

Order of Service

Song: Creation sings

Prayer

Song: O for a closer walk with God

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy 15:12-18 & Romans

6:19-23

Kids Talk

Sermon

Song: Breathe on me breath of God

- Romans 15:14-16 says: *"Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position."* Please pray for one another to live as it says.
- Pray for Nepal - this is from Caleb Sherpa, who grew up in the same district, Solukumbu, where the flood occurred: *"The floods happen in Western side of Nepal place called Kerung near Tibet boarder, its near Langtang mountain."*

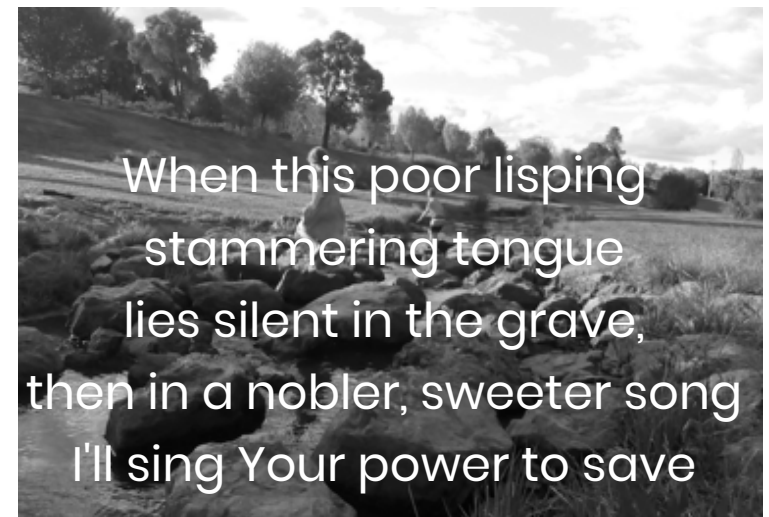
"Whilst he was being interviewed one time, an ABC announcer from Orange asked the old man what was the greatest thing that ever happened to him. 'When I met Jesus', he replied boldly, with a little chuckle."

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

Walcha
Presbyterian
Church

to show God's love by word and deed

to encourage others to follow Him



Sunday 30 August 2026

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, Doug or Gordon

Wilkins family – There are prayer cards on the table. Please pray for Ben and Antonia Wilkins, with Theodore, Cedric, Jemima and Domonic.

God's Word:

Aug 30 – Romans 6:19-23 (Slave or slave?)

Sept 6 – Romans 7:1-6 (we serve in the Spirit)

Sept 13 – Romans 7:7-12 (Sin sprang to life and I died)

	Aug 30	Sept 6	Sept 13
Kids' Talk	Alex	Graham	Stuart
Door	Eamon		Cameron
Morning Tea	Chris + Sam	Helen + Beulah	Stantons
Reading	Karyn	Val	John

Romans 6:19-23... Slave or slave?

- Why is this so vital? For our growth in holiness (v.22), and therefore, God's glory in our lives, and our happiness in Him.

Then and now – the utter change from then to now (v.19)

- *"I am putting this in human terms which I know are weak..."*
- You used to offer yourself as a slave to sin... *If you are a Christian, then how can you go back to that?*

- Do something! Offer yourself – and every part of who you are – to right living, which grows you to become more like Christ.
- Kill the lizard!

I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things
to Your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
You are mine and I am yours. So let it be.

Hindsight: ashamed of the past (v.20-21)

- Looking back: What benefit came from the way of life that we are now ashamed of? In the pure light of God, those things were pitiful and harmful.

Looking forward: no regrets in Christ (v.22)

- A Christian is a slave to God. The results of His service is holiness.

O, for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free,
A heart that feels and knows that Your blood
Was freely shed for me.

- Five promises;
 - There is a battle within to go back to the old ways.
 - I have been set free from sin.
 - God is my new master.
 - Under my new master, I live a life of holiness.
 - Eternal life awaits, when all this is perfected.

The wages of sin are death; the gift of God is eternal life (v.23)

- I deserve death under sin's dominion, but gift is given and thankfully received.

Your grace that leads this sinner home
From death to life forever
And sings the song of righteousness
By blood and not by merit