

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Services

8am traditional

10:30am family contemporary

Wednesday Services 10am

Wooli Services TBA. Currently on hold



INSPIRED BY GOD'S GRACE -WE SEEK TO SHARE HIS UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST

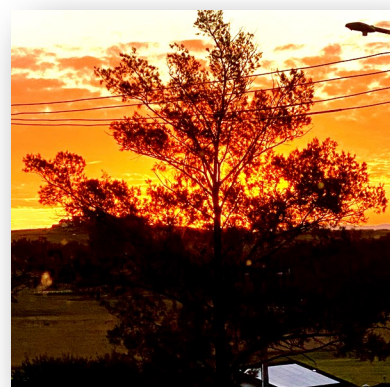
Courage isn't always something that simply happens. There is no courage button within us that we can tap when we are confronted by things that scare us. I reckon that in his life, Moses wished he had such a button that would remove fear and angst when confronted by the things he could not control. Often the things that scare us are the things that we cannot control.

Putting aside the burning bush, we find Moses being confronted by his own fears. No matter how much God tried to tell him that He would be there, Moses was searching for one of two buttons: Courage or get me out of here...

What God asked of Moses is huge. Like nothing in modern history, Moses steps up, not out of confidence but out of obedience.

It was only when Moses exposed his fears to God that God exposes His strength. They shared their identifying names. Moses said 'who am i?' while God declared 'I Am.'

Too often the focus is on the burning bush, but really the focus is on God getting our attention.



The other evening, I looked out the window of the rectory to be confronted by this:

I wasn't looking for it, but it was there. It reminded me that God calls me to courage when I doubt. It reminded me that God equips me with His Spirit to give me guidance when I cannot see through the fog.

I am reminded that God has given all of us the opportunity to share our earthly walk with His Son, teaching those who have never heard about him, what he gives. Let our lives be like that burning bush; a sign of hope in our troubled times.



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OPENING SENTENCE & READINGS

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him. Matthew 16.24–25

READINGS:

Exodus 3.1-15

Romans 12.9-21

Psalms 105.1-6; 23-26

Matthew 16.21-28



'I Am that I Am'

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:

Our Nation:

That our nation will work together, amidst border closures and curfews, to work as one country, keeping our neighbours safe in our comings and goings.

Prayer points:

- The collapse of the economy in India as countless businesses have closed, forcing many to struggle as the lockdown, one of the world's strictest, crippled most economic and commercial activities
- For the effect that COVID-19 is having on Syria, one of the most effected countries in the middle east
- For those in Afghanistan, Pakistan and the United States who are suffering tragic loss of life through storms and monsoon flooding
- For the tragic and horrific murders of 35 youth in Columbia. We pray for their families and communities that are stricken with fear while the culprits remain at large

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

KIDS MUSICAL PLAYTIME:

We are taking things one day at a time, so the Kids Musical Playtime will be back soon. Keep an eye on our website or Facebook page for restart dates .

NOTICES IN BRIEF



Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It partners with local churches in developing nations to reach out to children by providing gift-filled shoeboxes and bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

After receiving shoebox gifts, many children are also invited back to participate in The Greatest Journey – an evangelism and discipleship program.

Will you join with us this year to help us reach more children with gift-filled shoeboxes for distribution to children in the developing world?

Please see Narelle and Francis Keane for more details and to get your kit.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

EXODUS 12.1-14
ROMANS 13.1-10

PSALM 149
MATTHEW 18.10-20