



TALKING POINT

KNOWING JESUS CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

SUNDAY 20th August 2017

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FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is a virtue
Like patience, sweet and rare.
The fragrance shed upon the heel
That crushed the flower fair.

When cruel men nailed Lord Jesus
Upon a cross to die,
His only thought was for those men
And with a broken cry,

He cried to God in Heaven
From loving heart and true,
"Oh Father please forgive them,
They know not what they do."

So if we want forgiveness
We also must forgive.
It's one of God's conditions
For us, if we would live.

Christ very plainly told us
And taught us in His prayer,
That first we must give pardon
If pardon we would share.

And so as Christ's disciples
Forgive, we must, it's true
While others judge religion
By what we say - and do.



Taken from - *'Selected Poems by Win Lade 1906 - 2008'*
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Rev. Tony Johnson will be on study leave from Monday 21st August to Monday 28th August.
Any pastoral concerns can be brought to the office from where they will be passed on to the relevant people to be dealt with.



Traralgon District Uniting Church

Incorporating: Traralgon, Traralgon South, Glengarry & Rosedale.



This Sunday 20th August

Traralgon	9:00 am	Rev. T. Johnson
Glengarry	11:00 am	Rev. T. Johnson
Rosedale	9:00 am	S. Scarlett
Traralgon Sth	9:00 am	No local service

Next Sunday 27th August

Traralgon	9:00 am	P. Morris
Glengarry	11:00 am	K. & I Conabere
Rosedale	11:00 am	P. Morris
Traralgon Sth	9:00 am	Anglican

Rosters for 27th August

Stewards	B. Degnan J. Newling
Elder	G. Arthur
Children's Address	H. Boucher
Welcome Door	B. Boucher L. Couch
Newcomers	H. Boucher
Reader	M. Mattheyse
Morning Tea	D. Dorman H. Douglas
Accounting Team	B. Pallot B. Degnan R. Graham I. Leversha
Flowers	B. Sibly
Grounds	B. Boucher D. Sibly

LECTIONARY READINGS



SUNDAY 20th August

Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:(10-20)21-28

SUNDAY 27th August

Exodus 1:8 - 2:10 Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20

DATES FOR OUR DIARY

Monday 21st August

9:00 am Playgroup
1:30 pm Monday Bible Study

Tuesday 22nd August

2:00 pm **NO Afternoon Service**
7:30 pm Tuesday Bible Study

Thursday 24th August

9:00 am Prayer Gathering
9:15 am mainly music

Friday 25th August

7:00 pm Singing Group

Sunday 27th August

4th Sunday GIFT Group

Monday 28th August

9:00 am Playgroup
1:30 pm Monday Bible Study

Tuesday 29th August

7:30 pm Tuesday Bible Study

Thursday 31st August

9:00 am Prayer Gathering
9:15 am mainly music
7:30 pm Thursday Homegroup

Friday 1st September

7:00 pm Singing Group

MUSICIANS for 27th August

Traralgon 9:00am	M. Crisp
Glengarry 11:00am	I. Conabere
Rosedale 11:00am	J. Cox
Traralgon South 11:00am	Anglican

Playgroup

Monday 9:30 am - 11:00 am
during school term.



Interested persons please contact Theresa or Sue



mainly music ...

mainly music is on every Thursday at 9:15 am during school term. The new roster is on the notice board, please put your name down if you are willing to help. Contact Marilyn or Theresa if you have any queries.

Notice

A reminder to all the *Leaders and Elders* of the gathering **at the church today @ 12:30**
A light lunch will be provided

AFTERNOON SERVICE NOTICE

The Afternoon Service for the 22nd August has been *cancelled*

Opening of the Church on a Regular Basis

It is desired to form a working committee (or Task Group if you like) to give serious thought to how we might be able to open up our building to the Community on a routine regular basis. Please let Tony Boulton know if you would like to be involved in this process as we would really like to include those who are not otherwise involved in ongoing leadership activities at present.

Following two preliminary proposal documents presented, Church Council at its July meeting gave approval in principal to formation of a group to prepare a formal proposal and recommendations to Council for the routine supervised opening for Community Use of the Sanctuary, Foyer and Chapel for Prayer, Meditation and Study (including use of media).

Your prayers, discussion (particularly in Study Groups) and advice reported back would help in further defining the concepts for later Council consideration.

Some "Leadership" activities, which might include Alpha studies for example or other service options such as the current Opportunity Shop options being considered could be included as a part of any proposal.

There might also be opportunity to liaise with other groups using the buildings to provide, through personal invitation, opportunity to participate in these various activities; including of course, Worship.

It is hoped that at least a preliminary proposal, including any implementation plan, could be brought to the September meeting of Council with a view to an early implementation date during our 2017 Spring.

Please contact Tony Boulton, Theresa Steyn or Rev Tony Johnson to express your interest, Thank you.

Notices

- ◆ If you know of anybody who is in hospital, please let Tony know so that arrangements can be made for him to pay them a visit.
- ◆ During the cold winter months, the Thursday morning Prayer gathering will be held in the minister's office

Dinner Plain Men's Weekend

Register Now

Our Men's weekend at Dinner Plain is not far off. Now is the time to complete your registration for a weekend of fun, fellowship and worship.

It will be held from

Friday 8th to Sunday 10th September. Come and join in as we enjoy a great time of sharing together.

There should be plenty of snow to enjoy.

There are a limited number of places available and participants will be accepted in order of receipt of fully paid registration. Registration forms are on the table in the foyer and further details are available from Bruce Boucher.

Phone 0407 661422.

It would be great if you could come.

PRAISE AND PRAYER

As part of God's wonderful family let us pause and give thanks for:

- ◆ the lay leaders and lay preachers in our congregation who serve the LORD in our worship services
- ◆ Theresa and the work she faithfully and diligently does on our behalf
- ◆ all of our musicians and singers who lead us in worship each week



and we pray:

- ◆ that we would all be people who seek to share the love of Christ in deed, what we do, and in word, witness and evangelism
- ◆ for the world leaders, that peaceful resolutions will be reached to difficult situations
- ◆ for local, State and Federal leaders that they would govern and rule justly, fairly and with faithful justice
- ◆ for our members who are travelling interstate and overseas over the next few months
- ◆ for Tony as he attends a preaching conference for Study Leave
- ◆ for all those whom we know are struggling with illness, sickness or any other difficult circumstances, and for those who grieve the death of a loved one

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers

KID'S TALK

Crumbs from the Table

Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." Matthew 15:28 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 15:21-28 (NIV)



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HEALED	DAUGHTER	SHEEP	FALL	MERCY
GREAT	CRYING	DOGS	LOST	JESUS
DEMON	HELP	TABLE	ISRAEL	WOMAN
EAT	FAITH	CRUMBS	SUFFERING	KNELT

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JOB VACANCY

Presbytery of Gippsland – seeking a new Secretary from 1st November.

- A key role in Gippsland Church Office Management & Communication
- Primarily an honorary position with expenses reimbursed
- Job description – Ref: church notice board.

Expressions of interest to:- Jim Murray (Chairperson) 3 MacDonald St., Leongatha 3953
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