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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.



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

9:00 am service - 01 August 2021

Preacher:	David Kelly	1st Reading	2 Sm 11:26-12:13a
Reader:	Wayne Paul	Psalm	Ps 51:1-12
Gospel	Jn 6:24-35	2nd Reading	Eph 4:1-16

Sheree's scribbling - 01 August 2021

I have struggled to put these scribblings together, church, because I am in a tough place at present, and I can only do raw honesty. The last 12 months for me, for my family, has revolved around cancer – my own and my Aunt's. While I lost my a few organs and many months to treatment, my Aunt lost her life to brain tumours.

One of the blessings of undergoing chemotherapy is that I am not working, and was able to spend a little over a month with her and her family before she passed. It is a peculiar thing to be healing, when others are not – because while part of me knows that I am so fortunate to be alive and cancer-free, another part of me just does not understand how God can allow that, when others suffer.

One of the things I have had to work out is how to manage my limited resources – I have realised that to be a part of the Sunday School team is one of the activities that gives me deep joy and a sense of belonging. We are studying the book of Acts this term, and last week we talked about Peter healing the man who was lame from birth (Acts 3:1-10). We talked with the children and young people about why the man was outside the temple, and what it means to be "differently abled" in Australia, and in other parts of the world. We talked about what we have to give the homeless, and those less fortunate than ourselves.

Peter's 'children's message' was that, with God, it is not about our ability but about our availability. This fits well with our lesson and our memory verse, Acts 3:1-6 (NIV):

Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

The lame man was expecting coins to buy his next meal, but God used Peter and John's lack of money, and their availability, to meet the man's deeper need by healing him. He knew that the blessing came from the grace of God, and not from the men before him. He jumped, he leapt, and he praised God.

One of the children commented that the lame man must have been "pretending to be crippled"; so we talked about what a 'miracle' is. That this was a miracle precisely because this man was known to the regular temple goers, they had known of him all his life – they knew that he could not walk or stand on his own, and they saw his clear joy at being able to do these things for the first time.

I will leave you with the questions that I am pondering: What do I have to give? How do I make myself available to, and respond to, God – God's healing, God's grace, God's mission in this world?

Roster for 08 August 2021

Preacher:	Richard Lance
Reader:	David B-T
Greeter / Door Steward:	Annette Ireland
Offering:	Kathy Reid, David B-T
Announcements:	Sheila v.P.
Morning Tea:	Leisa Lance Jenny Titmarsh
Flowers:	Siulolovao Tuitahi
5:30 pm Service - Peter Ireland	

Week's Activities:

Mondays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ House of Jonah @ 10:30 am ◆ Pastoral Care
Tuesdays	Kirwan Fellowship Olympic brain games @ 9.30 a.m.
Wednesdays	Bible Study @ 7:30 pm
Thursday	Regis Service (When applicable)

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting immediately after the service on 8 August to discuss our continuing involvement in Child Care provision. This follows a significant change in management structure for the 2 Child Care Centres we currently manage.

David Brooke-Taylor

House of Jonah

Anyone who feels like a tea or coffee and chat is welcome to come along to the house of Jonah morning tea at 10.30 every Monday. You don't have to be a member – there's no formal membership. Just turn up. Most folk put in \$5 to cover costs, but it's not compulsory. Any donation is welcome as spare funds are donated to good causes. So come and join in.

David

Sound System

We are extremely grateful to Raoul Prideaux who came in and balanced all our mikes and sound system.

We hope you notice an improvement

David

Ezra Leon's baptism has been postponed to 15 August



**The Leprosy Mission Townsville presents
Gladys Staines**

speaking on Life and Leprosy in India

Date: SATURDAY 31st JULY 2021 at 2pm

Place: St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 119 Wills

St, Townsville QLD (not at Anne's St Chapel)

Cost: FREE - donations to The Leprosy Mission's overseas aid work accepted

PROGRAMME (with afternoon tea to follow):

Enquiries: Audrey 07 4779 1960 or Judy: judysatish@googlemail.com

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.

