



21st January 2024 Rev Sandra Warner

Welcome

All hail the power of Jesus' name

Prayer

Notices

Offering/Dedication

Ye Servants of God

Children's Talk and Song

Prayers for Others Elizabeth Hockly

Bible Reading Jonah 3:1-10, Mark 1:14-20 Ron Buller

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult

Sermon Renewal notices

O Jesus I have promised

Blessing

Benediction Now unto Him

There is prayer available at the front, after the service -

Door:

Pianist: Carla Hetheron

Organist:

Sound: Ken Camp

Sunday Security: Janet Freeman

Reader: Ron Buller

Intercessory Prayer: Elizabeth Hockly

Night Security: Paul Warner



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THE COMING WEEK

Monday

Tuesday 10.00 am Justice of the Peace

Wednesday 2.00 pm Home group Neville and Glynnis

Thursday 9.45am Bible Study in creche

Friday 9.00 am Prayer meeting in crèche

10.00 am Cuppa & Chat

Sunday 9.15 am Prayers

Basement Boutique hours Wed/Thurs/Fri 10.00 am—4.00 pm: Sat 10.00am-1.00pm

Prayer Chain : We are available to pray for you, your friends and families in your joys and concerns. Please contact Glynnis Wilson (576 4814) or the office.

Kyrgyzstan -

Pray that believers will find ways to witness in any circumstance.

Project Uplift

Basement Boutique are collecting bras for the islands - in any condition - they are mended and or fixed. Project Uplift will take all. And new undies. Hand into office.

Roster for 28th Jan

Elder on Duty : Keith Bradbury and Pam Brown

Preaching: Rev Sandra Warner

Prayer for Others: Ken Camp

Bible Reading: Glennis Smith

Sound: Paul Warner

Door:

Security: Keith Bradbury

Night Watchman - Paul Warner

Prayer at front duty - Romy

If you can't do your duty, please let the office know. Thank you.

Please consider leaving St Columba a gift in your will so as to enable us to continue spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and all His benefits.

1 From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God.

2 He said:

*"In my distress I called to the Lord,
and he answered me.*

*From deep in the realm of the dead I
called for help,
and you listened to my cry.*

3 You hurled me into the depths,
into the very heart of the seas,
and the currents swirled about me;
all your waves and breakers
swept over me.

4 I said, 'I have been banished
from your sight;
yet I will look again
toward your holy temple.'

5 The engulfing waters threatened
me, the deep surrounded me;
seaweed was wrapped around my
head.

6 To the roots of the mountains I sank
down; the earth beneath barred me
in forever.

*But you, Lord my God,
brought my life up from the pit.*

7 "When my life was ebbing away,
I remembered you, Lord,
and my prayer rose to you,
to your holy temple.

8 "Those who cling to worthless idols
turn away from God's love for
them.

9 But I, with shouts of grateful praise,
will sacrifice to you.

*What I have vowed I will make good.
I will say, 'Salvation comes from
the Lord.'"*

Jonah 2:1-9



You may have come in the past to the lovely sunrise Easter Day communion service down at the reserve in Beach Road. We watch the sun come up over the Mount as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord with bread and fish. It is a glorious time. Covid and the period after Donald retired put it on hold.

We are delighted to re-start this service for Easter Day 2024, the last day of March, before the clocks change.

Please reply to let me know if you would like to come. More details later.

Blessings Janet Freeman

Renewal Notices

The Bible is full of amazing stories of God sending out renewal notices, inviting people to change, and we have two examples this morning in our readings from the book of Jonah and in Marks Gospel.

In the book of Jonah, we see the reluctant prophet was God's renewal notice to the city of Nineveh. After initially refusing to obey God, he finally obeys and, in the end, the people listened, repented and were saved.

In Marks Gospel we see Jesus beginning his ministry by inviting the fisherman to partner with Him in proclaiming: *The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. (Mark1:15).*

Just as God sent the city of Nineveh a renewal notice through the prophet Jonah, and just as Jesus called the fishermen to follow him in spreading the word about God's offer of renewal, so Jesus also comes to us this morning inviting us to accept the spiritual renewal he offers.

This invitation can come to us in various ways. God is very creative in the ways He communicates with us, and He can easily get our attention providing we are listening to Him.

Jonah could have decided to disobey God's word. But he didn't. The fishermen could have ignored Jesus' call to them. But they didn't. Thankfully they listened and obediently followed God's instructions and lives were changed, people saved.

The same applies to us. God calls us into an ever-deepening relationship with Himself.

So, have you heard God's call to you?

And when you do, will you answer?



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