



25 SEPTEMBER 2022

Welcome to worship this morning,
we hope you enjoy being with us.

Lectionary Readings

This week 25 September, 2022

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

Next week 2 October, 2022

Lamentations 1:1-6
Psalm 137 or Lamentations 3:19-26
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

Daylight Saving

Daylight Saving starts next weekend
so remember to put your clock
forward on Saturday night, or you
will be late for church!

Ladies Bible Study

Ladies Bible Study is on this Tuesday
27th September at 3pm in the chap-
el area. The study is the first in a
new series "Grandparenting - Loving
Our Children's Children".

New Craft Group

Our craft group has expanded and
now also meets Thursday mornings
from 10-12 and you would be most
welcome to join them, bring your
current craft project.

Thank You

Last Sunday, Libby Sorrell from Be
Slavery Free spoke of their work
and shared some resources with us.
She would like to thank everyone
who contributed so generously to
the work of Be Slavery Free, your
support is greatly appreciated.

BBQ and Book Stall for Frontier Services

Thank you to everyone who was
part of the BBQ yesterday. We had
a great day and raised \$1223 for
the work of Frontier Services.

OOSH Centre Announcement

For nearly 40 years we have run a
Before and After School Care
(OOSH) service here at the church.
Sadly, over the last few years we
have struggled with decreasing
enrolments as the schools we
service now have centres in their
grounds. This, combined with rising
staff and Uniting Early Learning
costs and difficulties in getting staff,
means the Management Board and
Church Council have reluctantly
decided the on-going losses are no
longer sustainable and the centre
will close at the end of this year. We
believe that the school-based
centres have vacancies for the
children and the staff will transfer to
our other OOSH Centre at
Greystanes Public School.



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Gail's Message

In 1981 Australian rock band Moving Pictures released a song called *What about Me*. The song was a smash hit, remaining at the top of the charts for six weeks. The song was re-recorded in 2004 by singer Shannon Noll and once again the public went crazy for the catchy tune and memorable chorus:

What about me? It isn't fair
I've had enough, now I want my share
Can't you see, I wanna live
But you just take more than you give

According to Wikipedia, songwriter Garry Frost was inspired to create the song while working with autistic children (his day job). The story goes that, "he had gone out to get lunch at his local shop in the Sydney suburb of Asquith and saw a small boy not being noticed waiting at the counter. He was sufficiently moved by the vision to write the song."¹

We all have an intrinsic sense of fairness, perhaps this is one of the reasons Frost's song became so popular and iconic. As a follower of Christ I believe that this is a God-given trait. Our understanding of fairness or justice, to frame it in a biblical way, is evidence of the way in which we are all made in God's image. All humans, and I would suggest all living things carry the image of God and as the scriptures tell us, we all live and move and have our being in God².

In the big picture we know that all things will be reconciled to God in Christ and that there will be justice for all but how can we participate in that vision right here, right now, as we draw breath. The trick is to move on from what 'about me', to 'what about you', to see the injustice inflicted on our fellow humans, to stand with them and pray and act for justice. If I deserve to be treated fairly so does everyone else.

In the words of the prophet Amos, let us pray that justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.

¹[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/What_About_Me_\(Moving_Pictures_song\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/What_About_Me_(Moving_Pictures_song))

²Acts 17:28