



30 JANUARY 2022

Welcome to online worship

Please join us for online worship via our Facebook page. This week, Adrian Pearson is leading our service.

Lectionary Readings

This week January 30, 2022:

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

Next Week February 6, 2022:

Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

Ladies Bible Study

Ladies Bible Study will resume on Tuesday 8th February at 3pm in the chapel. Please bring your mask, covid protocols will be in place.

The new study is "Ephesians - Wholeness for a Broken World". This is an 11 study series and we meet fortnightly. Anyone interested in joining the study please speak to Gwen or Heather.

Bad news, Good news

Luke 4:21-30

Luke is pointing us to the big idea of Jesus' sermon to his friends and family in Nazareth. God's grace and mercy belong to everyone – male and female, Jew and Gentile – and not just any Gentile, but ones you may think of as enemies.

This is the season of Epiphany, when Christ is revealed as God among us. Christ passes through our midst just as surely as he did that day in Nazareth. And yet we often miss him as easily as did his Nazareth neighbours. How often do we let Jesus, in our very midst, pass by unrecognised? How often does the one who died for us come near, brushing our shoulders. Present with us – and we ignore him completely. In what ways do we reject the Saviour's love, because we have grown complacent to the familiar news of God's grace?

How are we like those people in Nazareth, unwilling to let our comfortable existence be shaken by the life changing power of the Holy Spirit? How often do we get angry when our notions about "living a Christian life" are challenged by the reality of serving Christ by serving those we least like?

Luke's Gospel isn't about Jews or Romans, it isn't about Nazarenes or Jerusalemites. No, it's about every race and nationality, about all the crowds of every time and place who, when they meet one who tells them the truth about themselves, will go to almost any length to silence them. Now the message today may make us feel a little uncomfortable, as the truth has exposed us all as unworthy. What to do about it?

There's only one thing I can think of. And that is to keep our eyes on the one who told us the truth in the first place. The one who we nailed to the cross because of it. - Adrian