# Order of Service

Song: Creation sings

Prayer

Song: The Perfect Wisdom

Bible Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14; Genesis 3:1-15

Kids Talk

Sermon

Song: Meekness and Majesty

- From a friend at a university in Sydney: "Towards the end of this semester... I spoke with [a man] after the meeting. 'Where are you from?' I asked. 'Saudi Arabia,' he answered. 'So, you're a Muslim.' I said. 'No,' he replied. 'Why not?' 'There are too many things that don't make sense.' He looked really nervous, so I asked, 'What would your parents think if they knew you were here?' 'I wouldn't tell them,' he said. 'Why are you here?' I enquired 'To find the true God,' he said. I offered to read the Gospel of Mark with him, but that was a bridge too far [but he downloaded a Bible]... A man from Saudi Arabia walks into our meeting searching for the true God and walks off with the Bible—we haven't seen him again, but I pray we might!
- "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble (Matthew 6:34)." Trust Him with each day.

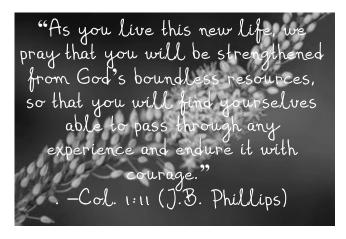
"The weaklings and the sickly of the flock are the special objects of the Saviour's care... You think, dear heart, that you are forgotten, because of your nothingness and weakness and poverty. This is the very reason you are remembered."

- Charles Spurgeon



to show God's love by word and deed

to encourage others to follow Him



# Sunday 23 November 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** 

**Gingerbread afternoon** – this afternoon 23rd November; 1pm-3pm at Anglican Church Hall. Please pray for God's hand on the afternoon.

**Combined Service and picnic** – it is our turn to go to the Anglican Church, 9:30am, 30<sup>th</sup> November. Afterwards, you are welcome to stay for a picnic.

God's Word: on the Incarnation

Nov 23 – On the Incarnation (Genesis 3:15)

Nov 30 – Combined service at Anglican Church

	23 Nov	30 Nov	7 Dec
Kids' Talk	Graham	Combined service	Linda
Door	Eamon	at Anglican Church	Cameron
Morning Tea	Judy		Stantons

# Genesis 3:15 ... the first promise

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." O loving wisdom of our God! When all was sin and shame, a second Adam to the fight, and to the rescue came.

- John Henry Newman

Genesis 3:15 is the first promise of the Gospel in the Bible. It weaves its way through the rest of the Bible and history.

#### Sin and sinfulness

- Our problem is not merely that we sin, but that we are sinful.
- A promised victor from Eve's family. Eve must have thought that, perhaps, Cain would crush the serpent (see Genesis 4), but no.

#### The eternal covenant of God

• Ephesians 1:3-6, "Praise be to the God... For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— to the praise of his glorious grace..." See too, the Son's role (v.7-12), and the Spirit's role (v. 13-14).

#### An ongoing conflict

The conflict between the Serpent and the offspring ("seed") of the woman (i.e. Christ Jesus) is the necessary conflict.

Old Adam should have crushed the serpent, but he didn't.

### A costly victory

Christ's heel is bruised/crushed at the cross. Yet, His resurrection from the grave and ascension will ensure His victory.

Note, His victory is our victory. Romans 16:20, "the God of peace, will soon crush Satan under your feet."

## A promise ultimately for the end of time

• By Revelation 12 the serpent is a dragon, but in the end is defeated.

Jesus is victor!