



## 21 NOVEMBER 2021

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

### Lectionary Readings

#### This week 21 November, 2021

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

#### Next week 28 November, 2021

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36

### COVID Return Reminders

Church returns on Sunday 5th December and the Op Shop re-opens on 1st December.

Craft Group, Men's Group and Ladies Bible Study are all meeting as usual.

### 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.

### ARE YOU KING OF THE JEWS? John 18:33-37

John 18 begins with Jesus crossing the Kidron valley and going into the garden of Gethsemane where Judas, one of His disciples, betrays Him. The betrayal leads to the arrest and trial of the Son of Man, the trial, Peter's denial and finally the conversation between Jesus and Pilate before handing him over to be crucified after finding no fault with Jesus.

Pilate summoned Jesus into his palace and asked Jesus a question- are you King of the Jews?

The Jews "did not enter into Pilate's headquarters, that they might not be defiled, but might eat the Passover". They were focused on killing an innocent man but are careful about ritual abuse.

Pilate, seemingly the most powerful man in the city, finds himself required to shuttle back and forth between the accused and the accusers, thus revealing the power that the Jews had over him.

Earlier, Pilate had gotten off to a bad start, offending the Jews by raiding the temple treasury and displaying idolatrous symbols.

Are you King of the Jews Pilate asked Jesus. He must have expected that Jesus would deny the charge, given the terrible penalty associated with a guilty verdict. But Jesus did not deny the charge.

The truth is, Jesus is indeed a King but a King who poses no threat to the Roman authorities because His Kingdom is not of this world but a Godly Kingdom.

Grace and Peace - Hani