

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 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

8th October, 2023

Next Week's Roster

15th October, 2023

Preacher:	James
Leader (am):	James
Leader (pm):	David
Welcome:	Bob
Manager:	Ray
Reader:	Barrie
Musician:	Brunetta
Morning Tea:	Chris DeB. & Katherine
Audio Desk (am):	Ralph
Audio Desk (pm):	Ralph
Camera :	John
Computer (am):	Ralph
Computer (pm):	James
AV Editing:	Jonathan

Preacher:	Jonathan
Leader (am):	Jonathan
Leader (pm):	*****
Welcome:	Cath
Manager:	Neil
Reader:	Rykhardt
Musician:	Brunetta
Morning Tea:	Bob & Faye
Audio Desk (am):	Ruan
Audio Desk (pm):	*****
Camera :	Lucinda
Computer (am):	Rykhardt
Computer (pm):	*****
AV Editing:	Rykhaedt

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 more information.

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Sunday, 8th October, 2023

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Preacher:: **Doctor James Ross-Naylor**

Theme: **Generosity and Power**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 19: 1-10**



Mission Statement: We are a Gospel-driven, connected, generous church family, mission-minded and outwardly focussed.

Power and Responsibility

“With great power comes great responsibility” is a quotation that has entered the popular culture lexicon over the last couple of decades as a result in the Spider-Man franchise. However, the same idea has been around since biblical times! In Luke 12: 48, Jesus tells us that, “From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded.” If we *have anything – money, authority, ability, status - then more is expected of us as a result.*

We all know this. It’s why we’re so quick to get upset when people in positions of power don’t do their jobs right, from politicians to footy umpires. (Have any Adelaide Crows fans forgiven *that* goal umpire yet?!) But neither should we forget that we ourselves hold a lot of power in our hands, in our workplaces, in our families, in our material wealth and possessions that make us able to do things that many others in this world can’t. How do we use that power?

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Like many other things we have discussed in our Generosity series – forgiveness, hospitality, wealth and more – power is an important part of generosity. We must use our power, the power God has given us, generously. How, after all, did Jesus use His power? He came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19: 10). And He gave us the power to do even greater things than He did (John 14: 12).

So, let's be aware of the power we hold, and take our responsibilities seriously!

(Doctor James Ross-Naylor)

Thanksgiving Offering: Sunday, 15th October

Over the past seven weeks we have been focussing in our worship, Bible study and prayer on the radical generosity of God through Jesus Christ.

Such generosity from God towards us has to draw from our hearts limitless thanksgiving, and change our lives to be radically generous.

This means being generous with our love, forgiveness, friendship, time, abilities and money. In light of God's extravagant giving to us in Jesus, we ask every member of the church family to prayerfully consider what things you are thankful to God for, and how you want to give in response in all areas of your life.

We also invite you to express your thanksgiving in a special offering on the Sunday of 15th October. Please write on a piece of paper what you are most thankful for. (Don't write your names on them. They will remain anonymous.) Bring your written thanksgivings with your regular Sunday offerings. During the Worship we shall invite everybody, who would like to, to bring their offerings forward and place them in an offering basket at the front of the church.

You may also like to fill out a Ministry Gifts Survey form (available at the entrance of the church), and include this with your other offerings on 15th October. You can do this if you have not filled out one recently.

OCTOBER HAS CREPT UP ON US

- Café Church: Sunday, 8th October: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 12th October: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Referendum: Saturday, 14th October
- Sunday Morning Thanksgiving Service: Sunday, 15th October: 10.00 am
- Beginning of Term Four: Monday, 16th October
- KYB: Monday, 16th October: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 16th October: 2.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 19th October: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 20th October: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 22nd October: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 22nd October: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 23rd October: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 26th October: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 27th October: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 29th October: 10.00 am
- KYB: Monday, 30th October: 10.00 am to 11.30 am

Referendum Saturday: Next Saturday

Our church is to be used as a polling booth on 14th October. In order to raise much needed funds for us, we are setting up a barbecue, a cake stall and a bric-a-brac stall as well. If you would like to help on the stalls on the day, make some cakes or donate some goods for the stalls, please speak to a member of the Church Council. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Samaritan's Purse Boxes

Thank you to members of the congregation who have either taken a box to be filled or who have brought gifts to help fill the boxes. Some of the boxes are a little short on things to help fill them up. If you still wish to bring box fillers, suggestions for some items are as follows: rulers, tennis balls, tooth brushes, soap, note books, sticker books, clothes such as t-shirts, shorts or even a pair of thongs. The age groups are 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old and 10-14 years old for both boys and girls.

Thank you all once again.