



**7 JULY, 2019**

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

### **Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who assisted with Jac's funeral on Monday, your support is greatly appreciated.

Elly would particularly like to thank everyone for their wonderful support over the last few weeks and for the lovely afternoon tea provided for Jac's service. She was very proud of her church community and their compassion, support and empathy, you are amazing!

### **Retiring Offering**

Thank you also to everyone who contributed to the Retiring Offering last Sunday. We raised \$462 for the work of Side by Side Christ Ministries in Uganda, to assist their work with children in Kampala.

### **Healing Service**

Don't forget our Healing Service is tonight at 7pm in the chapel and all are welcome.

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School is in recess for the school holidays and will resume on Sunday 28th July.

### **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.

### **Keep the Date**

Rev Rob McFarlane will be leading worship here on Sunday 4th August. Following the service, he will be leading a brief get-together of any interested members of the congregation to look at what we see as Our Values. This will be helpful for the work of our Mission Strategy Group. More details to follow.



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## Mark's Message

The recent funeral of Jac Van Bruinessen at our church demonstrated many wonderful points about our church both seen and unseen. Over 200 hundred people attended the service and what was very aware was the co-ordination and help of the church in setting up. There was Peter and Sue that co-ordinated the arrangement, there was people working feverishly in the kitchen preparing the food and tables, there was welcomers and tech and sound people supporting the musicians. So many people working together to provide a fitting and memorable funeral service. I can't explain the joy I felt when I looked out over our church to see every seat filled. There was something else I noticed though that gave me as much pleasure and a feeling of hope for the future of our church. One of the problems we encountered was because there were so many people attending we couldn't set up a refreshment area as the room was needed for seating. The childcare area was also not available so we needed to rethink how this might be done. A really brilliant idea arose that we would prepare all the tables and food in the back rooms and then when everybody exited the church to see Jac off in the hearse, whilst the church was empty the tables were brought out as well as tea and coffee stations all in 10 minutes. Even some of the heating of food was done from my oven in the manse. The unseen blessing was the way the church innovated from its usual way of operating to get the job done. This thinking outside the norm is exactly the way that Spirit can operate in our lives. You see we have our ways, but our ways are not God's ways (Isa 55:8) and the way to know what God wants is to be open to be directed by the Spirit (Gal 5:18). As a church we need to look for the Spirit's voice in everything we do which may conflict with how we see it happening. I want to say thank you for all those who contributed at Jac's funeral, we truly did answer the call of the Spirit.

## Roster for 14 July, 2019:

Worship Leader: Rev Mark Beaton  
& Rev Geoff Stevenson

Elder: Adrian

Bible reader: Lola

Welcomers: Fay & John

Morning Tea: Laurie & Sabina

Cleaning: Peter & Heather

Sound: Brian

Powerpoint: Vicky

Kids Talk: Kaye

## Lectionary Readings

### This week 7 July, 2019:

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalm 30

Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

### Next week 14 July, 2019:

Amos 7:7-17

Psalm 82

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

## Lord hear our prayers:

We pray for Ivy (Norma) Jaganath and her current health. We thank you for all the service she has given our church and her continued commitment as a witness to the gospel. We pray for her coming days and that she will feel the peace of your presence.