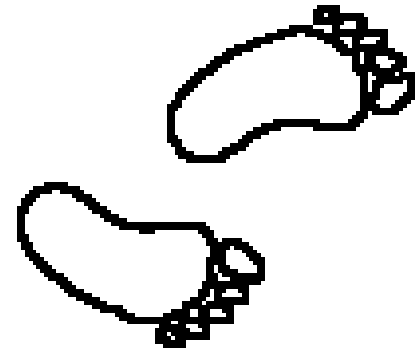


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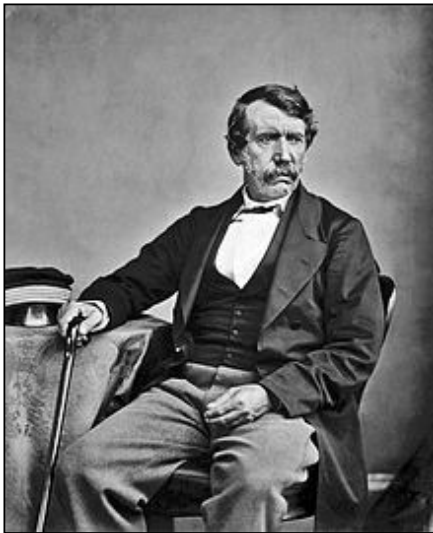
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CCF & CAC services resumption
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David Livingstone (1813 – 1873)

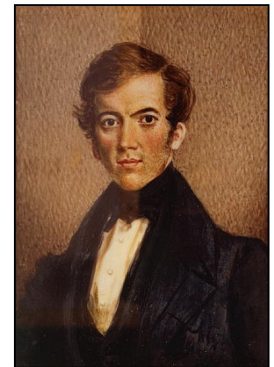


David Livingstone became one of the most popular British heroes of the late 19th-century. He was a Scottish physician, member of the Congregational Church, pioneer Christian missionary with the London Missionary Society, and an explorer in Africa.

His father was a door to door salesman, selling tea. A teetotaler, he taught Sunday School and distributed Christian tracts as he moved about the community. He also read a good deal - books on theology, missionary work and travel.

David, too, became a great reader. He had an interest in nature and science which his father feared would undermine Christianity, however David was able to reconcile the teachings of the Bible and science.

Coming from a poor family, David began working 12 to 14 hour days in a cotton mill at age 10. This monotonous work taught him persistence and endurance. He managed to gain an education studying Latin (required to enter medical school), medicine, Greek and theology.



Having joined the London Missionary Society and completed medical training, Livingstone at first wanted to become a missionary in China. This became impractical and he was influenced to minister in Southern Africa instead. One suggestion was that the African slave trade might be destroyed through the influence of "legitimate trade" and the spread of Christianity.

At his third mission, he converted Chief Sechele who while retaining some non-Christian activities, later "did more to propagate Christianity in 19th-century southern Africa than virtually any single European missionary".

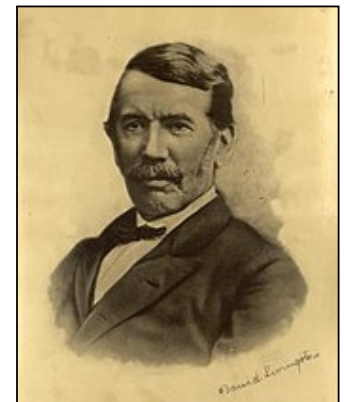
Livingstone believed the key to successful evangelising was to map and navigate the rivers "which might then become "Highways" into the interior.". During his explorations he became the first European to see what he named Victoria Falls. "hailed [as] the explorer who "opened up" Africa" Livingstone garnered fame which enabled him to continue his explorations. He "believed that he had a spiritual calling for exploration to find routes for commercial trade which would displace slave trade routes, rather than for preaching."

On a three year British Government funded Zambesi expedition which produced much valuable material but was ultimately unsuccessful, Livingstone proved a poor and "unsafe leader".

In 1866 Livingstone again travelled to Africa, this time with the goal of locating the source of the Nile River. Many of the men with him deserted and supplies were stolen. He suffered much sickness and had to rely on slave traders for assistance. For a period of six years he lost contact with the outside world until newspaperman Henry Morton Stanley found him and reportedly greeted him with the words 'Dr. Livingstone, I presume?'

"Livingstone died [in] May 1873 at the age of 60 ... in present-day Zambia." "his remains were carried, ... over 1,000 miles (1,600 km), a journey that took 63 days, ... to the coastal town of Bagamoyo, where they were returned by ship to Britain for burial ... at Westminster Abbey."

Although "he is recorded as having converted only one African", "Livingstone made geographical discoveries for European knowledge. He inspired abolitionists of the slave trade, explorers, and missionaries. He opened up Central Africa to missionaries who initiated the education and healthcare for Africans".



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Livingstone

Steps towards normal



On Sundays at 4pm, Mark and Katherine are hosting a small gathering at their home in Campbell. This could be described as a small scale worship service with a talk, prayer and some socially spaced singing.

At her home in Ngunnawal, Joyce has resumed the ladies Bible Study on Tuesdays at 2-30pm.

PLEASE JOIN IN either (or both) of these activities if you feel able to do so. You would be most welcome, but so they can comply with distancing provisions and prepare appropriately, it would be helpful if you could advise them of your intention to attend. Mark / Katherine - 0413 599238, Joyce - 6241 2085.

The A.C.T. election is fast approaching. Of course there are many issues to consider before casting a vote, however a couple of issues that impact the Church are School Chaplaincy (or lack of it) and the promotion of humanistic concepts of human sexuality - You are not the sex you are but what you decide you are.

Family Voice has an ACT Election Vote Wisely Guide website - <https://familyvoice.org.au/elections/act-election>

Chaplains

Please pray that as coronavirus restrictions are gradually lifted, the chaplains we particularly support will be able to follow the new paths You have set before them. - Mr. Owen Chadwick - Universities chaplaincy, Rev. Bob Prior - Racecourse chaplaincy, Rev. Paul Tabulutu - N.S.W. / A.C.T. Fijian churches



Devotional material



Prayer



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Bible Reading



Fellowship by Phone

Prayer Points

Please pray

- for Aboriginal communities all over Australia.
- and give thanks for new translations of scripture available to people in Arnhem Land.
- for leaders, doctors and ministers.
- for revival - that people will seek the Lord.
- for the elderly, those in lockdown in their homes (particularly in Melbourne) and for each other.

and give thanks for the Canberra Aboriginal Church virtual gatherings using ZOOM for around 40 minutes each Sunday from 5pm. - A time of fellowship, worship and delving into God's Word.

The Canberra Aboriginal Church service resumption date is uncertain but will not be until the weather warms and the coronavirus risk, particularly for older and more vulnerable people, is more predictable and the possibility of local outbreaks lessened.



Bibles

From the Bible Society website (<https://www.biblesociety.org.au/our-work/#resource1>)

Pitjantjatjara is one of the few original 250 Australian languages that are still used daily. It's learned by children as a normal part of growing up and is spoken by several thousand people who live in their traditional homelands in the northwest of South Australia, as well as parts of Western Australia and the Northern Territory. Diaspora in Alice Springs, Port Augusta and Adelaide also speak Pitjantjatjara. With your help, Pitjantjatjara speakers can come face to face with God's Living Word.

The Nyoongar Aboriginal peoples, consisting of several clans in the south-western tip of Western Australia, are trying to revive the language of their heart and memory. Your donation today will help support Nyoongar speakers as they translate the Bible into their heart language and provide God's word to their community.

From the <https://aboriginalbibles.org.au/> website

Since over half of Indigenous Australians identify as Christian, this site focuses on providing access to historical and current published translations of the Holy Bible or portions thereof. When no scripture has been published in a language, but drafts exist, some of these have been posted with a caveat as we wish as much material as possible to be made accessible and available. Scriptures are posted here with permission of the copyright holders. Some materials may also be published here for the first time. You are free to read, download, and share the material posted on this site according the terms given in each Bible's copyright information page.

Bible Statistics: There are at least 53 Indigenous Languages with some part of the Bible today:

- Only 1 has a complete Bible (Kriol)
- 7 languages have partial Bibles published ('MiniBibles') with some New Testament and some Old Testament sections;
- 15 have a complete New Testament, sometimes with sections of the Old Testament (known as 'Shorter Bibles')
- 22 have at least one complete Old or New Testament book, usually a Gospel
- 9 have just portions of Scripture
- Of these, 16 languages have Scripture recorded in audio format.