



31 JULY 2022

Welcome to worship

Welcome to church this morning, we hope you enjoy worshipping with us. A special welcome to Bec Reidy, who is the manager at Bidwill Uniting and who will be preaching this morning.

Lectionary Readings

This week July 31, 2022

Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

Next week August 7, 2022

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

Ladies Bible Study

Ladies Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, 2nd August, at 3pm. The study is Number 9: Love and Respect, Ephesians 5:21-33.

Rev Gail Hinton

Gail begins as our new minister on August 1st and will be leading worship next Sunday. Gail will be working three days a week, initially Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday plus Sunday mornings.

Gail's Induction Service is on Saturday 13th at **2pm**, (note change of time) and will be followed by afternoon tea. Please join us as we welcome Gail to our congregation.

Holroyd Community Prayer Dinner

This year's Community Prayer Dinner will be on Tuesday August 30th at 7pm in the Swan Room at Merrylands RSL.

Rev David Reithmuller, Operations Manager, Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Network will be the speaker.

Tickets are \$45 per person, and RSVP details are on the back notice-board.



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Luke 12:13-34 The rich fool

One practical application of this parable is this warning: "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich towards God" (v.21).

So do not be a fool, rather be a wise person. "Be wise to thank God for every blessing, knowing that everything comes from him. Be wise to pray about practical problems, asking God what to do. Be wise to offer the best of your abilities for whatever God needs to be done. Be wise to know that life is short, that any day may be your last, and therefore that your future belongs to God. Be ready to meet God for judgment, trusting him to save you from your sins through Jesus Christ.

Jesus calls us to be rich toward the God who has been so rich toward us. God has lavished us with the gifts of his good creation: food, clothing, shelter, and millions of other material blessings. More than that, he has lavished his people with the gifts of his saving grace: the forgiveness of our sins, freedom from guilt, and the hope of eternal life.

Now we have a choice to make: will we lay up more stuff for our-selves, or will we be rich toward God?

I am rich toward God when his glory is my highest goal, when his worship is my deepest joy, and when his fellowship is my greatest satisfaction. I am rich toward God when I offer all my abilities for his work, without reserve. I am rich toward God when I take the time to serve people in need and give to the work of God's kingdom.

I am rich toward God when I make the needs of the poor a priority in my financial giving and embrace a simple lifestyle that gives me more freedom for ministry. I am rich toward God when I decide there are some things I can live without so that I will have more to give to people who do not even have the gospel. I am rich toward God when I give and give until all I am and all I have is dedicated to his glory.

Will we lay up treasure for ourselves, or will we be rich toward the God who has been so generous to us?

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