

Vision Statement:

We see a Jesus-orientated church having a passion for the Bible and compassion for the world expressed through dynamic worship, love in action, the empowering of the servant Leader 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

26th February, 2023

Next Week's Roster

5th March, 2023

Preacher:	James
Leader (am):	Neil
Leader (pm):	James
Welcome:	Andrew
Manager:	Ray
Reader:	Coral
Musicians:	Brunetta & Ken
Kidz Connect:	Tina
Morning Tea:	Joy & Alison
Audio Desk (am):	Ralph
Audio Desk (pm):	Ralph
Camera :	Tim
Computer (am):	Rykhardt
Computer (pm):	Ralph
AV Editing:	Rykhardt

Preacher:	Jonathan
Leader (am):	Kathryn
Leader (pm):	*****
Welcome:	Bob
Manager:	John
Reader:	Barrie
Musician:	Heather
Kidz Connect:	Tina
Morning Tea:	Chris DeB. & Katherine
Audio Desk (am):	Ruan
Audio Desk (pm):	*****
Camera :	Lucinda
Computer (am):	Rykhardt
Computer (pm):	*****
AV Editing:	Jonathan

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Sunday, 26th February, 2023

First Sunday in Lent

Preacher:: Dr James Ross-Naylor

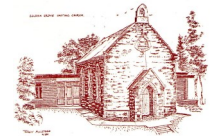
Theme: The Sacrifice of Repentance

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 51

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ
and nurture them through our church



Wars & Rumours of Wars

Jesus never said a truer word, stating that there would be “wars, rumours of wars.... [and] earthquakes” (Mt 24:6,7). We are living in the fulfilment of prophecy; and to varying degrees the world always has been ever since Christ’s first coming.

These upheavals are the way of things, and always have been. Jesus said two things about this: Firstly, the end of history is not yet, God the Father is the only One who knows the day, no one else will know until the very moment it happens, so don’t try and guess it (Mt 24:23-25).

Secondly, take notice of what these upheavals mean: everything we see in the world, and of human planning or strength, is uncertain and shakeable; and the only thing that is eternally certain and unshakeable is the truth and life of God and His kingdom (Mt 24:32-35).

The time when God concludes history may be at any time; and indeed, the perpetual shakings of history are symptoms of its impending nearness. And the end of each of our lives is a shortcut to that conclusion. Therefore, we are to be *always ready for it* – i.e., *always drawing our life from, trusting in, betting everything on,* the certain, unshakeable truth and life of God and His kingdom! (Mt 24:36-51)

Hope in Christ, Jonathan.

A PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF TURKIYE AND SYRIA

Almighty and gracious God,

We offer our prayers to you, the nations of Turkiye and Syria, shaken by violent earthquake and aftershocks.

We are reminded of our vulnerability as human creatures who inhabit this vast earth. As the ancient psalmist wrote, "You are our refuge and strength, an ever present help in times of trouble."

Please uphold those under whom the earth has just given way. Calm their fears and enable many to turn to You for help in their distress.

We pray for those in Turkiye and Syria who grieve the devastating loss of life; for the injured or traumatised; for those searching for survivors; for those whose property has been destroyed or livelihoods ruined. We ask for Your healing presence in their lives.

We ask You to speed access and to strengthen all those involved in search and rescue, and in care for the injured. We commend to You those who are working on the clean up. May shelter from the elements, with clean water, food and medical care be supplied as quickly as possible.

Be with the governments of these nations, and support efforts sent from other countries around the world, along with aid agencies, churches and other organisations, as they seek to serve. Sustain them through a time of tremendous stress.

We pray for Turkish and Syrian migrants among us in Australia who feel homesick and far away from loved ones at this time.

May generous gestures of practical aid and prayer support lift the spirits of those who hurt.

We give thanks to You, our God, for the blessing in our lives, especially for the gifts we so often take for granted until they are in danger of being taken from us — the gift of family, friends, a home, our possessions.

Help us to be generous with what we have for the sake of those in need. Most of all we praise You for the gift of Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life to all those who believe in Him. And we look for the time when You will wipe every tear away from our eyes, through Jesus Christ, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

(from Anglican Aid and Sandy Grant, Dean of Sydney)

FEBRUARY PREPARES TO MARCH

- First Sunday In Lent: Sunday, 26th February
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 26th February: 10.00 am
- Mission and Wider Work Barbecue: Sunday, 26th February
- Café Church: Sunday, 26th February: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 27th February: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 2nd March: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 2nd March: 10.30 am (at Brunelli's)
- Youth 3.16: Friday, 3rd March: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Online Games)
- Working Bee: Saturday, 4th March: 8.00 am
- Second Sunday In Lent: Sunday, 5th March
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 5th March: 10.00 am (Holy Communion)
- KYB: Monday, 6th March: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 9th March: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3.16: Friday, 10th March: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Picnic)
- Third Sunday In Lent: Sunday, 12th March
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 12th March: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 12th March: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 13th March: 10.00 am to 11.30 am

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A NOTE FROM LESLEY AND BARRIE

They have devised a new acronym: CEMO. It means Christ Has Elevated My Outlook. They wished to share this attribute to their faith with their church family.

HOLY COMMUNION

As we shall be celebrating Holy Communion next Sunday, we need to remind ourselves that it is a day on which we bring our donations for the needy.

Women's Fellowship

Do not forget to be at Brunelli's at 10.30 am this Thursday.