



13th September 2020 Rev Donald Hegan

Welcome & Call To Worship

Songs: King of Kings and Lord of Lords SK 409

Praise is Rising

Be still for the presence of the Lord

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

Announcements and sharing

God Moment: John Rentz - Translating the Bible

Offerings and Dedication

Hymn: Standing on the promises MP 932

Prayers for Others: Avis Parker

Readings: Acts 1:1-9; pg 1690, 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 pg 1789

Ruth Kenyon-Slade

Hymn: Jesus loves me this is Know WOV 166

Sermon: Faith For Today: How Reliable Is The Bible?

Hymn: God of the Bible FFS25

Benediction May the Lord, Mighty God

Elders on Duty for September Neville Wilson and Keith Bradbury

Organist John Carter

Pianist Rosemary Harris

Door Greeting Neville Harris and
Ruth Kenyon Slade

Security 2nd Week Ron Buller

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

THE COMING WEEK (3rd)

Monday	7.00 pm	Indoor Bowls
Tuesday	9.00 am— 9.25 am:	Staff Meeting, Donald's office
	10.30 am	Preschool Playgroup in the lounge
	3.00 pm	Service at Radius Matua. All welcome
Wednesday	9.30 am	Care & Craft in hall
	10.00 am	O Team meets in crèche
	2.00 pm	Mitchell Court service
Thursday	10.00 am	Conversation Café in the hall
Friday	9.00 am	Prayer meeting in crèche
	10.00 am	Cuppa & Chat in lounge
Sunday	8.45 am	Prayers
Wed/Thurs/Fri	10.00 am—4.00 pm:	Basement Boutique

Operation Christmas Child - what an exciting shoebox to fill!

Please have them return filled to me in the office by the 25th September. If you have any questions please ask Ruth.

These boxes go to the Pacific Islands for Christmas.

Cleaning Roster - Please consider the cleaning roster as a way to serve. Commercial cleaners clean the rest of the top floor of the building.

The roster is for two weeks every 3 months.

Please see Mary if you are interested.

Health and Safety We are being advised to wear masks in confined public spaces. I am concerned that some people are not taking care of their masks. Please be aware once your mask has been worn it will have your "bugs" on it and there is a possibility it may have been infected by someone else. I would recommend you treat it like your "cold" infected handkerchief. Please make every attempt to keep the mask untouched by hands -using the elastic to remove it-and I suggest carrying a plastic bag to put it in when it has been used. The aim is to protect yourself and others from the spread of the droplet infections.

Depending on the mask; disposal (in a bag) or washing it regularly is important too. Keep safe.

Favourite Hymn Sunday 4th October 9.30am - Mature and Marvelous

We will be celebrating Seniors - Come and enjoy this service and feel the Passion!

The Basement Boutique held their AGM on Monday 7th September and the standing committee was re-elected unopposed:-

Chairperson - Jennifer Day

Secretary - Eleanor Burkin

Treasurer - Mary Gordon

Committee - Lorraine Hughes & Erin Stubbs

Faith For Today Pt.V: How Reliable Is The Bible?

1.Biblical scholarship: Clear streams and polluted waters

Many have undertaken to draw up an account... Luke 1:1

Anne Rice, *Discovered the worst and most biased scholarship*

The quest for the historical Jesus has been seriously misled by much poor scholarship and distorted beyond recognition by recent pseudo- scholarship. James D. G. Dunn

2. Is The life of Jesus — legend or history?

I ...have carefully investigated everything... Luke 1:3

Two generations for legend to ...to develop A. N. Sherwin-White

- Gospels written between AD 60 and 95
- Paul's letters 15-25 years after death of Jesus
- Julius Caesar life by Suetonius, 150 year gap
- Alexander the Great, 400 year gap

3.The Gospels embody eyewitness testimony

He appeared to more than five hundred ... at the same time, most of ... still living, 1 Corinthians 15:6

Mark companion of Peter
Luke "carefully investigated"

Written when living eyewitnesses becoming scarce Richard Bauckham

Bartimaeus (Mark 10: 46-52)

Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

Cleopas and his companion (Luke 24: 13-35)

Paul 500 witnesses were still alive

The Reliability of the Bible

I asked Rev John to give us an example of the care that goes into Bible translation, if we are going to have confidence in its message. For the emphasis is getting the scriptures to people in their own languages. He gave me these examples. Ian Vail came from an atheist background; but Bible bashing never helped him. But when he was confronted with the evidence for the Scriptures' reliability, and discovered the loopholes in his own theories, he eventually surrendered his life to God.

Cotabato Manobo
(Southern Philippines)

"He was putting
the people into
the water. The
good ones floated
and were okay.
The bad ones
drowned."



In his seminar entitled God's Awesome Book he explains the importance/value of consultant checking. The translation advisor had worked with a team of local translators amongst the Cotabato Manobo people in the Philippines to produce a good translation. But the consultant knew to look for problems in Mark 1:4: *And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins* (NIV).

After asking the local translator to read aloud that verse to a native speaker of the language, the consultant asked the speaker to answer this question: what was John doing? When the speaker gave the answer (quoted above), the team realised the translation wasn't communicating accurately, and required major revision! I understand there are places in PNG where villages slaughtered all their goats after reading Matthew 25. There WILL shortcomings in every translation. BUT we work hard to minimise them!

In spite of these examples, there are still people who advocate for teaching folks a language of wider communication, like English, rather than invest the time and effort in vernacular translation.

May God bless your time together on Sunday!

Rev John

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