

Sunday 27th July 2025 Church Around the Table On live stream and in St. Peter's

Do Good on the Sabbath John 5:1-18

Welcome in the name of Christ. God's grace, mercy and peace be with you. And also with you. Amen

Reading - John 5:1-18

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda^[a] and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ^[4] ^{[b] 5} One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

⁷ "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."

⁸ Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, ¹⁰ and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat."

¹¹ But he replied, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.' "

This is the word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Questions for Discussion:

- 1. Is there any part of your week when you can stop completely apart from sleeping?
- 2. Who or what are the main disturbers of your times of sabbath? (Family groups please be gentle and diplomatic with each other.)
- 3. Do you have any wisdom to share about steering a course between compassion fatigue and hardheartedness?

Welcome to St. Peter's

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1) Email us on: parishadmin@chesterstpeter.org.uk

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