



**15 SEPTEMBER 2019**

## Welcome

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

## News from Emmanuel and Side By Side Christ Ministries Uganda

We received this email from Emmanuel this week, along with some pictures which are on the back notice board.

Thank you so much for the effort you making towards our support for the advancement of the work we doing educate the at-risk children and rescuing those who have been planned for child sacrifice which is rampant in Uganda.

On behalf of the organization/ Church and on my behalf I do extend our gratitude to Greystane uniting Church (the ministers and the congregation) for this great assistance.

The school is doing well with the population of 252 students, 13 teachers and 6 non teaching staff.

We have so graduated 19 students to go for secondary school in the past two years and this we are graduating 16.

We have grounded all the children that God has given us in the things of God and we are so happy this wonderful ministry which is a great opportunity to reach those from backgrounds of traditions.

My family is doing well and the Church is also up lifted by Him who started the good word through us. Bring our best regards every one.

## Reminders for this week

**Elders Council** -Wed 7.30pm

**Church Council** - Thurs 7.30pm

## International Day of Peace

You are invited to the Interfaith Peace Service to be held next Saturday 21 September at the Fellowship Centre Parramatta Mission, next to Leigh Memorial Uniting Church, 119 Macquarie St Parramatta at 2pm. Details on the flyer on the noticeboard.

## 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 30th 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.



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## Mark's Message

Many have noted that what we call “contemporary” worship isn’t so contemporary anymore. It’s a feature of the “attractional” model of church growth, embodied so well in Willow Creek and like-minded megachurches that popped up in the ‘80s and ‘90s. The basic philosophy of the attractional model is that if we can create a church experience that reflects popular elements of the wider culture, people will like our churches enough to give up an hour of their time on Sunday morning. Once we have them in the building, we can begin to evangelize them. This model has been most effective with baby boomers. As the culture has continued to change, however, the question arises of whether or not we can become enough like our culture to attract the “unchurched,” or even to retain the “churched.”

Perhaps, though, we who worship might consider incorporating some more traditional elements of Christian worship into our services. I’m no expert on worship or liturgy, but I do care deeply about Christian formation, and worship forms us. How many Christians have grown up in services where the congregation never says the Lord’s Prayer or don’t know the Apostles’ Creed and the Nicene Creed? Worship forms us in the faith. The way we speak about God, the way we pray, the way we use Scripture, the way we sing .... Week after week, these practices shape our beliefs. As the old saying goes, *lex orandi lex credendi* — loosely translated, as we pray, so we believe.

Those of us who are concerned to preserve doctrinal orthodoxy in our traditions should take special note. We tend to use the word “orthodoxy” to mean “right doctrine,” but more literally it means “right praise.” The ways in which we praise God will shape what we believe about God. There are liturgical elements from the tradition that can help to shape our praise in service to the faith once and for all entrusted to the saints. Church today doesn’t have to look like mid-twentieth century “traditional” mainline Protestant worship, but neither does it have to look like 1980’s evangelicalism. We can bring together the ancient and the new in ways that will enliven the faith of our worshippers each Sunday. *David F. Watson*

## Roster for 22 September 2019

Worship Leader: Rev Mark Beaton  
Elder: Adrian  
Bible Reader: Julie T  
Welcomers: Laurie & Sabina  
Morning Tea: Fero & Imi  
Cleaning: Peter & Heather  
Sound: Brian  
Powerpoint: Vicky  
Kids Talk: Julie T

## Lectionary Readings

### This week 15 September

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28  
Psalm: 14  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15: 1-10

### Next week 22 September

Jeremiah 8:18 - 19:1  
Psalm 79: 1-9  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 16: 1-13

## Lord hear our prayers

God we ask you to bless our church digital sign that will go live from this week. May we use this resource to inform our community of the great things that are happening in our church and childcare. May your word be written into scripts.