



## 14 NOVEMBER 2021

Please join us online via our Facebook page to worship with us this weekend.

### Lectionary Readings

#### This week 14 November, 2021

1 Samuel 1:4-20  
1 Samuel 2:1-10  
Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25  
Mark 13:1-8

#### Next week 21 November, 2021

2 Samuel 23:1-7  
Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)  
Revelation 1:4b-8  
John 18:33-37

### Congregation Picnic

We are planning a church picnic **this Sunday 14th November** at Central Gardens from 10am until 11 or so. Please BYO any food or drink and a blanket or chair to sit on if desired.

We will meet near the Merrylands Road Entrance. Everyone is welcome to come along and catch up with friends.

### WARNING AGAINST BEING MISLED MARK 13:1-8

Mark 13 is often called the “Little Apocalypse” and in many English translations it is given the title “Signs of the End Times.” But there are good reasons to doubt the claim that Mark 13 contains “Signs of the End Times.” This chapter begins with Jesus’ disciples marvelling at the splendour of the temple and Jesus predicting that it will be destroyed. When the disciples asked about the timing of this event, and about the sign leading up to it, Jesus responded with a long speech about events to come and how his followers are to respond to them.

But it is not at all obvious that Jesus gives the disciples what they want from him – The Sign (let alone many signs)! This chapter has been interpreted in many ways, especially regarding “the Sign” or “the signs”. Christians seem to become obsessed with how it will all end, and somehow miss the urgency of the gospel!

As believers we cannot affect God's eschatological (end-time) agenda, but we can participate in the gospel mandate. In evangelical culture, the tendency of many has been to look at modern day events and read them into ‘end times’ events.

Grace and Peace—Hani.

### Christmas Appeal

Our Child Care Centre is supporting the Aboriginal Children’s Service in Redfern with gifts for Christmas. Gift ideas include Gift Cards from Woolworths, Coles/Myer, Hoyts, Target/Kmart etc, back-to-school items, Christmas food items, new toys and books. If you would like to help, please drop your gift in to the office or the child care centre by Wednesday 1st December. If you have any questions please contact Sue in the office.