



21 APRIL, 2024

Welcome

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

Lectionary Readings

This week 21 April, 2024

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

Next Sunday 28 April, 2024

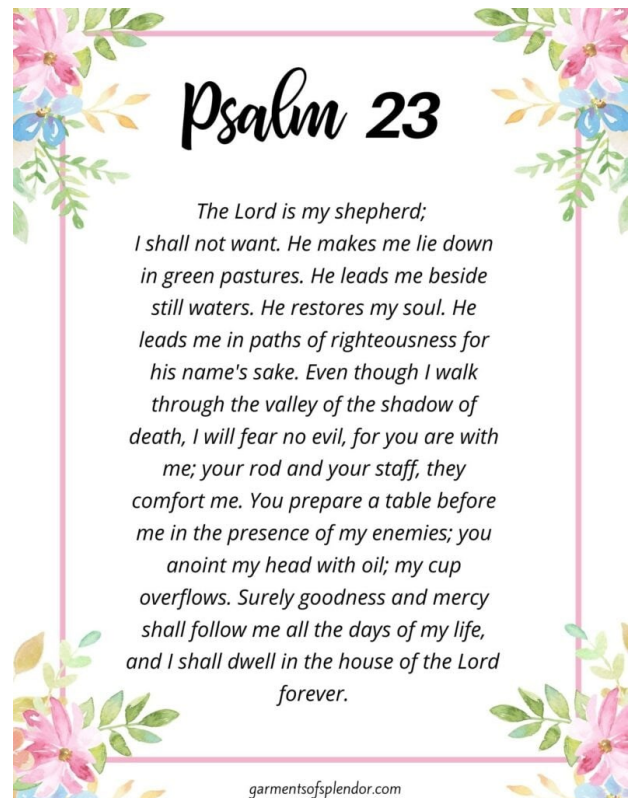
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

Faith Chat Group

The Faith Chat Group which ran during Lent has commenced meeting again on Monday evenings at 7pm to 8.30 via Zoom, see Gail for details.

Book Sale

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Book Sale last Saturday, we raised more than \$1500 for the work of Hands & Feet.



Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want. He makes me lie down
in green pastures. He leads me beside
still waters. He restores my soul. He
leads me in paths of righteousness for
his name's sake. Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil, for you are with
me; your rod and your staff, they
comfort me. You prepare a table before
me in the presence of my enemies; you
anoint my head with oil; my cup
overflows. Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.*

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The Lord is My Shepherd

The following reflection on Psalm 23 comes from Chris Witts, the presenter of the Morning Devotions on Hope Radio 103.2

We All Need Someone Who Cares For Us

When David said, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want", it was a picture of contented sheep who learned to trust the shepherd. Another version (The Message) of this verse is, "I don't need a thing".

How wonderful to know when we trust in our shepherd God we don't need a thing. He provides everything I need. And he provides things like rest, refreshment, guidance, companionship, comfort, sustenance, joy, goodness and mercy. David says if you trust in the Shepherd God you will not lack anything in this life or in the life to come.

"If no one cares for you, you are truly alone." Frank Reed

We each need to have someone who cares for us, and the main message of Psalm 23 is exactly that. Frank Reed was held hostage in a cell in Lebanon from 1986 to 1990. For months at a time he was blindfolded and lived in complete darkness or chained to a wall. He was beaten, made ill and tormented. But on his release he spoke to Time magazine:

Nothing I did mattered to anyone. I began to realise how withering it is to exist with not a single expression of caring around me. I learned one overriding fact: caring is a powerful force. If no one cares for you, you are truly alone.

If you feel today no-one cares, get out your Bible and read Psalm 23.1
<https://hope1032.com.au/stories/faith/2023/a-look-at-psalm-23-part-1-morning-devotions/>