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### Maintenance Programme

On the table at the back of the church and in the hall, you will find blue envelopes marked *Maintenance Programme*. These are there for anyone who is able to contribute towards the ongoing cost of maintaining our church. Your donations are gratefully appreciated and can be placed in the Offering Bags.

### 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.

\*\* Payments can now be made by EFTPOS on Sunday.

#### Today

Leader—Jonathan

Welcome—Cath

Musician—Videos

Technical Crew—Ruan, Lucinda,

Rykhardt

Editing—Jonathan

Morning Tea—Bob and Faye

#### Next Week

Leader—Rykhardt (am), James (pm)

Reader—Tina

Welcome—Faye

Musician—Brunetta

Technical Crew—Ruan (am), Ralph (pm), John, Lucinda (am), Ralph (pm)

Editing—Rykhardt

Morning Tea—Ken and Owen



## The Weekly Word

Sunday 16th June 2024

### Mission Statement

We are a Gospel-driven, connected, generous church family, mission-minded and outwardly focused.

#### Today

Preacher—Jonathan

Reader—Rykhardt

Theme— Building up the Body

Reading : Ephesians 4:1-16

### **Grow Up**

We have a three-year-old grandson. He is starting to assert his autonomy, mostly with his dad and mum, but also to a lesser extent with his grandpa and grandma. His mum did the same at his age, but she has become quite a reasonable human being, able to get along well with people. She has *grown up*.

Through the forgiving grace of Jesus, He has removed everything that divides us from God and each other and remade our humanity in unity with God and all people (Ephesians 2:13). He has given our remade humanity back to us by the power of the Holy Spirit. By faith we are now able to live in genuine, heartfelt unity with one another.

Yet, in the church we can still act like immature three-year-olds, insisting on getting our own way and throwing temper tantrums when we don't. In Ephesians 4, Paul equates Christian "maturity" with truly living out and practicing genuine unity with our Christian brothers and sisters - *all of them* (vv13; 2-6).

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As soon as we have Christian faith, we have up front by grace, "every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms" (Ephesians 1:3) - key among which is a new life in unity with God and others. But for any gift to be real and benefit us, we must unwrap it, take hold of it, and use it - put it into practice. i.e., we have to stop being self-centred, give up "holding our ground", and (when it isn't morally or spiritually wrong) let others have their way before us.

This is the only way to live in real unity with other human beings, be truly mature as Christians, and to know the full blessing of Jesus in our lives.

*Grace upon grace, Jonathan.*

30 seconds with.....

**Renee (Youth leader at Youth 3:16)**

Favourite colour — pink

Favourite food — lasagne

Favourite movie — Alpha (about a friendship between a wolf and a boy)

Favourite childhood Bible story — Samson

Favourite animal— cat

Favourite place to visit — Blowhole Beach—Deep Creek

If you could travel to any country where would it be? -Italy

If you could have a chat with someone famous ,who and why? Jesus—to get the answers of everything in the world.

Proudest moment — getting accepted into Uni.



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Dear Renee,  
Enjoy your day!

Love from your church family

connected

Youth 3:16

mission-minded



Gospel driven



outwardly focused



Important Dates

Church Council Meeting Tuesday 18th June 7:00pm

Youth 3:16 **Friday 21st June Disco Party** 6:15 to 8:15

Café Church Sunday 23rd June 6pm