

Order of Service

Song: Come praise and glorify our God

Prayer

Song: Rescue the perishing

Bible Reading: Psalm 51 & Romans 2:27-3:8

Kids Talk

Sermon

Song: Be Thou my vision

Walcha
Presbyterian
Church

to show God's love by word and deed

to encourage others to follow Him

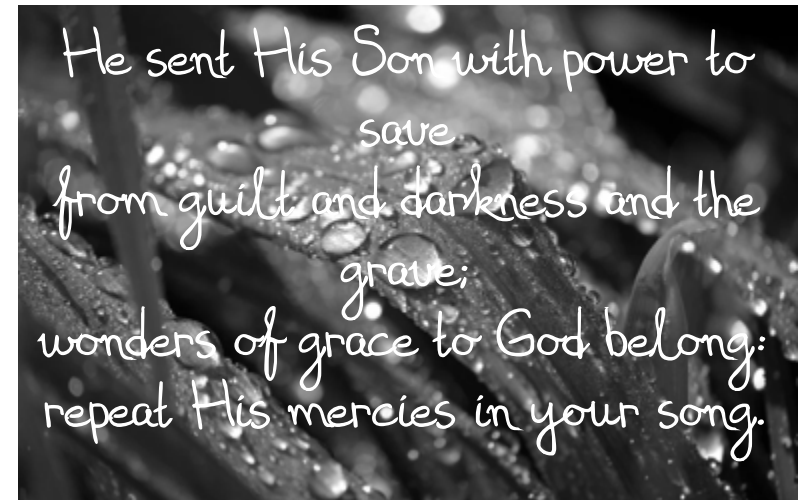
- Please pray for the Mawng Bible translation on Goulburn Island, off the coast of Arnhem Land. In March fourteen verses of 1 Thessalonians were drafted. *This may seem slow, but the question to ask is not, "How many verses were translated?"...These are very different from Paul's concerns: "Are they still following Jesus? Are they living God's way? Do they remember what we taught them?"*
- Pray too, for translation of the Bible into the Ladakhi language of north India. It is a Tibetan language, and so far, the entire NT, 9 books of the OT and 7 drafts of books of the OT have been completed. Recently their Bible app, which had 600+ users was closed down, by the Play Store, but another developer has been found and hopefully it should soon be available again. May God bless His Word.

Q. What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

Two things: the dying-away of the old self, and the rising-to-life of the new.

Q. What is the dying-away of the old self? A. To be genuinely sorry for sin and more and more to hate and run away from it.

- Heidelberg Catechism q.88-89



Sunday 12 April 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

Op shop – if anyone is able to help at the Op shop one day per month or more, then it would be greatly appreciated.

Church at Auburn Vale – in two weeks' time, Sunday 26th April. See map for directions (about 25mins east of Walcha). BBQ lunch afterwards.

God's Word:

Apr 12 – Romans 3:1-8 (The integrity of God)

Apr 19 – Romans 3:9-20 (No one is righteous)

Apr 26 – Church at Auburn Vale (Luke Bartholomew)

	12 Apr	19 Apr	26 Apr
Kids' Talk	Fiona	Linda	At Auburn Vale. See map.
Door	Eamon	Eric	
Morning Tea	Stantons	Bardens	

Romans 3:1-8 ...The integrity of God

- Jeremiah 7-10, the Temple sermon: *“Do not trust in deceptive words and say, “This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD! (Jer. 7:2)”*

- “Dear child... always set God before your eyes... seek Him every day... The week before last, on Thursday, David died... Never give yourself any rest unless you have good evidence that you are converted and become a new creature.”*

Paul examines from every angle in order to establish the integrity of God.

An objection: If the *inner* is what matters, then what advantage is there for God's covenant people? (v.1-2)

- Much in every way (see Rom. 9:4-5). First of all, the Jewish people have entrusted to them, the very words of God.

But doesn't their unfaithfulness nullify any privileges that they had, and the faithfulness of God? (v.3-4)

“No way!”

- There is no sadder story than David and Bathsheba, but against the darkness of human sin, God's perfection shines bright.

Another question: doesn't our sin magnify God's faithfulness? (v.5-6)

“No way!”

Isn't the logic of the gospel: Let us do evil, that good may result? (v.7-8)

- Shouldn't God be happy with this turn of events?*
- “I like committing crimes. God likes forgiving them. Really the world is admirably arranged.”*
- No. *“Their condemnation is deserved.”*
- “Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected (1 John 2:4-5).”*

Paul is sealing the courtroom of God.