

A COMMUNITY CHURCH WITH A *BIG* HEART

7 July 2019

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

This beautiful hymn was written by John Newton in 1779. He was once a slave trader, then converted to Christianity. He wrote this hymn as his summing up of the doctrine of grace for every Christian.

In the fifth century there was much debate over the role of God's grace in Salvation. Augustine of Hippo argued that people were unable to save themselves and were therefore wholly dependent on divine grace for salvation. Pelagius, a British Monk disagreed and said humans had the ability to believe and obey. Debates over grace continued in the ensuing centuries. However, most theologians in the history of the Church have rightly recognized the need of divine grace for salvation.

What is grace? Grace is the unearned favour and enabling power of God. Salvation comes not through a person's ability to perform a certain number of good works, but rather through a relationship with God by faith in Jesus Christ.

Grace and mercy lie at the heart of the Christian faith. God is the author and source of both. By grace, He gives undeserved blessings to His people, enabling them to walk in His will. By mercy, He refrains from imposing the punishment they deserve. Both grace and mercy are received through faith.

The fullest expression of God's special grace is Christ's death on the cross and His resurrection. Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

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SUNDAYS

Sunday Services

July 7th Preacher Judi.
Readings: 2 Kings 5:1-14 Noel Galatians 6:7-16 Di

July 14th Preacher Judi
Readings: Amos 7:7-17 Bob Colossians 1:1-14 Marg



ALPHA Our first session commenced on Monday evening with 10 participants attending. We were blessed with a lovely meal of soup and spaghetti served by our Wednesday chef Tony and his lovely wife Lyn.

Next Monday we will be exploring the question: ***“Who is Jesus?”***

Anyone is welcome to join us. You are welcome to BYO meal or plate to share for dinner at 5.30pm for informal chat, followed by our 2nd session.

Parishioner Update: Ethel welcomes visitors as she waits the calling of her Lord. Carol Fudge had a fall and is currently in the rehabilitation ward of Casey Hospital. Judi is maintaining contact with Carol’s nephew Nigel who is due to arrive from Ireland in a few weeks.

Donations for Pantry: We received a couple of boxes of suitable items for our pantry donated by Medical and Aged Care Parkdale. This is a new partnership we have developed.

However, we still require ongoing donations for our pantry as numbers creep up each week for those experiencing food and financial insecurity.

Kingston Library Visit: Karen from Kingston Library Chelsea popped in on Wednesday to provide flyers and information about the services that the Library provides. She had opportunities to chat with many of our participants and this partnership will continue. The library offers lots of free resources, is a warm place to go in winter and a cool place to sit in summer.

Marlowe Calleja and her colleague from APM Employment Services will be visiting our Breakfast on Wednesday July 10th to answer any questions people may wish to ask regarding their service. APM are Australia’s largest provider of Disability Employment Services with a proven track record of helping people with an injury, illness or disability to successfully find work.

Prison Network are our mission focus for the month of July. If you are able to place some funds in the special envelope Leah will collect at the end of July to give to this wonderful cause.

PRAYER ROOM/LOUNGE

PRAYER MEETING

Friday’s at 10am for 1/2 hour. All are welcome.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY -

Friday’s 10:30 - 1130am followed by a cuppa in one of the local cafes when time permits.

Don’t forget ladies you can join bible study at any time and all is confidential.



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The Pastor Is In:

Pastor Judi provides pastoral care to all who attend the church and overall site throughout the week. She is able to meet on or off site, depending on your preferences. Best contact 0423 375 714. Please note Judi does not work Tuesdays/Thursdays or Saturdays. However will return your call if it is an emergency.