



**23 JUNE, 2019**

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

### **Sports Breakfast**

Thank you to Peter & Karen for co-ordinating the breakfast yesterday morning. Thank you also to those who helped with setting up, cooking and washing up, your support is appreciated.

### **State of Origin**

Don't forget it's State of Origin II to-night, why not come and join us to watch it on the big screen, just bring some nibbles and soft drink and we'll supply the tea and coffee.

Kick off is listed for 8.00pm so see you after the Zimbabwean congregation finishes at 7.30pm.

### **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 10.45am - Service at Allity Nursing Home  
Thurs 7.30pm - Church Council  
Friday 7.30pm- Ladies Bible Study

### **Retiring Offering - Next Sunday**

Next Sunday we will be having our next Retiring Offering for the work of Side by Side Christ Ministries in Uganda.

Their work with needy children in Kampala is continuing to grow and more than 200 children now attend their school each day. The money we raise helps to provide the children with meals at school and this costs about \$1 a day for each child.

Please consider if you can help and bring your money next week.

*"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.*



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## Mark's Message

The Holy Spirit is one of those Christian expressions that should make us smile—because especially as a minister I became very aware in seminary that we don't know much!

Explaining the Holy Spirit is hard not because we struggle with the doctrine of God but because words defeat us when we try to express this experience of God; this experience that has led the church, led us, to describe God as three in one and one in three. It's when we try to put this experience into words that we begin to glimpse the difficulty of speaking of the great mystery of God at all. We begin to see that God is a lot bigger, a lot more alive, a lot more than we are.

Yet, this description of God as Trinity is singularly Christian. It is unique among the three great Abrahamic faiths. It is not too much to say that without the Trinity Christianity would lose much of its distinctness. There is very little in the Christian Story itself that is not repeated in one form or another in other traditions. But the Christian grasp of relationship with the Triune God is unique. The language about God as Trinity and Unity offers a very particular insight into our understanding of God.

The description of God as Trinity has survived the test of time.

They are no more than words on a page if they are not capturing some truth about our God. We speak of Trinity not because we understand it, not because it is an exercise in logic but because, however poorly, it describes something about the way God reveals Godself to us that seems real. It isn't enough for us to say we experience God in only one way. We sense there is more to God (and more to us) than that. That is why our theme for the year *Un Earthing the Holy Spirit* is good for us to hold because though we struggle with words to explain the nature of the Holy Spirit, we can feel confident that the trinity is working in our struggle to reveal God in a way that makes sense of our lives.

## Roster for 30 June, 2019:

Worship Leader: Lola Kefu  
Elder: Laurie  
Bible reader: Julie T  
Welcomers: Mandy & Serena  
Morning Tea: Adrian & Kaye  
Cleaning: Peter & Heather  
Sound: Brian  
Powerpoint: Vicky  
Kids Talk: Lola

## Lectionary Readings

### This week 23 June, 2019:

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a  
Psalm 42 and 43  
Galatians 3:23-29  
Luke 8:26-39

### Next week 30 June, 2019:

2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14  
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
Luke 9:51-62

## Lord hear our prayers:

We pray for those who are without a home and living on the street during this winter period. Grant them a safe lodging Father and a warm place for shelter and some pleasant food for their bodies.