Order of Service

Song: Holy, holy, holy

Prayer

Song: Hide away in the love of Jesus

Bible Reading: Exodus 28:31-38 & Philippians 1:1-6

Kids Talk

Sermon

Song: O, Church arise!

- Be full of thanks that God promises that one day everyone who belongs to Christ, will be free completely from sin, and we will see Jesus our Saviour face-to-face. At that time, even creation itself *"will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God* (Romans 8:21)." Heaven truly will be marvellous, beyond what we can imagine – and it is possible because God the Son became a man in order to save us.
- Ian and Dorcas ask for prayer that the new Suzuki van being used as a book van in Karachi from which Bibles and other Christian books are sold, will have a useful life. Pray too for Shakeel and his family- protection and to grow in the Lord.

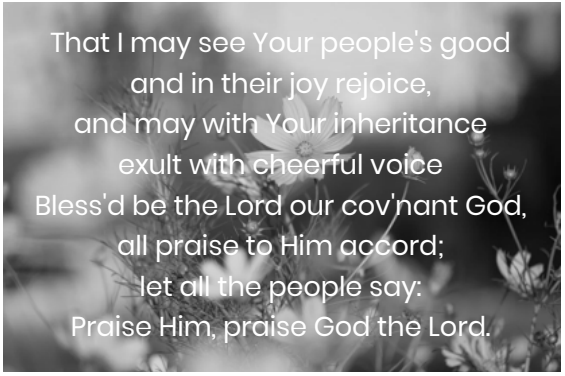


No matter how just your words may be, you ruin everything when you speak with anger.
- John Chrysostom (347-407 A.D.)

Walcha Presbyterian Church

to show God's love by word and deed

to encourage others to follow Him



Sunday 8 November 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**

Christmas carols – save the date, Sunday 20th December…
God's Word:

Nov 8 – Philippians 1:1 (Who are the saints?)
Nov 15 – Philippians 1:1 (Who are overseers?)
Nov 22 – Philippians 1:1 (Who are the deacons?)

	Nov 8	Nov 15	Nov 22
Kids' Talk	Stuart	Fiona	Alex
Door	Eamon	Cameron	Val
Morning Tea	Stantons	Bardens	Jacquie + Sam
Reading	Karyn	Val	John

Philippians 1:1

"To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons…"

But who are saints?

- Paul wrote nine New Testament letters addressed to churches.
- He addresses them in different ways, but "saints" is common (Rom. 1:7; 1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Cor. 1:1; Eph. 1:1; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:1).
- Secondary issues, but important nonetheless.

"Saint" is connected to the words "holy" and "sanctify." I**t means to be set apart for God as holy.**

In the Old Testament, things associated with the temple were set apart to the LORD. So too, the High Priest is holy to the LORD, and when he appears before the LORD, he bore God's people on his shoulders and over his heart.
Jesus, the Son of God, is our Great High Priest (see Heb. 4:14).

How can we ever be holy to the Lord – "saints"?

Acts 26:18, the Risen Lord Jesus says: "**so that they [Gentiles] may receive forgiveness of sins, and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."**

Hebrews 10:10, "**…we have been made holy (become saints) through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once and for all."**

Shorthand – *en ku* – "in the Lord."

In 1 John, there are three basic tests of a Christian – or "saint";

- **Doctrine:** we must believe that Jesus is the Christ who came in the flesh (1 John 1:1-4; 2:18-27; 4:1-6; 5:4-12).
- **Obedience:** we must obey God and walk in His light (1 John 1:5-2:6; 2:15-17; 28-29; 3:3-10; 5:16-17).
- **Love:** we must love other saints (1 John 2:7-11; 3:11-20; 4:7-5:3).

What of membership?

Membership to the *visible* church, is not the same as belonging to Christ (the *invisible* church), but there is overlap – and, I pray, increasing overlap.

It is not commanded – thank God, but implied.

A saint has been cleansed and given Christ's positive holiness forever.