



26 MARCH 2023

Welcome

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

Lectionary Readings

This week 26 March, 2023

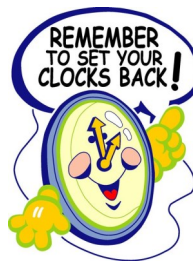
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

**Next week 2 April, 2023
(Palm Sunday)**

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 21:1-11

Daylight Saving

Daylight Saving ends next Saturday so don't forget to put the clock back and enjoy the sleep-in.



Lent Event Envelopes

If you would like to contribute to Lent Event, the envelopes are on the back table. Just place your donation in one and place the envelope in the offering. If you would like a tax receipt please fill in your details on the envelope.

Hands and Feet

Following last Sunday's congregation meeting, Church Council has decided to go ahead with the food distribution program offered to us by Hands and Feet Inc. Thank you to everyone who indicated they would like to be involved, we hope to be able to finalise how it will all work in the next few weeks.

Easter Services

Palm Sunday	2nd April	9am
Good Friday	7th April	9am
Easter Sunday	9th April	9am

Easter Sunday Flowers

On Easter Sunday morning, the bare cross will be transformed with fresh flowers. If you are able, please bring along some flowers from your garden. During the service we will all have a chance to bring our flowers forward to transform the cross.



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Gail's Message

Trust: How to have Godfidence.

A man has a rope ladder to drop out of his bedroom window in case of fire. He often looks at the rope, comforted by the thought that it *is* his way of escape – his salvation- in case of fire. One night a fire occurs. The man grabs the rope ladder and hurriedly hangs it out the window. The flimsy ladder looks inadequate, but the man chooses to trust it and not be afraid. Down the ladder he goes to safety. The man's actions prove his trust, and the ladder becomes his salvation from the fire. (Excerpt from *Free from Worry* by Janice Wise. Gospel Light, 2010)

Last Sunday during worship we spent some time considering the beautiful, comforting words of Psalm 23. I suggested that this psalm also challenges us to 'let go and let God', to trust God in all circumstances. Like the man in the story above, who chose to trust in the rope ladder we have a choice to either take matters into our hands or trust in God's promise of salvation and not be afraid (or give in to worry!). Our actions prove our trust.

This Lenten season, instead of giving up chocolate or fish on Fridays, try memorising one of the verses below as a way of learning to 'let go and let God'. Many of us may remember being encouraged to learn verses in Sunday School and although for me it was more about getting the gold sticker I now appreciate the value of filling our heads with the goodness and purity of God's word. See how you go memorising one or two by Easter Sunday and you never know, I may just bring along a sheet of gold stickers that day for anyone who rises to the challenge.

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. (Isaiah 26:3 New King James version)

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. (Isaiah 12:2)

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11: 28)

