

Vision Statement:

We see a Jesus-orientated church having a passion for the Gospel and compassion for the world expressed through dynamic worship, love in action, the empowering of the servant leaders and the growing of disciples.

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I am available in the event of emergencies at any time, but other than that would appreciate not receiving calls on Wednesdays, where possible, as this is my day off.

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This Week's Roster

2nd October, 2022

Next Week's Roster

9th October, 2022

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): *********
Manager: **Neil**
Reader: **Coral**
Musician: **Heather**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **David & Linda**
Audio Desk (am): **Ruan**
Audio Desk (pm): *********
Camera : **Lucinda**
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**
Computer (pm): *********
AV Editing **Rykhardt**

Preacher: **James**
Leader (am): **Cath**
Leader (pm): **David**
Manager: **John**
Reader: **Tina**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **Trevor, Sandy & Owen**
Audio Desk (am): **Ralph**
Audio Desk (pm): **Ralph**
Camera : **Tim**
Computer (am): **Ralph**
Computer (pm): **James**
AV Editing **Jonathan**

Have you considered E-giving?

Envelopes with an "E" on the front, prayer requests or thanks can be placed in the offering bags on a Sunday morning.

Please speak to Chris Holroyd if you require further information.

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Sunday, 2nd October, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher:: **Jonathan**

Theme: **The Weeping Song**

Old Testament Reading: **Psalm 137**

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



Cry of Pain

The Bible presents us with some hard reading at points! One place is Psalm 137. The people cry out terrible words of vengeance about their enemies. These were written by God's people when their homes had been destroyed, many had been killed, and many others had been taken into forced exile by the Babylonians.

The fact that those thoughts are in the Bible isn't suggesting that they are right and good. It is simply recording the fact that they are real, and that they happen. These cries are how human beings respond spontaneously in deep pain. We can't know that our gut-reaction would not be the same in the same situation.

The Australian Aboriginal people confront us with a cry of their pain. As non-Aboriginal people, it too is uncomfortable for us to listen to at points. Some of it we may be able to understand, but much of it we will not because our experience has been nothing like theirs.

Psalm 137 was a cry to God the Father. He didn't shut His ears nor strike back in anger, but heard it all, and responded in mercy. As those who have received God's mercy, we too need to be willing to hear the cries of those in pain.

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