

My favourite Psalm and how it points to Jesus

Over 7 weeks this summer we will hear from 7 different preachers, each sharing their favourite Psalm and showing how it points to Jesus.

One of the beauties of the Psalms is that they share emotion. The Psalms are not story, they are poetry and full of emotion. The psalmists wrestle with God as they look at injustice in the world, they plead with him for mercy, they rejoice in his goodness, his deliverance and in his presence. They cry out for action, for justice and for mercy.

Reading the Psalms can at times feel like reading someone's journal, but they are also songs, designed to be sung. The Psalms can be beautiful and awful.

But as you read the Psalms, I want to encourage you to see how Jesus fulfills them all. He is the one who cried out concerning injustice and deals with it, he is the one who brings mercy, he is the one who cried out for deliverance and delivers, he is the one who acts for our good.

And as we see that, we may also see that Jesus experienced the full range of human emotion for our sakes, and to redeem our human emotions. Like everything else in us, emotions are good, they're just scarred by sin.

I hope you enjoy seeing Jesus in the Psalms.

- Jim Douglass

What's the best news you've ever heard?

We all get one life to live and deep down we're all asking the same question –

What's it all about?

Christianity Explored is a free, informal and relaxed seven-week course for anyone thinking about the meaning of life. You don't need a Bible and you won't be asked to pray or sing. You can ask questions or just sit and listen. Jim is running this course in 2020:

Tuesday 11 February – Tuesday 24 March

7.30-9pm at

24 Moreton Bay Ave, Spring Farm

Contact the church office for more info or grab an invitation from the back table.

SRE Teacher Training

Have you ever thought of becoming an SRE teacher in our local primary schools?

Paula is running training for new teachers:

Tuesday 28 January 9.30am-4.30pm

Modules 1, 2 and 5

Thursday 30 January 1-3pm

Module 3

Friday 31 January 9.30-11.30am

Module 4

If you have any questions about becoming an SRE teacher or the training, please see Paula.

Term 1 Opportunities

The beginning of the Term, and especially the beginning of the year, is a great time to join a Growth Group. These are small groups that meeting weekly, to read and study the Bible, to pray together and care for one another. Sign up sheets for the 2020 groups are now available on the back table.

At the beginning of each term we also run training for a variety of our ministry groups:

Wednesday 5 February

Growth Group Leaders

7.30pm in the main church building

Saturday 16 February

Sunday School Leader & Helper Training

11.15am in the main church building

run by Wendy Philpott - 0409 773 460

My favourite Psalm - Psalm 119

Simon Jones

Dates to Remember

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| Jan 28 | SRE Module 1, 2 & 5 |
| Jan 30, 31 | SRE Module 3 & 4 |
| Feb 2 | Sunday Kids' Groups Resume |
| Feb 5 | Growth Group Leaders' Training |
| Feb 7 | Kids' Club & Youth Group Resume |
| Feb 11 | 'Christianity Explored' Course Begins |
| Feb 16 | Sunday Kids' Leaders & Helpers Training |

■ MINISTRY TEAM

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Monday 9am - 3pm
Tuesday 9am - 2.30pm
Friday 9am - 3pm

■ WEEKLY MINISTRIES

Growth Groups
Various times - see church
noticeboard for details

Playgroup Plus
Thursday 10am - 12pm

Narellan Kids' Club
(Years K - 5)
Friday 4:30 - 6pm

Narellan Youth
(Years 6 - 12)
Friday 7 - 9pm

Morning Prayer Group
Friday 6-6:45am

Prayer Chain
Wendy Philpott
prayer@narellananglican.org.au

PRAYER POINTS

Dear Lord and loving Father help us to honestly reflect on our actions and attitude, to come before you with a penitent heart and mind. Enable us, through your Holy Spirit, to look to Jesus and to mimic his attitude of total dependence on you.

We pray for this Australia Day, that though we have different cultures, perspectives and attitudes that we will be united under you God, determined to do your will. We pray for the original custodians of this land, that they may be blessed by you, and that we will be good stewards of the country entrusted to us and reflect your glory in our respect for each other.

We pray for our country which is ravaged by drought and fire that you will bring relief with constant rain. We pray for safety for our emergency workers, that they will be refreshed. Please comfort those who grieve, that they may find peace in you.

We ask for those we know who are sick and suffering, that you may bring relief. We pray also for their care givers that they too may find support and encouragement through you. Help us to be aware of others and seek ways to nurture our church family.

We pray for and commit the future plans of our building program and pray for wisdom for those on Parish Council, that they will seek ways to give glory to you, so that others from the local area may come to know you as their Lord and Saviour.

Dear God, we pray for the seeds sown through Beach Missions and CMS Summer School that these may grow and flourish under your guidance and care. We thank you for those people so willing to give of their time to serve you and pray that people's lives will be transformed by the power of your living Word.

We pray for those people returning to school and work, especially for those who are starting new endeavours; starting at a new school, university or full-time work. Give them confidence that you are with them and that they have been positioned exactly where you desire them to be. Bless the work of their hands and their interactions with others around them, that they may be salt to a world that desperately needs your love.

We pray that the Douglass family may have a restful break and return to us encouraged and refreshed, energised for your work. We pray for the team around Jim, especially for Dan, that you will bless them and enable them to do good works for your glory. Amen.



26 January 2020

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CHURCH

Welcome!

**We meet together to hear God address us through his word,
to be transformed by that word, to thank and praise God
and to encourage one another as disciples of Jesus.**

Psalm 119:15-16

I will meditate on your precepts
and think about your ways.
I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.

BIBLE READINGS

Hebrews 12:14-29

Psalm 119:1-16

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SUNDAY
SERVICES

9³⁰
am

5
pm

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