

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 crèche Friday 9.00 am Prayer meeting in crèche 10.00 am Cuppa & Chat in lounge Sunday 9.15 am Prayers Basement Boutique hours Wed/Thurs/Fri 10.00 am—4.00 pm: Saturday 10.00am-1.00pm Agm Reports are due. If you manage any kind of group, I'd love a short report of your year please by the end of July.

Roster for 28th July with Rev Sandra Warner

Elder on Duty: Neville Wilson and Janet Freeman Musicians: Joy and Alison Prayers for Others: Romy Morgenrood Bible Reading: James Alexander Sound: Sam Jang Door: Keith Bradbury and Pam Brown Security: Mary Findlay Night Watchman: Paul Warner Prayer at front duty: Pam Morning Tea: 21/28th Rosemary and Neville and Alison W



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

If you would like to do your giving through the internet please use the following ANZ bank account with your giving number in the reference.



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.

Basement Boutique would like any wool or material that is no longer needed. Kitchen utensils, linen, books are popular too. Please drop at the office or down to the boutique.

Basement Boutique—would like some volunteers for the shop, it is a privilege to work along side members of the community. It is also fun to interact with our colourful community. Please see Jennifer or Eleanor with your enthusiasm!

Sharing the love of Christ, one sale at a time.

OPERATION COVER UP

Knitted Blanket

Preferred Blanket Size: At least 160cm x 140cm

<u>Use</u>: size 8 (4mm) needles DK (8py yarn) <u>Cast on:</u> 40 stitches and knit in garter stitch (every row knit)

Knit for 80 rows (40 ridges) Cast off – each square measures approx 20cm x 20cm

56 squares sewn together make blanket (8 squares H x 7 squares W)

or

knit 7 strips consisting of 8 squares – and sew the 7 strips together to form a blanket 160cm x 140cm

Jenny Doyle 0276549434 *Keeping Ukraine Refugees warm* Ukraine, Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Moldova, Romania

Under - 25 degrees C in winter



Taking Offence

In today's reading from Marks Gospel, we see that Jesus has returned home to Nazareth. On the Sabbath he was teaching in the synagogue and many who heard him were astounded at his teaching.

Mark writes that "*they took offense at Him*". So much so, that he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people

and cured them. We are told that Jesus was amazed at their unbelief. Their familiarity with him and his family effectively blinded them to his God given purpose.

This story challenges us to reflect upon how we see and experience Jesus too.

As regular church attenders we are well versed in church culture. We also know the stories in the Bible.

But sometimes our familiarity with all this fuels our own set of expectations of Jesus and how we think he should act.

Jesus didn't come to only talk and teach. He came with the power of God to change hearts and lives. This power was extremely evident throughout the New Testament as the gospel was proclaimed by his disciples.

And this should be the norm for us because we are the Body of Christ too. There should be no doubt that God is here and active in our midst – healing, restoring, saving.

It would be very sad if the church missed seeing God's power working among us due to unbelief.

May we not take offence at Jesus when he doesn't act as we think he should.



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