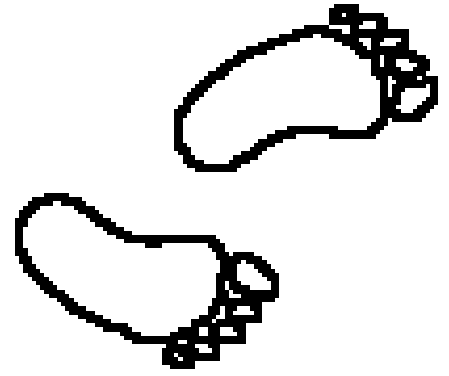


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The Next Step

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(in the Methodist Tradition)



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4pm service start time from 24th April

As discussed at our meeting late last year, we will change to the earlier start time of 4pm for our services during the colder, darker months. We will make that change on 24 April, a week after Easter.

Scripture Union Regeneration Dinner



Clockwise around table from closest left: Trudy (Weston Creek Uniting), Clarissa, Kelly, Sharon, Macka, Ruth, Nicki, Chichi, Mark. Photographer: Ian.

I can report that the meals were tasty, the company top class, the musicians very accomplished, their music very enjoyable but not obtrusive, the atmosphere friendly and positive, the information shared encouraging and the speaker (Josh Taylor) inspiring.

Josh is a school chaplain from South Australia who, with a competition partner, made it to the final of the second season Lego Masters TV show.

He has a real passion for Jesus and sharing his faith which fits closely with the work Scripture Union is doing.



Clockwise around table from closest left: Clarissa, Kelly, Sharon, Macka, Ruth, Nicki, Chichi, Mark, Ian. Photographer: Trudy.

Sunday, 3rd April - Mr. Roy Dallos - Ruth 3: 15-18



After many months of caution due to the COVID threat, it was good to again welcome Roy and Darlene to our service.

Although I was unable to attend due to continuing caution (close contact with a COVID infected friend (he is now recovered)), I am told that it was a 'good, old time Methodist like service'.

The singing was joyful and enthusiastic led by the voices of Roy and Laurie since we had no one to play the piano / organ or play the music from the computer.

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Fun

A professor wrote on the blackboard, "Woman without her man is nothing." The students were then instructed to insert the proper punctuation. The men wrote, "Woman, without her man, is nothing." The women wrote, "Woman! Without her, man is nothing."

When the box with the Fancy Dress costume arrived, it was empty. I called the company and asked where my Maid Marian costume was.

"We're sorry, ma'am. We'll send your costume tomorrow," the representative said. "In the meantime, feel free to keep the Lady Godiva costume you got by mistake."

I asked the kids in my nursery school class what they needed in order to grow up nice and strong. One little girl answered, "Birthdays!"

Sunday, 13th March - Rev. Rachel Tonga - Wept over Jerusalem



Many of our people were away visiting relatives or friends or involved in special activities arranged for this long weekend. In addition others were unwell and unable to attend. This left us with only a small congregation although our numbers were boosted by many from the Tongan Wesleyan Methodist congregation who joined us for this service.



A highlight of the service was the singing of the Tongans before and after Rachel's sermon which was based on Luke 13: 31-35.

Clockwise around table from closest left: Mrs. Ahosivi, Trish, Joyce, Rev. Rachel Tonga, guest, guest, guest, Wendy, Ian, Rev. David Ahosivi.



Although we have not been having the service since COVID aspects of life, it seemed to have light refreshments Sunday. The became more of a meal catering of pizza, cakes and cold drinks meant there was plenty for everyone with leftovers.

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Sunday, 10th April - Mrs. Joyce Hall - The fruit test

We held our Harvest Thanksgiving service this year on Palm Sunday.

Our produce display again provided a wonderful reminder of God's goodness towards us and his provision for our needs. The following day it was gratefully received by St. John's care in Reid for distribution to those in need.



Following the service we enjoyed refreshments with a visitor from Western Australia who had found us thinking we were the Finnish congregation. Janne also came over to meet him and have a sandwich with us.

Thank you to Joyce for arranging the display and bringing us a challenging message.



Joyce began her sermon by expressing the hope that God found the sight and aroma of the display pleasing as we did and that he would also be pleased with our actions in using the produce to assist others.

Colossians 3: 1-17 provided the text for Joyce's sermon.

Bad things in our lives including immorality, greed and love of money must be eliminated.

God's wrath is coming if we don't repent.

Those bad aspects of our lives should be replaced with good including compassion and kindness. We need a new spirit within us.

We need to be patient, prepared to forgive without limit and to love.

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More fun

Q What do you call someone with no body and no nose?

A Nobody knows.

A businessman boarded an international flight and found a fancy young woman seated next to him wearing a large diamond ring. During the flight, he asked her about the ring.

"It is the Klopman diamond, but it comes with a terrible curse," she said.

"What's the curse," he asked.

She replied, "Mr. Klopman."

The older I get, the earlier it gets late.

One of the shortest wills ever written: "Being of sound mind, I spent all the money."

When you're 20 and you drop something, you pick it up.

When you're 80 and you drop something, you decide you don't need it anymore.

Chaplains

Rev. Bob Prior - Racecourse chaplaincy
Rev. Paul Tabulutu - N.S.W. / A.C.T. Fijian churches

Please remember Bob and Paul and their work in your prayers.



Services over recent weeks have included the following:



Mr. Ming En Chin

Mrs. Joyce Hall

Rev. Rachel Tonga

Rev. Bob Prior

Dr. Philip Foster

Mr. Roy Dallos

Mrs. Joyce Hall

Sunday **27th February** – **Mr. Ming En Chin** - Jesus' love

Sunday **6th March** – **Mrs. Joyce Hall**

Sunday **13th March** – **Rev. Rachel Tonga** - Wept over Jerusalem

Sunday **20th March** – **Rev. Bob Prior**

Sunday **27th March** – **Dr. Philip Foster** - Suffering

Sunday **3rd April** – **Mr. Roy Dallos** - Ruth 3: 15-18

Sunday **10th April** – **Mrs. Joyce Hall** - The fruit test

Coming Services

We meet at **Holy Trinity Finnish Lutheran Church, Cnr. Gould and Watson Streets, Turner**



Rev. Paul Tabulutu

Mr. David Turner

Mr. Roy Dallos

?????

Mr. David Hay

Mr. Jeff Mason

Mr. Ming En Chin

Mr. Daniel Pennington

Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan

Sunday **17th April** at 5pm – **Rev. Paul Tabulutu (Easter)**

Sunday **24th April** at 4pm – **Mr. David Turner (Mission Without Borders)**

Sunday **1st May** at 4pm – **Mr. Roy Dallos**

Sunday **8th May** at 4pm – ?

Sunday **15th May** at 4pm – **Mr. David Hay (Service In Mission)**

Sunday **22nd May** at 4pm – **Mr. Jeff Mason**

Sunday **29th May** at 4pm – **Mr. Ming En Chin**

Sunday **5th June** at 4pm – **Mr. Daniel Pennington (Compassion)**

Sunday **12th June** at 4pm – **Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan**



Prayer

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Bible Reading

