



1 SEPTEMBER 2019

Welcome

Welcome to worship this morning, please join us for morning tea in the child care centre playground after the service.

Father's Day

Happy Father's Day and a special big warm welcome to all the dads who are worshipping with us or who we are visiting for lunch afterwards.

Sorry you didn't get a big sleep -in this morning dads but we hope you enjoy the service



Fathers' Day Breakfast

Our child care centre dads enjoyed a bacon and egg breakfast with their children on Thursday and a big thank you to Ian for playing chef and the other church members who came along and made them welcome. A great step towards creating a relationship between the church and the child care centre.

Mark's Leave

Mark is back from leave and is on retreat till Thursday lunchtime so please contact the office or one of the elders if you have a pastoral need.

Prayer & Healing

Our monthly prayer and healing service will be held tonight at 7pm. Please join us for this special time of fellowship and reflection.

Looking ahead

Church Picnic- Afternoon on the green: On Sunday 27th October between 1-4 pm we have the green booked at Merrylands Bowling Club. Some of the Merrylands Bowling Committee will be there to help form groups and spend an afternoon playing barefoot bowls.

Sports Breakfast (Early advice): The next Sports breakfast will hopefully be on Saturday 23rd November between 8.00 and 10.00 am. We will have 2 speakers and they will be both a past and a present National Rugby League referee. Still to be confirmed.

Electronic Sign Progress

Big thanks to Adrian for helping with the conduit recovery and John Bourke who worked in the rain to finish it. Sign is getting close now.



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Mark's Message

Well it's fantastic to be back in the best country in the world, the land I call Oz and home. It is great to go over overseas and experience different cultures, foods and peoples but to quote from a very famous Qantas commercial, my favourite destination is home. I went overseas this time with a clear point of reflection. I have been asking myself 'how do I follow Jesus' because at times I can be critical of what I do for others, how I support and are my intentions integral to the work of Jesus in my life considering all the gifts and blessings God has given me. I left our shores a bit dismayed that I wasn't "performing" as a disciple as well as I should and felt at times, I was letting down God.

So, I wanted to review and reflect whilst overseas on how committed I was to my discipleship in Christ. I went away not taking with me a bible, I did not attend church for the whole 5 weeks (except inspecting cathedrals) and I was in places where people didn't know I was a minister and there was no-one checking up on me. So what did I discover?

Well I struggled initially because of my understanding of discipleship. Discipling is a word that sounds like you MUST be doing something where really the only real thing you must do is follow. I have come to understand that "following" has little to do with how good or often I "do things" because just like our salvation, it is not what I do but what Jesus has done for me. It doesn't matter how hard I try to follow (daily) there will always be times when I feel I have disciplined well and others when I feel I have not done enough. The answer exists in not what I do but rather to humble my pride and accept God wants my heart not my hands. If I remain open to the leading of the Spirit, God will lay in front of me the work he wants me to do. God is not looking for a specialist, he just wants a disciple, a follower.

Roster for 8 September 2019

Worship Leader: Rev Mark Beaton
Elder: Lola K
Bible Reader: Karen M
Welcomers: Mandy & Serena
Morning Tea: Fero & Imi
Cleaning: Peter & Heather
Sound: Brian
Powerpoint: Vicky
Kids Talk: Kaye

Lectionary Readings

This week 1 September

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Next week 8 September

Jeremiah 18: 1-11
Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18
Philemon: 1-21
Luke 14: 25-33

Reminders for this week

Child Care Board - Thurs 5th @ 4pm

Presbytery Commending the Faith series -
Starts tomorrow see the noticeboard

Lord hear our prayers

We pray for those and their families who are in the grip of illness. May you God present yourself to them in the ways of support, care and peace and in their suffering may they experience your love in a new form.