



20th September 2020 Rev Donald Hegan

Welcome & Call To Worship

Songs: Come People of the Risen King
Praise is Rising
Isn't He MP 344

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

Announcements and sharing

God Moment:

Offerings and Dedication

Hymn: God has spoken by his prophets WOV 92

Prayers for Others: Elizabeth Hockly

Readings: Matthew 26:69-75; pg 1546 2 Timothy 4:11-22; pg 1856
Glennis Smith

Hymn: May the mind WOV 537

Sermon: Faith for Today VI: How Reliable is the Bible 2?

Hymn: Thanks to God whose word was spoken WOV 339

Benediction May the Lord, Mighty God

Elders on Duty for September Neville Wilson and Keith Bradbury

Organist Len Hockly

Pianist Rosemary Harris

Door Greeting Neville Harris and

Ruth Kenyon Slade

Security 3rd Week Janet
Freeman

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 (4th)

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| Monday | 7.00 pm | Indoor Bowls |
| Tuesday | 9 am– 9.25 am: | Staff Meeting, Donald's office |
| | 10.30 am | Preschool Playgroup in the lounge |
| 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 Marvellous

We will be celebrating the International Day of the Senior - Come and enjoy this service and feel the Passion!

In Transit - Sunday 1st November 9.30am

A great Christian band! They are coming for the 4th time to St Columba.

In Transit bring an inspiring gospel message through music and scripture. Enjoyment Plus!



Faith for Today VI: How Reliable is the Bible Pt2?

1.The reliability of the eyewitnesses

Bring ... my scrolls, especially the parchments. 2 Timothy 4:13

Memorization was fundamental

Oral societies distinguish between fictional tales & historical accounts. Jan Vansina

Parchment notebooks were used

2.The embarrassment factor

He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!" Mat 26:72

Twelve apostles at times petty, lacking in faith and cowardly

Women first witnesses of the resurrection

Major focus on Jesus' crucifixion difficult for Jews to accept. Deut 21:22-23

3.The Gospels have realistic narrative

Surely you are one of them, for your accent gives you away." Mat 26:73

Biblical critics, ... lack literary judgement, ... about the very quality of the texts they are reading. C. S. Lewis

Gospel accounts have no precedent in ancient fiction

4.The importance of eyewitness testimony

"I don't know the man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. Mat 26:74

How do we know Hillary and Sherpa climbed Mt Everest?

Trust eyewitnesses and move beyond our present comprehension or experience

Thun-derstruck by the extraordinary reality of the man ...in the Gospels. Scott Peck

Our Glorious Book

William Tyndall passionately believe that even the plough boy behind a pair of oxen should have a Bible to read. But in 1524 it was illegal to have an unauthorised translation of the Bible. He asked the Bishop of London for permission to translate the Bible and when he was refused permission he sailed for Germany. In Hamburg, he worked on the New Testament, and in Cologne, he found a printer who would print the work.

However, his press was raided. But he managed to escape with the pages already printed and made his way to the German city Worms where the New Testament was soon published. Six thousand copies were printed and smuggled into England. The bishops did everything they could to eradicate the Bibles -- Bishop Tunstall had copies ceremoniously burned at St. Paul's; the archbishop of Canterbury bought up copies to destroy them. Tyndale used the money to print improved editions!



King Henry VIII, offered Tyndale a safe passage to England to serve as his writer and scholar. But he refused to return until the Bible could be legally translated into English. He began translating the Old Testament in Antwerp while the King's agents searched all over England and Europe for him. He was eventually betrayed and strangled for heresy, for believing, among other things, in the forgiveness of sins and that the mercy offered in the gospel was enough for salvation. His last prayer was "Lord, open the King of England's eyes." Three years later, in 1539, Henry VIII required every parish church in England to make a copy of the English Bible available to its parishioners.*

My friends to have and read the Bible is a glorious privilege. Use Bible notes and devotionals to help you to read this life changing book.

<https://www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1501-1600/translator-william-tyndale-strangled-and-burned-11629961.html>

Finances for the month of August 2020

Giving \$9446

Other income \$11490

Expenses \$22300

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