



6th September 2020 Rev Donald Hegan

Welcome & Call To Worship

Songs: Kings of kings
When I look into your holiness
Be still for the presence of the Lord

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

Announcements and sharing

God Moment:

Offerings and Dedication

Hymn: Let all the World WOV 13

Prayers for Others: Maria West

Readings: Matthew 5:22-34; Hebrews 1:1-14 **Janet Freeman**

Hymn: Lord your Almighty Word WOV 61

Sermon: God Reveals God's Self

Hymn: O Worship the King All Glorious WOV67

Benediction

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 5th Week Brian Carr

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 (2nd)

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 ON HOLD
Thursday	9.45am	Bible Study - Crèche
Friday	9.00 am	Prayer meeting in crèche
	10.00 am	Cuppa & Chat in lounge
Saturday		WOW breakfast - cancelled
Sunday	8.45 am	Prayers
Sunday	9.30am	COMMUNION
Wed/Thurs/Fri	10.00 am—4.00 pm:	Basement Boutique

Today is Father's Day!! Happy Dad's Day! Let's celebrate all Dad's in our lives. Those who have impacted us through our upbringing, those who have fostered love in others.

Basement Boutique AGM

The AGM of the Basement Boutique is to be held on Monday 7th September at 10.00am in the Lounge. All invited.

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.

WOW Breakfast for Sept 12th has been cancelled

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.



God Reveals God's Self

1. Revelation in nature

God's invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, ...from what has been made" Rom 1: 20.

what we do and treat others reveal much

Natural world a "flawed" mirror. James K Baxter

2. Revelation in History

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, Gal 4:4

OT revelation of God in history. NT revelation of God in Jesus

I did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous ... for you were the fewest of all peoples. Deut 7:7

The Bible places their kings and prophets alongside super powers

Pax Romana: Roman peace, the ideal setting for the message of Jesus

3. A magical book or revelation through humanity.

... I mourn and am overcome with grief. Jere 8:21

Biblia: books. Bible is a library of books of diverse literary forms over many centuries and different authors

Lex talionis "an eye for an ..." justice that was appropriate and proportional

You have heard that it was said ... But I tell you

The Bible

It has an amazing history, surviving wars, disasters, language changes and culture shifts.

In ancient times, the stories of God were passed down through generations by word of mouth as early as 1,400 BC. The recording of all the books in the Old Testament took hundreds of years. Once they were all written down, the process of collecting them all together probably began around 400 BC.

All Christian communities have accepted the 39 books in the Old Testament. Catholic Christians also use an additional seven books, plus some extra material in the books of Daniel and Esther. Orthodox Christians accept ten or more additional books as well as the additional material in Daniel and Esther.

The printing press eventually made the Bible more accessible to all. Above is a copy of the Guttenberg Bible, one of the first books ever printed.

When it comes to the New Testament, the majority of Christians agree that the New Testament contains 27 books. The first century AD saw the beginnings of a collection of Christian Scriptures, with two types of document – accounts of the life of Jesus and letters. Paul began writing the first parts of the New Testament possibly as early as 20 years after Jesus' death. The rest of the New Testament was written between about 50 – 100 AD.

The first translation of the whole Bible into English was done by John Wycliffe in about 1380. In 1526 William Tyndale produced the first printed New Testament in English. The Bible was first translated into Māori by Christian missionaries who began arriving in New Zealand in 1814. The first Māori New Testament was printed at Paihia in 1837 and the first full Māori Bible was printed in 1868. Today, only 542 of the world's 6901 languages have a full Bible. The New Testament is available in about 1,897 languages. Sadly, about 500 million people still have no part of Scripture translated into their language yet. Bible Societies around the world are working hard to change this.

Adapted from the Bible Society
<https://biblesociety.org.nz/discover-the-bible/origins-of-the-bible/>



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