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Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing
Sunday 1st August 2021

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mask shows...



Love



Readings

1st August

2 Sam 11: 26 – 12:13a

Psalm 51: 1-12

Ephesians 4: 1 - 16

John 6: 24-35.

8th August

2 Sam 18: 5-9, 15:31-33

Psalm 130

Ephesians 4:25- 5:2

John 6: 35, 41-51

G'day folks,

I hope you have all enjoyed this wild wet weather (and being able to leave home). I had a great lockdown; I treated it like a mini-retreat. I read and walked and prayed and thought. All fabulous things. It was beautiful that my first post-lockdown activity was to go on a short walk in the national park with some of you. It's also been a tough week, with the passing of our dear friend Laurel. We will continue to hold Laurel's family in our prayers.

This week we continue our walkthrough John 6. We have five weeks in one chapter. We will get familiar with it by the end (I hope). John 6 is in the middle of the first significant section of John's Gospel (Chapters 1-12, sometimes called the Book of Signs).

In modern literature, we love a good plot twist at the end of the story. Our very own Joan Morton is a master of this in her poetry. I gasped the first time I read one of her poems, she is so good at the surprise twist. John's Gospel, though also poetry, isn't about surprise twists. John makes clear what he thinks is important by putting it right in the middle of the text. And what is in the middle of this section of John's Gospel? Jesus is the Bread of Life.

Bread of Life should make us think of Manna from Heaven in the Exodus. John is making some clear connections between the Israelites being liberated from bondage and Jesus liberating us from bondage as well. Moses led the people out, but it was God who fed them. John's Gospel says it is Jesus who is the sustenance for our journey toward liberation. Jesus is the sustainer in our good times and in our hard times.

As we gather together as a physical community this week, may we be open to the ways Christ feeds us.

Blessings,
Richard

PASTORAL CARE

Our dear friend **Laurel Leak passed away this past week**. Laurel lived a full and happy life. We are thankful for her the love that she spread and the care she gave to all. We hold her children Andrew, Maggie and Sue in our prayers.

A funeral will be held at the church on Monday the 9th at 10 am.

Due to COVID restrictions, it will be by invitation.

The family have expressed their ongoing love for this community and for you. They have appreciated your support over the years with the passing of Doug and now Laurel.

Laurel has asked for no flowers to be sent; instead, please make donations to the Cancer Council.

ROSEFIELD PRAYER MEETING - 8:00am Wednesday mornings (online)

A half-hour time of prayer for our church and community. Come online at 8:00 am on Wednesday mornings if you would like to be part of praying for our church, or if you would like prayer (for yourself or someone else) or would like to pray for something on your heart. Everyone is welcome. Scott Hutchinson and Rob Rodenburg. Go to: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9607672787?pwd=ZVJZeWVPRUlR2xuZENQVjJlcWk0dz09>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Garden Group annual winter slide morning, Fri 30th July at 10.30am at church

It is too cold and wet to venture out much in July, so the Garden Group has once again invited David Parham to present photos of his overseas garden trips. This time, David will showcase Italian gardens, from Roman times up until the present. And given the similarity of climate between Italy and Adelaide, I'd expect to see Rosefield gardens sporting long columns of pencil pines, ornate fountains and marble sculptures on 10-acre estates after this talk! Fri 30th July at 10.30am, at the church. Everyone welcome, especially armchair gardeners and travellers. Covid restrictions mean we can't share a morning tea, but please bring something to nibble on yourself. Alice McCleary 0419 808 635

Garden Group Excursion – Arid Lands Botanic Gardens, Port Augusta, 4th - 5th September

I am seeking expressions of interest from the Rosefield community for a weekend excursion to the Arid Lands Botanic Gardens at Port Augusta (<https://www.aalbg.org/>) on 4th- 5th September. Not surprisingly, the gardens specialise in the thousands of unique plants of the Australian desert and outback – places where annual rainfall is less than 300mm (12"). I have chosen early September as it should be peak flowering season, and it should also be cool! The site is 250ha, and with the plants comes a plethora of native birds and animals. There is lots for children to do as well.

My draft suggested itinerary is as follows:

- Depart Rosefield 8am Sat 4th Sept
- Lunch at the excellent café at the Arid Lands Botanic Gardens
- Afternoon at leisure to explore the gardens – we may be able to have a guided tour, and there are many diverse habitats to explore on our own. Those less interested in the gardens may also like to explore other attractions in Port Augusta.
- Dinner at a local pub or restaurant
- Overnight at a motel
- Church in Port Augusta on Sunday morning
- Return to Rosefield mid-afternoon Sun 5th Sept.

If there is sufficient interest, we could explore hiring a small bus. Some may like to take their vans. Suggestions about the itinerary are most welcome. Please email (amccleary@internode.on.net) or text me if you are interested in going, and whether the mini-bus idea is appealing. Once I have an idea of numbers we can explore accommodation and dinner options. Alice McCleary 0419 808 635

Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs

Brad and Narelle Scott, who recycle our bread tags in Robe, will be featured in this week's episode of *Movin' to the Country* on ABC TV. Due to our close partnership, this means that we will be featured too! Watch it at 7.30pm on Friday on ABC TV, or later on iView. Jenny Cooper

Rosefield Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast will resume on Tuesday, 10th August, after a break since early last year. The speaker will be our new minister, Rev Richard Telfer. So, men of Rosefield, get out of bed early on Tuesday 10 August and come to church at 7:15 am to hear Richard tell us his story.

WIDER COMMUNITY



CMLA Music and Worship Day

Music is important in worship, it can enliven and deepen worship, and it can do the opposite. What we sing shapes our theology and our knowledge of God.

Cost: \$50 per person, \$120 for 3 or more people from one congregation.

On Saturday 21 August 2021 at 10:00 am to 4:00 pm here at Rosefield.

Please let the Church office know if you would like to join us at this event!