



Newsletter

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HOW GOOD IS IT TO ALL GATHER IN THE CHURCH FOR WORSHIP!

We are now able to have up to 150 people at each service, so it is time to encourage anyone you know to come and be with us on any Sunday at 10.30am.

Today's service will include a service of Holy Communion. This part of our worship will be conducted under strict covid-19 guidelines.

When entering the church you are requested to hand sanitise, and place your offering in the bowl near the door.

Please remember that social distancing for seating remains in place. Therefore we ask that a restriction of "one family" per pew be adhered to.

“As I mentioned during Sharing time at church last Sunday, I have volunteered to take part in a clinical research study being undertaken by Barwon Health, for an experimental vaccine against a new type of virus called Sars-Co.2 which has caused a global outbreak call Coronavirus Disease (Covid 19). The international sponsor is Novavax Inc. and the local one is PPD Australia Pty. Ltd.

Barwon health is only 1 of 10 sites across Australia that has been selected to take part, under the leadership of Professor Eugene Athan. He said “the trial was an opportunity for Barwon Health and the Geelong Community to be involved in ground breaking research with historical significance. He also said we will be monitoring subjects closely with follow-up visits throughout the trial, and testing the antibody levels that build up in their blood, indicating potential immunity to the virus, general health and safety and whether subjects develop Covid-19 illness.

Participants have a 1 in 5 chance to get the placebo while others will get different doses of the active vaccine candidate.” We are taking part in Part 2, which is 750—1500 healthy men and women between 18 and 84 years old. About 1/2 will be 60 years and older. Part 2 will be conducted in either Australia or the US, or both countries.

The trial began in the last week of August, and will be completed in March 2021. so far we have had a medical appointment, an injection in both arms, blood tests, monthly nasal swabs, an respond to monthly phone surveys. A booster will be given to participants towards the end of the trial. There are 3 main nurses involved and the trial is conducted in the Greta Vollum medical centre located on the corner of Myers and Bellarine Streets, adjacent to the Geelong University Hospital.

Best wishes to all church members, and may 2021 be less dramatic for everyone in various ways.”

Jo Hawthorne.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR DECEMBER

December 6th Advent 2

Isaiah 40: 1-11, Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13,
2 Peter 3: 8-15a, Mark 1: 1-8

Bible reader: Marjorie Barry

Prayers for the People: Jim Barry

December 13th Advent 3

Isaiah 61: 1-4,8-11, Psalm 126, Luke 1: 46b-55,
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24, John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Bible Reader: Megan Smith

Prayers for the People: The Rev. Bob Thomas

December 20th Advent 4

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16 Luke 1: 46b-55,
Psalm 89 1-4, 19.26, Romans 16: 26-38, Luke 1: 26-38

Bible Reader: Peter Dickson

Prayers for the People: Dianne Sapwell

December 27th First Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 61: 10-62:3, Psalm 148
Galatians 4: 4-7, Luke 2: 22-40

Bible Reader: Neil Derrick

Prayers for the People: The Rev. Bob Thomas

KEY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

**“I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the
Holy Spirit”**

Mark 1: 8

If you are unable to join us in person for worship
you will still be able to “attend” church,
as the service
will be live streamed through zoom.

KITCHEN CLEAN

Judy Greer and Dianne Sapwell have been busy giving the kitchen a good clean and tidy up.

While doing this they have found that the chopping boards are past their use by date and only a limited number of baking trays.

If you have any of the above that you are not using would you please consider donating them to the church. You can leave them in the office on Thursday or Friday mornings between 10.00am and 11.30am

**Thanks to Robert and Barbara Cox we now have a complete set of stainless saucepans, and to Neil Derrick for one baking tray
Your contribution is greatly appreciated.**

How to reduce spam emails:

- Don't share your email address online unless you need to and consider setting up a separate email address just to use for online forms and shopping.
- As much as possible have separate email accounts for personal and business use.
- Use a spam filter to catch these messages before they get to your inbox.
- Delete spam messages without opening them.
- When you sign up for an online account or service be aware of default options to receive additional emails about other products.

Crosslight will be available shortly,
but please note that there will be
no calendars this year.

So if you are offered a 2021 calendar anywhere you may like to take up the offer.