properly closed when leaving, in order to maintain the security of our premises.

   《3》 Please ensure that rooms are tidied up and all items are put away after use. We have noticed that toys and other items are sometimes left out instead of being returned to their proper places. Please help keep our premises clean and tidy, and ensure that any potentially hazardous items are stored safely out of children's reach.

2. We are delighted to share that Chinese Congregation Epsom Methodist Church raised £7,002.50 for our church redevelopment at their 30th anniversary fair on 24th October 2026. Congratulations to Chinese Congregation Epsom Methodist Church on reaching this milestone, and thank you to our brothers and sisters there for choosing to support us as part of their celebration. Please join us in thanking God for their generosity, prayers and partnership as we continue towards our redevelopment goal.

3. Winter Night Shelter resumes at our church until 26th March (every Thursday night to Friday morning). We are now recruiting volunteers to serve in a variety of roles and time slots. Please refer to the "Meetings and Activities" section for further details. For enquiries and registration, please contact: Deacon Melissa Wheeler or Church Administrator. The night shelter is run in partnership with C4WS, a local homelessness charity. We cannot provide this important ministry without a team of willing volunteers. Every Thursday night until 26th March, we will welcome around 16 guests, offering a warm and welcoming place to stay. Guests can enjoy a hot meal, an evening of companionship, a shower, a warm bed for the night, and breakfast in the morning.

4. As the colder months approach, donations of warm clothing for the Winter Night Shelter would be greatly appreciated. For all enquiries and donations, please contact Deacon Melissa Wheeler.

5. **You are warmly invited to join our first Youth / Student Worship Night on Saturday, 28th November at 5 pm in our Small Chapel. Youth, university students, friends and family are welcome, and parents of youths are especially encouraged to join us. Please register by Wednesday, 25th November via: https://forms.gle/39UGHwvPGeXreUht5. For more information, please contact Church Administrator.**

6. **A United Service with Holy Communion will be held on Sunday, 6th December, at 10:30 am in our Main Hall. On the same day, at 1:30 pm, Epsom Methodist Church will present its Christmas Cantata in our Main Hall. This year's programme will also feature special stage effects, making it an exciting and enriching celebration. All brothers and sisters are warmly invited to save the date and join us in celebrating the joy and blessings of Christmas!**

7. **We are thankful that this year's Christmas carolling outreach has been approved by National Rail! The event will take place at King's Cross Station at 3pm on Sunday, 20th December. This year's theme is "Good News of Great Joy — Jesus Christ Is Born!" Through carols, Bible readings and a children's Nativity presentation, we will share the good news of the birth of Jesus Christ with the local community. Brothers and sisters who feel led to participate are warmly invited to join us in sharing the joy of Christmas through music and personal testimony. If you would like to take part, please register with our Church Administrator.**

8. **【Church Redevelopment Fundraising: Chinese New Year Thanksgiving Dinner – Poon Choi Feast】Celebrate the new year with a traditional poon choi dinner, and help raise funds for our church redevelopment. Every ticket sold supports the Church Redevelopment Fund.**
   Date: Saturday 13th February 2027 (8th day of the Lunar New Year)
   Time: 6 – 9pm
   Venue: Allum Hall & Manor House, 2 Allum Lane, Elstree, Borehamwood WD6 3PJ
   Menu: Starter, poon choi, dessert
   Activities: Music performances, children's performances, charity auction and charity raffle
   Tickets: Adults £38; children £15 (children's meal); under 3s free
   Please invite your family and friends to join us. It's a wonderful chance to share the joy of the new year together while building for the church's future. Scan the QR code on the poster for details and booking.

9. **Please note the updated date!【Moldova Short-Term Mission】We are planning to join OM (Operation Mobilisation) for a short-term mission in Moldova. Date: 5th – 10th April 2027. Location: Moldova. Ministries: Elderly Home visits, care-home cleaning & gardening, children's and youth ministry, home visits, Bible stories telling, testimonies, games and drama. FEE for Ages 0-3: Free; Ages 3-6: £100 per person; Ages 7-12: £150 per person; Ages 13 or Above (including adults): £300 per person (Excluding flights & visa). Deadline: 20th December 2026. Brothers, sisters and families are welcome! Participants require pastoral recommendation, a valid visa and DBS check. Unable to join? You are also welcome to support the team through a donation. Enquiries: Church Administrator.**

10. **To support the church's current livestreaming, social media and YouTube ministries, and to protect the personal data and privacy of all congregation members, please complete and return the GDPR form provided by the Methodist Church. Forms are available from the reception desk near the Birkenhead Street entrance. If you have any questions, please contact our Church Administrator. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.**

11. **Staff News: Deacon Melissa Wheeler will be on annual leave on 24th November and attending the Diaconal retreat from 9th to 10th December. Additionally, Lay Worker will be on annual leave from 30th November to 2nd December; Rev Linberg Wong will be on annual leave from 28th to 31st December.**

12. **LiFEgame will be held from 21st to 23rd December in Northampton. Those who register on or before 30th November can enjoy the Early Bird rate of £160 per person. If you have not attended before, you are strongly encouraged to join this life-changing journey. For enquiries or registration, please refer to the "Meetings and Events" section on the last few pages or visit: http://lifegame.co.uk/join-lifegame/**

Meetings & Events

Winter Night Shelter – Volunteers Needed

Thursday evenings from Thursday 5th November 2026 to 16th March 2027

Front of House – 6.30–9.45 pm
A team of **4 volunteers** to help set up beds and refreshments, welcome guests, spend time chatting, and perhaps enjoy a board game together. Volunteers eat dinner with the guests.

Evening Meal – 6.30–9.30 pm
A team of **2 volunteers** to help prepare and serve the evening meal.

Overnight – 9.45 pm–7.15 am
2 overnight volunteers are needed. Volunteers sleep separately from the guests and are there to respond in case of an emergency. **You are not expected to stay awake overnight.**

Breakfast – Friday, 7.00–9.00 am
A team of **2 volunteers** to prepare and serve breakfast and then help pack away the mattresses and bed linen.

Enquiries & Registration: Deacon Mel Wheeler

Event: **United Service with Holy Communion**

Date: **Sunday, 6th December**

Time: **10:30 am**

Venue: **Main Hall**

Remarks:
The Christmas Cantata will be held in the Main Hall at 1:30 pm on the same day.







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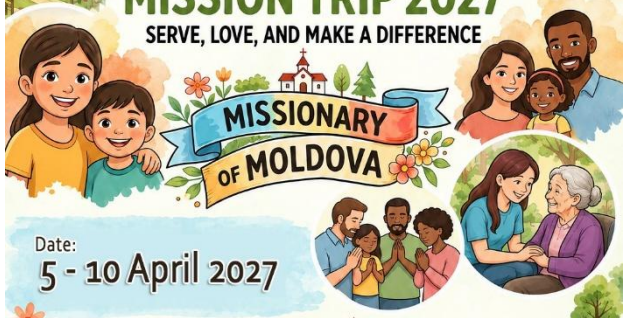
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- YOUTH PROGRAM
- CHILDREN PROGRAM
- HOME VISIT
- TESTIMONY SHARING
- BIBLE STORY TELLING
- GAMES
- DRAMA

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- PASTORAL REFERENCE
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- DBS CHECK

Registration closes on: 20 December 2026

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* Below 3 :	FREE
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* 7-12 Years Old:	£150
* 13 Years Old / Above and Adult:	£300

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