



**19th July 2020 Rev Donald Hegan**

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**Welcome to worship**

**Call To Worship**

**Songs**

I will sing unto the Lord

How Great is our God

When I Look into Your Holiness

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

**Announcements and Notices**

**God Moment**

**Offerings and Dedication**

**Hymn** Count our blessings (When upon Life's billows)

**Prayers for Others** Neville Wilson

**Readings** Genesis 48:1-22; Genesis 49:1-2 Pg. 80 & 81, Maria West

**Hymn** Aaronic Blessing

**Sermon** The Long Journey Celebrated with Blessing

**Hymn** Tell me the old old story

**Benediction** May God's blessing

**Elders on Duty for July** Janet Freeman and Neville Harris

**Organist** Len Hockly

**Pianist** Joy Smith

**Door Greeting** Keith and Lynette Bradbury

**Security** 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
	3.00 pm	Service at Radius Matua. All welcome
Wednesday	2.00 pm	Mitchell Court service
Thursday	9.45am	Bible Study in Crèche
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

## SIGN UP SIGN UP!

### Mens Breakfast 25th July 8.00am \$5

#### RSVP to the office by the 21st

Michelle Hatton from BNZ is speaking about current banking trends eg digital, cheques scams and personal security



**Fitness Fun** is on Tuesdays at 9.30am in the hall - everyone is welcome

**Care an Craft** is starting on the 22nd of July from 9am - everyone is welcome.

**Golden Years** is coming up on the 30 July at 2pm.

## AGM

The AGM has been set for 30 August.

Reports need to be into the office by the week commencing 16 August or earlier.

**Thursday morning bible study** will resume this week on the 23rd July

## Kairos Course

Ever wondered how YOU might be involved in fulfilling Jesus' command to *make disciples of all nations*? **The Kairos Course** could be the answer! This 9 session interactive study on the World Christian Movement can change the way you see the world, the Church, and God's plan for both. Course begins Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July, at City Church (252 Otumoetai Road). Cost is \$90. For more info, contact John Rentz (975 0781).

# The Long Journey Celebrated with Blessing

## 1. Final instructions and blessing

*He blessed Joseph and said, ... the God who has been my shepherd all my life 48:15*

God would take them out of Egypt

Jacob's last significant act as a patriarch

Both Jacob and Israel, child of God and child of the flesh

Gave them the appropriate blessing

## 2. To Bless

*This is what their father said to them when he blessed them, ... v.28*

Bless "speak well of another."

In speak blessing we become channels of God's grace

### a. Spoken Message

We can speak life-giving blessings no one else can

Must be authentic

We affirm what God is doing and will do

### b. Meaningful Touch

Connect the spoken word and our love

Jesus "took them in his arms, put his hands upon them blessed them" Mark 10:16

Infuses our words with a power and authenticates the message of mind, heart and spirit

Opens the way for the flow of life-giving words

## Let's Celebrate Reconciliation

As we have journeyed with Joseph and his family we have seen the importance of families being reconciled with each. We all need to seek forgiveness if we have hurt others and to offer forgiveness ourselves. But it is not just for families but communities and nations. I have been intrigued to see that South Africa has a day called "Reconciliation Day." This is a public holiday in held annually on 16 December. The holiday came into effect in 1995 after the end of apartheid, with the intention of fostering reconciliation and national unity for the country. The date was chosen because it was significant to both Afrikaner and African cultures. The government recognised the need for racial harmony.



The celebration of the Day of Reconciliation can take the form of remembering past history, recognising veteran's contributions, marching, and other festivities. The origins of the celebration for the Afrikaners goes back to the Day of the Vow, celebrated on 16 December 1864 in commemoration of the Voortrekker victory over the Zulus at the Battle of Blood River. For African people, the date has been significant as one of both peaceful protests against racial injustice and of the founding of the more militant "uMkhonto we Sizwe" by the African National Congress (ANC) on 16 December 1961. Nelson Mandela and the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission chose a day that was special to both ethnic groups in the country in order to work on healing the damage done by apartheid.

I also discovered that the Red Cross in Australia is hosting reconciliation events across the country. Their pledge is to make reconciliation a reality. In their statement they said, Red Cross walks alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and organisations. We support their healing, celebrate their contributions, empower their voice and together work towards ending

In the light of the "I can't breathe movement" prompted by the sickening murder of George Floyd has ignited a world wide movement. This is a challenge for us all to examine our own attitudes to other races and to embrace the truth Jesus loves and died for all people. We are all one created in the image of God so let us promote reconciliation with Let's start today.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders in Red Cross on reconciliation and the moments that have moved them to reflect, to act and to lead.

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