

Order of Service

Song: Across the Lands

Prayer

Song: My song is love unknown

Bible Reading: Ezra 5:1-6:12; Psalm 85

Kids Talk

Sermon

Song: A revival prayer

- Kids Games will be from 2nd-4th October. Pray that we will clearly and faithfully teach God's word.
- Emily returns to Agape orphanage in Thailand this school holidays. Pray for many fruitful opportunities, and especially, for the children whom she will meet to know Christ.
- Please pray for the H. family. "Asking for stuff is a cultural norm here... "[But] if I say no will they be angry..." All kinds of thoughts swirl. It is draining. We need the Lord's wisdom in relationship building.

*Gone, they tell me, is youth,
Gone is the strength of my life,
Nothing remains but decline.
Nothing but age and decay.*

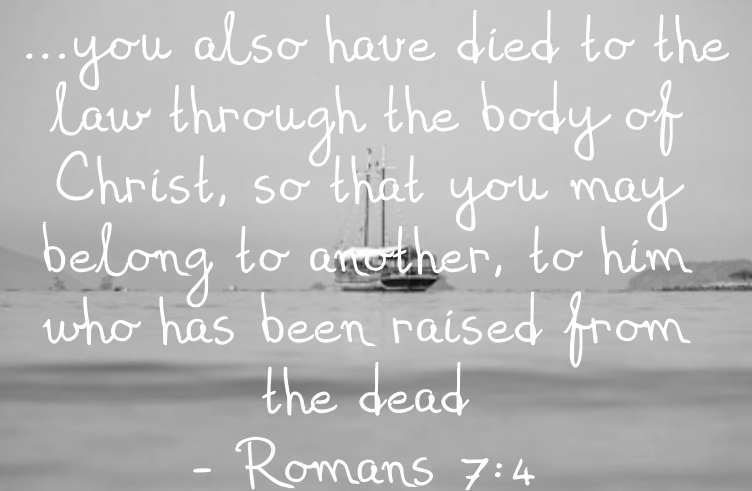
*Not so, I'm God's little child,
Only beginning to live;
Coming the days of my prime,
Coming the strength of my life,
Coming the vision of God,
Coming my bloom and my power.*

- Gold by Moonlight, Amy Carmichael, 1935

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to show God's love by word and deed

to encourage others to follow Him



*...you also have died to the
law through the body of
Christ, so that you may
belong to another, to him
who has been raised from
the dead
- Romans 7:4*

Sunday 29 September 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**

Kids Games – from Wednesday 2nd October to Friday 4th October. If you are able to bake some biscuits or cake for morning tea then that would be much appreciated. Two invitations;

- Tuesday evening, 7pm, prayer for the week
- Friday evening, 5pm onwards, BBQ at Josh and Rachael Wellings' home. Bring drinks, chair and nibbles.

Combined Service – on Sunday 6th October at the Anglican Church for the end of Kids Games.

Barnes' away – from 9-19th October.

Gingerbread afternoon – Sunday 24th November.

	Sept 29	Oct 6	Oct 13
Kids' Talk	Graham	Combined service at Anglican Church	Alex
Door	Cameron		Eric
Morning Tea	Edith + Lorna		Judy + Sue

God's Word: the God who is stubborn to keep His Word;

Sept 29 – Ezra 5:1-6:12

Oct 6 – Combined service at the Anglican Church

Oct 13 – Doug to lead

Ezra 5:1-6:12 – Revival within, then without

In Ezra 4 the work of God had come to a standstill for 15 years. Where was God?

No alternative - only God's Word (Ezra 5:1)

- It begins with prophesying God's Word and there could be no other alternative. Verses 1 and 2 cannot be switched.
- Haggai spoke God's Word (on 29th August 520 B.C.). It was time to leave their "paneled" houses (Hag. 1:4). Perhaps a dead orthodoxy had taken root... vital religion was weak.

Rediscovering God leads to renewal of God's work (Ezra 5:2)

- The great truths of God led to a revival of God's work for His glory and the good of His people.

Fire of God, come burn in me

Renew a holy passion

Till Christ my deepest longing be

My never-failing fountain...

Tettanai – a diligent Persian public servant (Ezra 5:3-17)

- Two questions: *Who authorised you to rebuild this temple? And, what are the names of those in charge?*
- **Lesson: Our fathers were 'hard path' hearers** (v.11-16). The people could only come to a true grasp of their history when they came to terms with God.

Records found! (Ezra 6:1-5)

- How fragile God's work often looks! An old scroll in an archive.

Let the temple be built (Ezra 6:6-12)

- *Do not interfere with them, and we will pay all costs.*

But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere... Who is sufficient for these things? – 2 Corinthians 2:14-16