

# Order of Service

*Song: Jesus sinners does receive*

*Prayer*

*Song: Search me, O God*

Bible Reading: Isaiah 59:15b-20; Ephesians 6:10-

17

*Kids Talk*

*Sermon*

*Song: A Christian's daily prayer*

- Please pray for Ben and Antonia Wilkins with their four children (including young twins) will arrive in Niger at the end of July. May they know God's sustaining help in many new situations.
- Some friends said recently about Somalia: *"Growing numbers of Somali young people are becoming disenchanted with their religion. Pray for the safety of those who are attracted to the liberating message of the gospel and desire to follow Christ."*
- Most of our Scripture classes at Walcha Central have been looking at Luke's Gospel for the first half of this year. We are thankful for the opportunity to teach, and please pray for God's blessing on His Word.
- *"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ (Gal. 6:2)."* Please pray for one another – and may God give us grace to bear up others in Jesus' name, where we can.

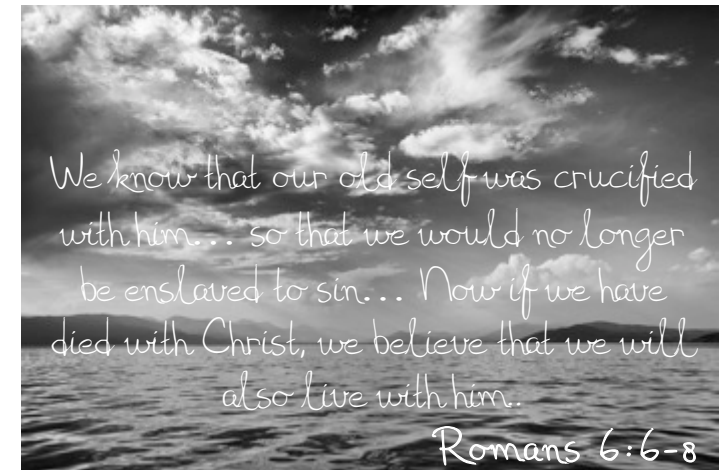
*"Too often some Christians have felt that tears and distress were marks of unbelief. The truth is they marked the life of... Jesus Christ. The true life of faith is marked by tenderness of heart."*

- Ian Hamilton

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Church

to show God's love by word and deed

to encourage others to follow Him



**Sunday 7 July 2024**

Welcome and please join us for a cuppa after the service

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## Notices

**Membership-** Membership is for professing Christians who are baptised. It is committing to a local church and requires a credible declaration of faith in Christ Jesus.

**Baptism-** After the Lord Jesus rose from the dead he commanded baptism (Matt. 28:19; also Acts 10:48). **Talk to Graham or Doug**

**God's Word:** live a life worthy of God's calling;

*July 7 – Ephesians 6:14-17*

*July 14 – Ephesians 4:18-20*

*July 21 – Doug will preach on Luke 5:1-11 (“nevertheless”)*

	July 7	July 14	July 21
Kids' Talk	Linda	Alex	Stuart
Door	Cameron	Eamon	Eric
Morning Tea	Stantons	Alex + Ranju	Bardens

## Ephesians 6:14-17 – Fighting Satan

In the Garden Satan couldn't ruin God and so he went after the pinnacle of His creation – the man and woman. But Satan is limited.

*Verse 12, “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”*

### God the Warrior

Maybe Paul was watching Roman soldiers, but notice;

- In Isaiah 11:5 the Messiah wears belt of faithfulness.
- In Isaiah 59:17 the LORD wears a breastplate of righteousness and helmet of salvation.
- In Isaiah 52:7 the feet of those who bring good news and proclaim peace are praised.
- In Genesis 15:1, the LORD is Abram's shield.
- In Isaiah 49:2 the LORD's servant speaks like a sharp sword.

The consequence of Christ is battle – and don't step back from it!

### The Belt of Truth

- Truth paves the way for the others pieces of armour.

### The Breastplate of Righteousness

- Christ is our righteousness and in Him we now seek to live in obedience to God.

### Feet with Gospel Peace

- A declaration of peace with God!

### The Shield of Faith

- We fight Satan with faith.

### Helmet of Salvation

- Salvation guards the mind.

### The Sword of the Spirit

- *“Which is the word of God.”*

The armour is a whole. By it we will stand on the evil day (v.11). It is enough.

**“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”**