



**13 NOVEMBER 2022**

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

### **Lectionary Readings**

**This week 13 November, 2022**

Isaiah 65:17-25  
Isaiah 12  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Luke 21:5-19

**Next week 20 November, 2022**

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Luke 1:68-79  
Colossians 1:11-20  
Luke 23:33-43

### **Ladies Bible Study**

Ladies Bible Study will meet this Tuesday 15 November at 3pm in the chapel and the study will be "Nurturing Contentment" - 1 Timothy 6:2-10.

### **Garage Sale Trail**

The Op Shop has registered to be part of this year's Garage Sale Trail, Australia's festival of pre-loved stuff, dedicated to helping you extend the life of your stuff and find the ultimate pre-loved gem.

In 2021, over 200,000 Australians hosted a garage sale or shopped the Trail. Together, they extended the life of over 1.5 million kgs of stuff saving these items from landfill and maximising the value of all the energy and resources that goes in to making the stuff we buy. It's the circular economy in action!

It is on this weekend and next weekend, across Australia, so if you enjoy garage sales and op shops, as well as helping to reduce, reuse and recycle, check out their website at <https://www.garagesaletrail.com.au>

Or just drop into the Op Shop and grab a bargain.

God is my  
**salvation**  
I will trust,  
and will not be afraid;  
for the LORD GOD  
is my  
**strength**  
& my  
**song**

Isaiah 12:2



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## Gail's Message

A friend of mine sent me an Irish blessing during the week including the following link which I have included here, if you would like to watch it: <https://youtu.be/aTWEz698T1E>

The above link leads you to a recording of the blessing performed by actress Roma Downey the star of TV series *Touched by an Angel*, which aired between 1994 and 2003. I spent some time googling Roma's career on the internet and discovered that in each episode of the show there would be a moment when a character would cry out to God for help, the cast called it the 'Angel Revelation' scene. At that point Roma or her fellow angel played by Della Reese would reveal their true nature as the agents of God sent from heaven. Roma and Della would pray before these scenes asking for God's grace and compassion to reach out to people watching the show.

Roma recounts that once she was once mistaken for her angel character 'Monica' in the children's ward of her local hospital. A woman cried with relief and hugged her, explaining that she had been praying for an angel to turn up. Instead of explaining the misidentification, Roma hugged the woman with compassion and prayed with her. When Roma told Della that this woman had thought her an angel, Della wisely replied, 'to that woman in need you were an indeed an angel'.

Roma's story makes me realise that as believer's we all have a calling to be like an angel to those in need of compassion, acts of kindness, prayer, and words of hope.

Roma's Irish Blessing contains the following line:

*May the Light of the Lord shine from your eyes,*

*Like a candle in the window,*

*Welcoming the weary traveller.*

Who will you welcome this week? Who are the weary travellers in your life, your church, your street, your neighbourhood?