



30 JUNE, 2019

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

Sympathy

It is with great sadness that we advise that Jac passed away last Monday. Jac was a much-loved member of this congregation for many years, serving as an elder, church councillor and treasurer.

A service of thanksgiving for Jac's life will be held here tomorrow at 1.00pm, followed by afternoon tea, after which there will be a private interment.

If you are able to help with the afternoon tea please see Sue today.

Farmers Drought Appeal

Thank you to everyone who came to the Sports Breakfast last Saturday.

We raised \$450 for the Uniting Church Synod Drought Appeal. This money will be used by the churches in drought-affected communities to provide food and petrol vouchers and to assist farmers to pay bills, thus supporting the entire community.

Retiring Offering Side by Side Christ Ministries Uganda

This morning 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.

Prayer Support

Don't forget an elder is available after the service each week, at the back of the church, to pray with you if you have any concerns you would like prayer for.

You can also put your prayer requests on the green form and the prayer chain will pray for you during the week. These can be confidential, and anonymous if you prefer.



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Mark's Message

Out & About: It has been a while since I have shared some of the things I have been involved in so I thought I would update you about two events specifically. As you may know, I am part of a 7-person team that is writing a strategy for the immediate future of our church which specifically is related to mission. Mission is the focus because as a church our key objective is to go and make disciples in all nations (or - enter our community and share the gospel of Jesus) Matt 28:19. The group called Mission Strategy Group (MSG) has been meeting since March and is being led by Rev Dr Rob McFarlane. We have spent much time understanding our environment and identifying the key themes that stand out in our local community. We are currently consulting with various people and partners of the church to obtain their views and experiences around the themes that are developing. As we research our ministry connections we look deeper in to our own identity as a church by understanding our history, values and beliefs. We will look at our resources and (hopefully) arrive at a place where we will be able to advise Church Council (and the congregation) the best way to grow and develop for the future. I want to commend the commitment of the group and am delighted at the unanimous unity of the members.

I have also spent the last week in college qualifying as an Intentional Interim Minister. This training skills me in leading a congregation through different types of seasons such as a congregation that has inhouse conflict or helping a congregation to write their church profile. I see this training being an essential part in the MSG as my role in the group is to provide the energy and organising the meeting and speakers. The training also gives me some tools for self-reflection which is an important part of any minister's role. Apart from these activities I remind us that we have quite a few unwell people in our congregation so I encourage you to be prayerful of church family.

Roster for 7 July, 2019: (Holy Communion)

Worship Leader: Rev Mark Beaton
Elder: Julie T
Bible reader: Ayesha
Welcomers: Mandy & Vicky
Morning Tea: Peter & Karen
Cleaning: Hani & Paul
Sound: Imi
Powerpoint: Fero
Kids Talk: Karen S

Lectionary Readings

This 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

Next week 7 July, 2019:

2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Lord hear our prayers:

We hand over to your care Elly and her family as they come to terms of the passing of Jac. We thank you God for giving us Jac remembering all he gave to your church and ask that you comfort us as we struggle through grief and loss.