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Keeping in Touch

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WELCOME!

We welcome all visitors with us today and pray your time with us will be a blessed one. Stay for morning tea after the service!



9:00 am service

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| Preacher: | David Kelly | 1st Reading | Acts 1: 15 - 17, 21 - 26 |
| Reader: | David Beck | 2nd Reading | 1 John 5: 9 - 13 |
| Gospel | Luke 17: 6 - 19 | Psalm | 1 |

We aspire to be a people of God led by the Holy Spirit to practice and spread the love of Jesus Christ in the world

Richard's Rambling - 16 May 2021

From time to time, I think about growing a beard. The longest time I've actually had a stab at this is around three weeks. I wonder whether I should compensate for diminishing follicular quantity on top of my head, by cultivating hair on the bottom of my head. It never works. It grows too slowly and too patchily.

Before I tell you where I'm going with this, I'm away at Presbytery Meeting in Innisfail, and Ministry Retreat at Cardwell, until Wednesday. On the way up, I'll stop at Vivia Café in Cardwell for a yummy crab roll. Don't go anywhere else, however enticing a large plastic crab on top of another establishment might be. And then during Retreat, and on the way home on Wednesday, I'll grab some more crustacean joy.

So what have beards got to do with crab rolls? Well, one is mandated in OT law and contemporary Eastern Orthodox practice, and the other is verboten. So I'm in breach twice over. The most clear biblical passage for beards is Leviticus 19:27: "You shall not cut the hair on the sides of your heads, neither shall you clip off the edge of your beard." Clement of Alexandria wrote that it is impious "to desecrate the symbol of manhood, hairness." Writing in 195 CE., Clement also stated "But let the chin have the hair ... For an ample beard suffices for men. And if one, too, shave a part of his beard, it must not be made entirely bare, for this is a disgraceful sight." Even today Christian clergy in Greece, Russia, Romania and other Orthodox communities wear untrimmed beards and hair. And crabs? Leviticus again, ch11 (It's always Leviticus, what spoilsports those Mosaic scribes were) "But anything in the seas or the rivers that has not fins and scales, of the swarming creatures in the waters and of the living creatures that are in the waters, is detestable to you. You shall regard them as detestable; you shall not eat any of their flesh, and you shall detest their carcasses. Everything in the waters that has not fins and scales is detestable to you."

You'll often encounter self-described "Christian leaders" thundering against stuff, and they always quote Leviticus. For my part, I go with Peter in superseding Acts 10: "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." Or as the Harvest hymn (we don't sing it at KUC, more's the pity) has it: All good things around us, are sent from heaven above,

So thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all His love.

Roster for 23 May 2021

9:00 am service:

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| Preacher: | Peter Ireland |
| Reader: | Sally Sands |
| First Reading: | Acts 2: 1 - 21 |
| Second Reading: | Rom. 8: 22 - 27 |
| Psalm: | 104: 24 - 34, 35b |
| Gospel: | John 15: 26 - 27, 16: 4b - 15 |
| Greater / Door Steward: | Gail Mumme |
| Offering: | Robin Warren & Sally Sands |
| Announcements: | Sheila v.P. |
| Morning Tea: | Andrew Reid & Kathy Reid |
| Flowers: | Narelle Harrison |

COVID cleaning and disinfecting

We need to spread the load of work disinfecting the church and our premises each end of week, before the Sunday service.

We are asking people to sign up on a roster.

First a warning – Edmonton Church was visited by a compliance officer last week and had to prove that they are doing all the things that are required in the COVID Industry plan. Disinfecting is one of them.

1. We are required to disinfect all hard surfaces after use. This needs to be done on Friday or Saturday. Please clean all handles and tables inside the church (but not seats, which we do after the service)
2. Disinfect all handles and tables in the undercover area, including seats, both toilets, kitchen, and the Sunday School room. We will not worry about the children's play equipment as this should be disinfecting by the play group that uses the undercover area.
3. People have complained about Glen 20 so we have another powerful disinfectant that doesn't smell which will be inside the Ryobi weed killer that is battery operated to make spraying faster and quicker. The sprayer will be in the church vestibule close to the office. Please put the battery on recharge after use.
4. If you have time, please wipe the surfaces you spray, but this is most important if they are going to be used straight away after spraying.
5. Please sign off the disinfecting in the cleaning folder which is on the table beneath the bible and hymn book cupboards. This is the sort of thing compliance officers check.
6. At the council of ministry meeting we went through the COVID checklist and ticked off all the things we are doing (or supposed to be doing). A copy is posted on the noticeboard.

Thanks for helping do this. Please remember that the most effective way to reduce your vulnerability to COVID is to get vaccinated. Good luck.

David K

YOUNG PEOPLE!

"The Friday night Yoof Group are meeting at Richard & Leisa's home, 1 Cavill Ave, Friday 21 May, 6:45 for 7:15pm, for a formal dinner. Bring a friend! Dress up in your posh shirt/frock (Hayden, either will do) Just let the leaders know this Sunday 16 May who's coming and do you have any dietary restrictions"

FORMAL DINNER

On Friday night, May 21st at 6.45pm, Leisa & Richard invite you, the young people, of KUCCC to a formal dinner. Please bring a friend if you would like to.

RSVP by Sunday, 16th May.

We look forward to giving you a night to remember.

BOTTLE /JAR TOPS

Adam, who comes to Jonah, has asked us to collect any plastic tops for LIDS FOR KIDS who turn them into plastic limbs for children

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

In order to comply with COVID regulations regards washing up it would be helpful if those attending brought their own cup and plate.



THE SERMON

PEOPLE MAY HAVE THEIR EYES CLOSED FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS

