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Keeping in Touch

25 April 2021

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

Preacher:	John Short	1st Reading	Acts 4: 5 - 12
Reader:	David B-T	2nd Reading	1 John 3: 16 - 24
		Gospel	John 10: 11 - 18

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 25 April 2021

"Lest we forget"

That phrase will be on the lips of Australians and New Zealanders all over the world today. In state capital cities, towns large and small, in High Commissions and embassies, at Gallipoli. It comes from Rudyard Kipling's poem, "Recessional" (1897). In turn, Kipling's poem was inspired by Deuteronomy 4, "What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today? Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them." Or as the AV of Kipling's era has it, "lest you forget".

We do forget. Not only why we have come into the kitchen ("Now what am I doing here? I must have come into the kitchen for a reason"), but more consequential things. The psalmist is acutely aware that we forget what God has done for us. Ps 103: "Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits." The rituals and feasts of ancient Israel were instituted so that God's saving acts in history would not be forgotten by later generations. Our own Holy Communion, a new covenant echo of Israel's Passover, is so that "every time we eat this bread and drink this wine, we show the Lord's death until he come".

And the bible is clear that God doesn't forget his people, old or new. Isaiah 49, a favourite of mine: "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands." You know how some people scribble passwords or phone numbers on their hands or arms, so that they don't forget them? That's what God has done, in Christ, to show that we're not forgotten. There are times when it seems that we have been forgotten, but ...

Standing somewhere in the shadows, you'll find Jesus

He's the One who always cares and understands

Standing somewhere in the shadows, you will find him

And you'll know him by the nail prints in his hands.



Anzac Day

25 APRIL 2021

On 25 April 1915, members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed at Gallipoli. On the anniversary of this day each year we pause to honour the service and sacrifice of all our veterans who have fought in wars, conflicts and peace operations.

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Roster for 02 May 2021

(Communion Service)

9:00 am service:

Preacher:	Pastor Richard Lance
Reader:	Leisa Lance
First Reading:	Psalm 22
Second Reading:	1 John 4
Gospel:	Acts 8: 26 - 40
Greater / Door Steward:	John Sands
Offering:	Chris Reid
Announcements:	Sheila v.P
Morning Tea:	Susan Burton Merril Green
Flowers:	Merril Green

Bunnings Domain Sausage Sizzle May 8th

We have been offered a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Domain on Saturday May 8th. Please volunteer and sign up for a shift if you are able to help. The induction session is at 5.30 pm on Wednesday 5th May at Bunnings in the domain. Please try to come along to the session if you are volunteering for a shift on the Saturday. Remember that you must wear enclosed footwear, as well as gloves for serving, which we will supply.



David K.

Aitkenvale Uniting Church invites you to a

WOMENS' MORNING RETREAT

SATURDAY 8th MAY

from 8:30am to 12.00md

Come for coffee at 8:30am and worship at 9.00am.

Join us for an enjoyable morning of fellowship and worship as we encounter God's presence through the Scriptures. Morning tea provided.

What is it that makes the women who follow Jesus, so unique? Is it girl power; feminism or something else? Let's talk about our identity as women of grace and how we might share this good news with our daughters and other women in 21st century culture.

*"...and put on the new self, created after **the likeness of God.**"*
Eph 4:24

Young or old and all ages in between are welcome.

Bring your bible, pen and notebook, a pillow for your comfort (optional).

RSVP to Ann-Louise, Kate, Wendy by 4.00 pm Wednesday 5th May.



"And, Father, I ask thee now for a good text to accompany this fantastic joke."

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