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WELCOME!

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



9:00 am service - 11 July 2021

Preacher: Richard Lance 1st Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

Reader: Leisa Lance Psalm Ps 24

Gospel Mark 6: 14-29

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

Heather's Thoughts 11 July 2021

Forgiveness is a funny thing. We tend to take it for granted and we rarely give it any deep thought. At the end of last term, I had a student in class who was being a real ... challenge. He kept moving around the room and refused to stay in one seat. Over and over, I told him to get back to his chair and to stop disrupting the lesson. Finally, I had had enough, and I yelled, 'Stop being you and get back to your chair!'.

He looked at me – quite surprised I had raised my voice – and said, 'Sorry, Miss', returning to his chair. Then I, the adult in the room, said the amazing words: Your apology means nothing to me. If you meant it, you would fix your behaviour.

I looked back on this later and thought that aren't we lucky Jesus and God never held back their forgiveness?

Matthew 18: 21-22 says "Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?' Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.' "

Considering how much we, as a human race, have messed up, we are lucky that we are still forgiven. We have lied, cheated, stolen, murdered, had false idols, and even denied His existence at all, yet He still forgives us. He does not make us prove we will change, only asks that we try.

So, when next in class, and a challenging student apologizes, I am going to try and remember Matthew, and tell him, 'You are forgiven. Let's get back to work.'

I wonder what will happen.

Roster for 18 July 2021 Bill Green **Preacher:** Reader: Anne Holmes Psalm 89: 20 - 37 Readings Ephesians 2: 11 - 22 **Greeter / Door Steward:** Annette Ireland Robin Warren Offering: Andrew Reid Anne Holmes **Announcements:** Anne B-T **Morning Tea:** Merril Green Tominica Taumalolo **Flowers:**

Week's Activities:	
Mondays	House of Jonah @ 10:30 am
Tuesdays	Craft, Cards & Chitchat @ 9.30 am
Wednesdays	Bible Study @ 7:30 pm
Thursday	Regis Service (When applicable)

Bible Study Group resumes - Wed 14 July. Thanks Peter Ireland

Ezra Leon's baptism has been postponed to 15 August

Evening Service

18th July 2021 at 5.30pm Note the Evening Service will be the 3rd Sunday this month one week later than usual. We will share in Holy Communion together. All are welcome.

Thanks
Peter Ireland



Sunday School

Hi to the young people of Kirwan.

Sunday school will recommence next Sunday, 18th July. We are planning to do a series of lessons from Acts with lots of interesting stories on the adventures the disciples had as they worked to fulfil the mission.

Jesus had given them. Lots to think about how all these stories can relate to our own lives.

Look forward to seeing you.

Annette, Sheree and Gail



Prayers Request Email

The Prayers Request email is sent out each week after the Pastoral Care Team meet each Monday morning. It lists prayers that have been asked for and known to the Pastoral Care Team.

The prayer requests come from the list in the Church entrance on the glass lectern, and from other communications within our congregation, and the wider community.

If you are not receiving the Prayers Request Email sent out by the Pastoral Care Team each week, but would like to receive this email, could you please contact Richard, Helen, Sheila or Greg

COVID Updates:

The Department of Health has specified that we must wear facemasks . Keep safe.

David King

