



**29 OCTOBER 2023**

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

### **Worship This Morning**

Today we are having a special all-age breakfast service. We will be sitting at tables, and watching a video on 'Celebrating what's right with our world'. We will also be celebrating Holy Communion.

### **Lectionary Readings**

**This week 29 October, 2023**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46

**Next week 5 November, 2023**

Joshua 3:7-17  
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Matthew 23:1-12

### **Ladies Bible Study**

Ladies Bible Study will meet this Tuesday 31st October at 3pm in the chapel. They are looking at study 5—Overcoming Rejection—(John 15:18—16:16). All ladies are welcome, see Heather for more details.

### **Christmas Collection**

This year we are planning to collect Christmas food items for our Hands and Feet clients; items such as chocolates, shortbread, Advent Calendars, mince tarts, nuts, etc.

We will need the Advent Calendars by Sunday 24th November and the other items by Sunday 10 December.

If you would like to contribute please bring your items to church any Sunday and leave them in the basket at the back of the church.

*Let us 'celebrate what's right with the world'.  
Let us embrace life with the same depth, height and breadth of God's trust in us and love for us.*



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## Celebrate what's right with the world

This Grapevine entry serves as a theological companion to the video we will watch during our Breakfast Communion Service. In the video Dewitt Jones talks about how his perspective changed though a chance encounter. Although Dewitt does not mention God or Christian Spirituality directly he does make reference to many Christian symbols including this poignant sacramental sentence, 'a banquet table laid and a cup overflowing'.

The following Bible verses may assist you in connecting the dots between your faith and Dewitt's message, entitled, 'Celebrate what's right about the world'.

God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good, and He validated it completely. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day Genesis 1:31 (Amplified Bible)

The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19 (NIV)

Dewitt suggests in the video that if you 'change your lens (you) change your life'. This change this transformation of ourselves, and our perspective is inherently Christian, for example: ...clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh. Romans 13:14 (NIV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Do not be conformed to **this world**, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2 \*Just a note to avoid misunderstanding Paul's reference to **this world**. Paul is not condemning the created world but rather the ways of this world in opposition to God's ways and the values of God's Kingdom. Likewise we must not confuse Paul's tendency to name selfishness as 'flesh'.

God does not detest our humanness, in fact God loves us so much, God came to dwell with us in the flesh, praise Jesus!

Give us more of You! Fill us up, Lord! Displace us with You. As the deer pants for streams of water, so do we pant for You (Psalm 42:1)

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Psalm 23:5 (NIV)

And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you]. Romans 12:2 (Amplified Bible)

I hope you enjoy looking for the God moments in Dewitt's talk. With practice we can all learn to see God moments anywhere, anytime, anyplace. May it be so! Rev. Gail