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Weekly Letter – 12 October 2025

Luke 17:11-19

The story of the ten lepers is memorable. Ten people are healed by Jesus, and only one returns to say, 'Thank you.' On the surface, it is a story about the importance of saying, 'Thank you,' and a recognition that it is often forgotten.

They are all told to go and show themselves to the priests (in the Temple in Jerusalem) to prove they are well. It shows that as well as being cured, they had to be re-integrated into society which had shunned them, by being pronounced well by the priests. At other times, Jesus criticises the Temple authorities controlling people's access to God, but here he recognises that part of the healing is to be accepted.

The man who returns, praising God and thanking Jesus is a Samaritan. They worshipped in a different place. Perhaps the expectations were not the same, though they followed the first five books of the Bible as laws from Moses. Maybe Luke is giving us a real-life parable to build on the story of the Good Samaritan, to show that all sorts of people will be included in God's new world because of their faith and actions. Perhaps also a wake-up call for those who assume we are already included to remember to praise God and give thanks to Jesus.

Take a moment to say, 'Thank you,' to God for you have noticed and appreciated today, and then thank God for the saving love shown by Jesus.

Simon

Sunday Morning Worship in Christ Well, and on Zoom at 10.30 am will be led by Rev Simon Walkling
Bible Readings: Luke 17: 11-19; 2 Kings 5: 1-14.

Cycle of Prayer in the Region - Tabernacle, Mumbles

Tuesday, 14th October – Tea and Chat – 2-4pm.

PRAYERS FOR EVERY HOUSEHOLD have now come to an end as Autumn begins.

A small team have called weekly on the houses in our locality during the Summer months and shared the concerns of those they met in our Sunday Morning Worship. It has been good to hear that many have appreciated their visits, and we thank the team for representing us in this way.

CELEBRATING HARVEST ON SUNDAY, 5TH OCTOBER



The gifts donated have been delivered to St John's food pantry and Penlan Food Bank.

A collection for Christian Aid for their work in Sierra Leone was also taken which will be sent in the next week or so.

KIND GOD

Samantha Oguna (URC Prayer Handbook 2025)

(Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 29.1-4-7 & Psalm 66.1-12: 2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c and Psalm 111: 2 Timothy 2-8-15: Luke 17.11-19)

Dear Heavenly Father, who transcends time and space. As you formed the earth in six days and rested on the seventh. May we not be too prideful to recognise the sacred nature of rest.

Often our disobedience causes us to neglect the Holy orders, causing us to become overworked, at times bitter and resentful.

As the world continues to chase this fleeting earthly success, may we heed Your instructions to rest. Rest on you. Trusting that while we do this; You are rejuvenating our mind, body and spirit, in Your commandments, heeding your instructions led us to cultivate joy and peace. Things the world often promises through monetary or physical things but can never deliver. Thank you, Jehovah Jireh for providing for us according to Your riches and glory, despite our inevitable disobedience. Your kindness draws us to repentance time and time again. Thank you.

In Jesus name we pray. **Amen.**

