



5th July 2020 Rev Donald Hegan

Welcome to worship

Call To Worship

Songs

Come now is the time to worship

As the deer pants for the water

My hope is built on nothing less

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Announcements and Notices

God Moment

Offerings and Dedication

Hymn Tell out my soul

Prayers for Others Elizabeth Hockly

Readings Genesis 44:14-34, Pg 74 - Fae Oates

Hymn I heard the voice of Jesus say

Sermon The Long Journey Towards Reconciliation Achieved

Hymn All to Jesus I surrender

Benediction Our Worship is Finished



Elders on Duty for July Janet Freeman and Neville Harris

Organist Len Hockly

Pianist Rosemary Harris

Door Greeting Keith and Lynette Bradbury

Security Brian Carr

Check out our website for the sermon and other events... it's changing regularly ...

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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 (1st)

Monday	7.00 pm	Indoor Bowls
Tuesday	9.00 am– 9.25 am:	Staff Meeting, Donald's office
	1.30 pm	Session—crèche
Wednesday		
Thursday	9.45am	Bible Study in the crèche (break for holidays next one 23rd July)
Friday	9.00 am	Prayer meeting in crèche
	10.00 an	Cuppa & Chat in lounge
Saturday	8.30am	WOW breakfast
Sunday	8.45 am	Prayers
Wed/Thurs/Fri	10.00 am—4.00 pm:	Basement Boutique

Working bee team!

Thank you all for your efforts on Tuesday morning. Thank you to Glennis and Rosalie who de weeded the front garden and rockery. Many cheers go to Keith who beavered away at the tree with the chainsaw and Donald and Mel who swung off ropes encouraging the tree to fall away from the building.... And Neville who water-blasted everything in sight. Check out the photos in your email or on the power point . Thank you TEAM for your great job!

SIGN UP SIGN UP!

WOW Breakfast: All women and your friends, welcome to attend. 8.30 am in the Church hall. Note the later time. **8.30am on the 11 July!**

Guest Speaker: Kate McCarthy - personal historian who creates 'Forget Me Not' life stories. Please fill out

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SATURDAY

25th July

2020



clipboard, or let the office know.

RSVP to the office by the

21st



Current banking trends eg digital, cheques scams and personal security

The Long Road to Reconciliation Achieved

1. Recognition of his brothers (vv. 1-4)

And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, v.2

Joseph did not cruelly manipulate his brothers

Brothers were (bahal) amazed, frightened, terrified

Joseph asked them to come closer and weeps uncontrollably

2. Reassurance to his brothers (vv. 5-8)

not you who sent me here, but God. v.8

God had overruled his brother's cruelty

Was Joseph in Egypt because of sin or God's plan?

Free will and predestination meet in practical harmony!

3. Reconciliation with his brothers (vv. 14-15).

And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. v.15

hidden sin revealed, forgiveness granted, mercy and truth meet

Joseph arranged for his family to be relocated to Goshen

Joseph's story is a beautiful picture of what Jesus has done for sinners

God's Providence

The citizens of Feldkirch, Austria, didn't know what to do. Napoleon's massive army was preparing to attack. Soldiers had been spotted on the heights above the little town, which was situated on the Austrian border. A council of citizens was hastily summoned to decide whether they should try to defend themselves or display the white flag of surrender. It happened to be Easter Sunday, and the people had gathered in the local church. The pastor rose and said, "Friends, we have been counting on our own strength, and apparently that has failed. As this is the day of our Lord's resurrection, let us just ring the bells, have our services as usual, and leave the matter in His hands. We know only our weakness, and not the power of God to defend us." The council accepted his plan and the church bells rang. The enemy, hearing the sudden ringing of the bells, concluded that the Austrian army had arrived during the night to defend the town. Before the service ended, the enemy broke camp and left.



We find through experience and the teaching of the scripture that the eternal God, who made and governs this universe, has a personal investment in it through the person of his Son Jesus Christ. Through Jesus God is forming a caring, all-encompassing plan that is being worked out. This is God's providence as we have seen in the story of Joseph.

This should evoke from us then, not curiosity and speculation, but faith, praise, and trust. My friends, God is always working out His will in our lives; we need to stop being preoccupied with visible people and circumstances, and by faith start believing in God's invisible Hand in our lives. Praise and glory be to His Name!

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