



**24 FEBRUARY, 2019**

## **Welcome**

Welcome to worship, please join us for morning tea in the playground area after the service.

## **Sympathy**

Please keep Kaye & Adrian and their family in your prayers following the passing of Kaye's mum, Clare, this week. Clare's funeral will be at Chatswood Baptist Church on Wednesday at 1.30pm.

## **SRE Celebration Service**

The annual service for SRE (Special Religious Education in Schools) will be tonight at 6pm at Toongabbie Baptist Church, 180 Toongabbie Rd, Girraween. We will be praying for the teachers and the students they will teach and all are welcome, please bring a plate of food to share for supper.

## **Mission Strategy Group**

Church Council has formed a Mission Strategy Group to look at possible mission opportunities for our congregation, including the projects that were suggested at our ABCD planning workshop. The group is Mark Beaton, Adrian Pearson, Julie Truscott, Ayesha Sadiq and Tegan Stenning, with two ministers from outside our congregation assisting as well. If you have any ideas to share about either current ministries or possibilities for the future, please speak to one of the group members.

## **World Vision Child Sponsorship**

Today is the last day for donations to support the three children we currently sponsor with World Vision. Please feel free to give what you are able, with the most common donation amount being \$20. Our sponsorship helps provide support for child protection and child rights education, educational support and training for teachers, assistance to youth and adults to improve incomes and increased access to health education and care. - Karen Seargent

## **Offering Envelopes**

Offering Envelopes for the year commencing 3 March, 2019 are now available on the back table, please take a box if you would like one.

## **World Day of Prayer**

The Annual World Day of Prayer service will be at Our Lady Queen of Peace church, Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes, next Friday at 10.30am. This year the service is from Slovenia and everyone is welcome.

## **Prayer & Fasting Day**

On Saturday 16th March we will be having a Prayer & Fasting Day here at the church, from 6am. More details to follow next week but please put the date in your diary.



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## **Getting Out of the Boat**

When we take a risk - when we venture out upon the bidding of the Lord to do something new, or simply to fulfil what we believe our calling is - it is very important that we remember to stay focussed on our goal - to trust that God will see us through despite what is happening all around us. We walk with God in our journey.

A helicopter pilot who flew from an aircraft carrier in the Pacific told this story.

"I was flying the helicopter back to the ship when a blinding fog rolled in. Flying at a low altitude, I knew that a single mistake would plunge me and my crew into the ocean. Worse yet, I was experiencing a complete loss of balance - which is common for pilots flying by instruments. This loss of balance - known as vertigo - was so bad that despite the instrument readings I was certain that I was lying on my side while piloting the plane. For 15 minutes I flew the helicopter by its instruments, fighting the urge to turn it according to my feeling. When we finally broke safely through the fog, I was deeply thankful I had been trained to rely upon my instruments rather than on my feelings.

That is what people who live by faith do - they remember that feelings can be misleading, but the truths in God's word are reliable, trustworthy, and consistent. The Holy Spirit walks with us in all that we do. We don't always notice when life is good and we need to notice the guidance of the Spirit when things are not perfect. Stay focussed, stay faithful! Rely on God! - John

## **Roster for 3 March, 2019: Holy communion**

Worship Leader: Rev Mark Beaton  
Elder: Lola  
Bible reader: Lola  
Welcomers: Laurie & Sabina  
Morning Tea: Peter & Karen  
Cleaning: Paul & Hani  
Sound: Darryl  
Powerpoint: Shelby  
Kids Talk: Kaye

## **Lectionary Readings**

### **This week 24 February, 2019:**

Genesis 45:3-11, 15  
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40  
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50  
Luke 6:27-38

### **Next week 3 March, 2019:**

Exodus 34:29-35  
Psalm 99  
2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2  
Luke 9:28-36(37-43a)

## **Dates For Your Diary**

Tues 26 Feb -10.45am-Allity Aged  
Care  
Thurs 28 Feb -7.30pm - Church  
Council  
Fri 1 Mar -10.30am -World Day of  
Prayer at Our Lady Queen of Peace  
Fri 1 Mar - 7.30pm - Ladies Bible  
Study