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.

Reverend Jonathan Button can be contacted at j.button@bigpond.com.

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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<u>This Week's Roster</u> <u>2nd October, 2022</u>			<u>Next Week's Roster</u> <u>9th October, 2022</u>	
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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.

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher:: Jonathan

Sunday, 2nd October, 2022

Theme: The Weeping Song

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 137

to our Lord Jesus Christ

Mission Statement: To draw people





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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Please speak to Chris Holroyd if you require further information.

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Jesus Christ suffered and was crushed by terrible injustice from His oppressors. He received the punishment that injustice deserves, to pay for, and forgive, it. This enables us as Christians to forgive and to work for reconciliation.

Grace and peace, Jonathan.

<u>Women's Fellowship</u>

Our next Women's Fellowship will be held this Thursday, 6th October at 1.00 pm. We shall not be going to the chocolate factory as planned. Instead we shall meet in the Church hall. Therefore, ladies, if you have not been to Women's Fellowship before, please come and join us on the day. An afternoon of warm fellowship and friendly encounters is guaranteed.

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Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes

Thank you once again for your amazing support for our overseas mission work, by either taking a box to fill, or bringing wonderful gifts for the children in need, or donating the ten dollars and helping to subsidise the cost of transporting the goods across the oceans.

The boxes and any other donations need to be **RETURNED** WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK. This is essential so that we can get the boxes packed and delivered to the drop off point, in time for them to be packed ready for the shipping containers.

<u>MISSING TEA TOWELS ALARM</u>: Once upon a time the kitchen drawer labelled tea towels was bursting to its seams. Therefore, if you have taken some home in order to wash and iron them, could you please return them this week to add to our sadly depleted supply? Thanks.

DATES TO PUT A SPRING IN OUR STEPS

- Beginning of Daylight Saving: Sunday, 2nd October
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 2nd October: 10.00 am
- Public Holiday: Monday, 3rd October
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 6th October: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 6th October: 1.00 pm
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 9th October: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 9th October: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 13th October: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 16th October: 10.00 am
- Café Youth: Sunday, 16th October: 6.30 pm
- Beginning of Term Four: Monday, 17th October
- KYB: Monday, 17th October: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 17th October: 2.00 pm

Welcome, welcome to our new official members

Last Sunday Jonathan conducted an admission ceremony for Alison Cameron and Miriam Curtis . We welcome them most warmly and are so pleased that they have already volunteered for roster duty. Alison is a brand new member of the fold while Miriam has returned to our church, where she feels comfortable.

Wool Donations

The Women's Prison is seeking donations of wool and stuffing and is currently in need of any and all colours. However, it also has a big need for reds and black for a production of crocheted poppies for Remembrance Day in November. This project is already in full swing. Poppies will be sold for a gold coin donation and the proceeds will be donated to the Anzac Appeal. Other wool will be used to make toys, blankets, scarves and beanies, to be donated to the APY Lands, Catherine House and hospitals. Fourteen bags of woollen items were donated two months ago to the above places and were highly appreciated. People can contact Reverend Frances Bartlett/ Bartholomeusz on 0407 687 311, or at the Semaphore Uniting Church on Thursdays or Fridays.

Donations can also be dropped into the Semaphore Uniting Church Op Shop from Tuesday to Saturday between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm (145 Semaphore Road, Exeter). Thank you very much.