

Order of Service

Song: This is my Father's world

Prayer

*Song: Jesus, strong and kind & O Lord, my Rock
and my Redeemer*

*Bible Reading: 1 Peter 2:13-17 & Ecclesiastes 7:1-
23-8:15*

Sermon

Song: The Perfect wisdom of our God

- Please pray for Somalia in the Horn of Africa. Population: 18 million. This is part of an interview with a Christian man in Somalia earlier this week: *"I was raised a Muslim but I became a disciple of Christ in 1986... I heard Somali Christian people preaching [on short wave radio]... I had intention of converting... I received a New Testament and Bible study materials. So I read the New Testament and fell in love... It took me three years... I told my Muslim mum... "Mum, I will love you even more now that I am a disciple of Christ." ...[My family] shunned me for a few years... But gradually our relationship was mended... We know that persecution is a normal part of life. However... we have underground house churches, underground fellowships and Bible study groups... in many villages and towns in Somalia... but we keep a low profile."* Pray that God would bless and help His people.

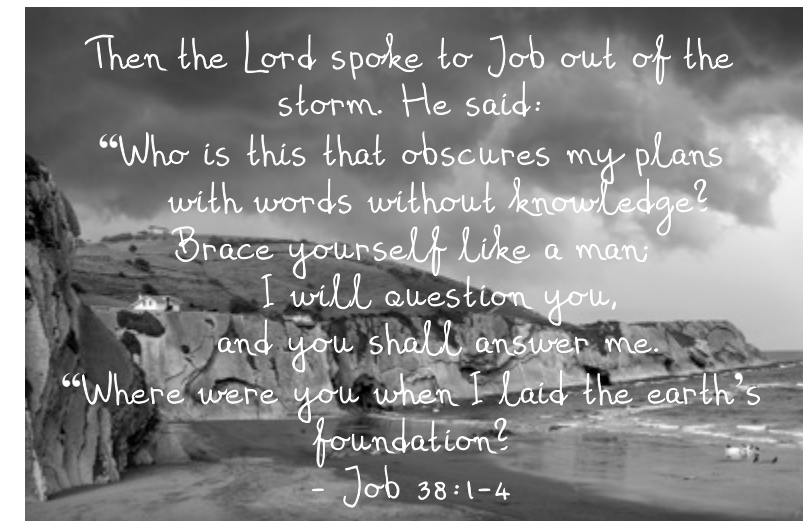
"Whilst he was being interviewed one time, an ABC announcer from Orange asked the old man what was the greatest thing that ever happened to him. 'When I met Jesus', he replied boldly, with a little chuckle."

- Munqindi [George] Harrison from Tibooburra (1875?-1982)

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to show God's love by word and deed

to encourage others to follow Him



Sunday 4 May 2025

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**

Ladies gathering - Saturday May 10 at 9.30am at the Royal Cafe (26e Fitzroy St).

Also, save the date of the evening of May 30 for our first games night for 2025. Details to follow but get ready for a night of fun and laughs. Enquiries to Fiona on 0429690679.

God's Word: searching for life

May 4 – Ecclesiastes 8 (Fear God, do well)

May 11 – Ecclesiastes 9 (Wisdom comes out on top)

May 18 – Ecclesiastes 10 (A fool is wearisome)

	May 4	May 11	May 18
Kids' Talk	Linda	Stuart	Doug
Door	Eamon	Eric	Cameron
Morning Tea	? + Sam	Edith + Lorna	Jill + Yvonne

Ecclesiastes 7:23-8:15 So enjoy life!

Is wisdom inherited or acquired?

The fourth deadly sin (7:26)

Probably this is sin of a sexual nature and the person is being manipulated and trapped.

"Lust is a poor, weak, whimpering, whispering thing compare with that richness and energy of desire which will arise when lust has been killed." – C.S. Lewis

What is the best explanation for life? (7:27-8:1)

In verse 28, the NIV includes the word "upright" (notice the square brackets). But Solomon seems to be trying to figure people out. Probably he simply means that he can't understand the many schemes that people have, but he knows that, somehow, the answers are found in God who made us upright.

Alexander the Great: *"To the strongest."* But Solomon seeks wisdom. Wisdom is hard to find, but Solomon desires to find it!

Kings: power and rebellion (8:2-9)

"Obey the king's command..." Solomon seems to be warning against rebelling against the king for a *"bad cause."*

Israel's king was God's king, and so to rebel against the king was to rebel against God (e.g. David would not lay a hand upon the LORD's anointed, King Saul). Every *"bad cause"* is against God.

Verses 7-8 seem to say that whilst the future and the day of death are unknown to us, we can know this: the rebel will be trapped by their wickedness.

There are *"good causes."* Bunyan's decisions: 1) God's honour; 2) his conscience; 3) what would encourage people seeking Christ.

Power often ruins a person (8:9-14)

In *Animal Farm* the oppressed become the oppressors. Life is not an equation. Sometimes the wicked person receives a grand funeral and is praised. But the person who fears God is satisfied that God knows all things.

In the scheme of things, enjoy life! (8:15)