

Vision Statement:

We see a Jesus-orientated church having a passion for the Bible Readings Testament and compassion for the world expressed through dynamic worship, love in action,

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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

22nd October, 2023

Next Week's Roster

29th October, 2023

Preacher:	James
Leader (am):	Kathryn
Leader (pm):	Jonathan
Welcome:	Faye
Manager:	John
Reader:	Andrew
Musician:	Brunetta
Morning Tea:	Trevor & Sandy
Audio Desk (am):	Ruan
Audio Desk (pm):	Ralph
Camera :	Lucinda
Computer (am):	Rykhardt
Computer (pm):	James
AV Editing:	Rykhaedt

Preacher:	Jonathan
Leader (am):	Neil
Leader (pm):	*****
Welcome:	Lila
Manager:	Ray
Reader:	Bob
Musician:	Brunetta
Morning Tea:	David & Linda
Audio Desk (am):	Ruan
Audio Desk (pm):	*****
Camera :	Tim
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Sunday, 22nd October, 2023

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

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

Theme: **Mission: Connected** :

Bible Readings: **Genesis 17: 1-7 and Matthew 22: 36-40**



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

Get Connected!

Have you ever heard someone say, *“He/she has friends in high places”*? Or, perhaps, *“It’s not what you know; it’s whom you know”*? As a young man with a fledgling career, I’m certainly finding out these statements are true, to my consternation! My skills and qualifications matter less than I thought they might while I was learning or pursuing them, *while networking – being connected with other people in my field of interest – matters a great deal more.*

This is true of life in general. What we do only gets us so far; even the world’s most successful people often feel empty inside. We need connection to thrive and grow. Time spent with others, such as family, friends and healthy working environments are often the most fulfilling experiences of our lives. And, of course, our most important connection is with God – something that Jesus (Matthew 22: 37- 40, John (1 John 4), Paul (1 Corinthians 12) and others all tell us is linked to connections with others. We are all part of the same body: He is the vine, we are the branches.

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Do you have a friend in the highest place of all? Do you know Him above anything else? How does that have an impact on your relationships? The recent pandemic has taught us above all else how important our church family is, where we are all together, despite any circumstance. Let's give it the priority it deserves, and get connected!

(Doctor James Ross-Naylor)

Generosity inAction

Our Fund Raiser Held on Saturday 14th October

Thank you, members of the congregation, for your wonderful *Generosity* in supporting the fund raiser held at our Church on Saturday 14th October.

With your support, either donating goods, or helping on the day, an amazing total of \$1077.66 was raised. \$877.66 has been added to our painting total, and the remaining \$200.00 was distributed to two overseas charities, \$100.00 to New Hope International and \$100.00 to support the Samaritan's Purse. Thank you once again for your support and *Generosity*.

Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes

Thank you once again to you, members of the congregation for supporting this venture by either filling a shoe box or bringing gifts for the children, or else donating the \$12.50 to send a shoe box. The boxes from you this year comprised 65 in total and a very *generous* amount of money, \$387.50, was sent. This included the \$100.00 from the fund raiser. Thank you also to the ladies of the Thursday night Bible Study group who gave up their time to help fill the boxes with your *generous* gifts.

OCTOBER IS PREPARING TO DISAPPEAR

- 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 (Art Challenge)
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 29th October: 10.00 am
- KYB: Monday, 30th October: 10.00 am to 11.30 am

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A Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

God of justice, bless those who work for peace through justice. Strengthen their resolve in the face of seemingly endless violence. Guide the leaders of the people of the Middle East to know Your will and to support a just peace for all of your children.

God of love, lifting up the Holy Land for all humankind, breathe love and compassion into our prayers with a desire for nothing other than peace, peace in our hearts, peace for all creation, and especially peace in the land that is called holy.

God of hope, we lift up the city of Jerusalem, distracted and divided, yet still filled with promise like all the cities of the world. Come again into our cities, places of worship, Upper Rooms and Gethsemanes, that we may be given sight to recognise You.

God of mercy, even as we long to understand that which is often beyond our comprehension, we lay before You the hearts, minds and bodies of all those suffering from conflict in Palestine and Israel and from the ongoing occupation. Shower upon all the people of the Holy Land the spirit of justice and reconciliation.

God of the nations, give to all our people the blessings of well-being, freedom, and harmony, and, above all things, give us faith in You that we may be strengthened to care for all those in need until the coming of Your Son, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

(Church of Scotland: Prayers for Israel and Palestine)