

Forgiveness

Corrie Ten Boom and her family had hidden Jews in their house in the Netherlands during World War 2. The Gestapo found the family out and sent Corrie and her family to Ravensbruck concentration camp. After the war, while at a church service in Munich, she came face to face with one of the former Ravensbruck prison guards. Corrie had just delivered a message of God's forgiveness and the former guard, not recognising her, asked Corrie personally for the atrocities he had committed.

Corrie struggled within herself and found that at first she could not forgive him, but she quickly prayed and then extended her hand to him. In her words, 'As I did, an incredible thing took place. The current started in my shoulder, raced down my arm, sprang into our joined hands. And then this healing warmth seemed to flood my whole being, bringing tears to my eyes. *"I forgive you, brother!"* I cried. *"With all my heart!"* For a long moment, we grasped each other's hands, the former guard and the former prisoner. I had never known God's love so intensely as I did then.'

Never underestimate the power of forgiveness, and the beauty of forgiveness is that it works both ways. It brings as much power to those forgiving as to those who are being forgiven.

'Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other just as God in Christ has also forgiven you.' Ephesians 4:32.

Voyager

We will be running a weekly course (Voyager) which explores just who this person Jesus is – why he has made such an impact on our world; what he stands for; why does he have so many followers? What does it mean to say that in Jesus we meet God?

The course also looks at prayer, reading the Bible, the Holy Spirit. We use clips from well-known movies such as Forrest Gump, The Matrix, Lord of the Rings, The Avengers, Casino Royale. It is presented in a very relatable way.

We will meet on Thursday evenings 6.30 – 8.00pm at our church, beginning on Thursday October 15th. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Rev Warner Wilder:

warnerwilder30@gmail.com 021 548 407. Please see attached flyer.

Youth Group

Over the past two weeks, our Youth Group has enjoyed a fun-filled launch night and an exciting Amazing Race, with plenty of teamwork, laughter and new friendships. We are looking forward to finishing the term with our Movie Night this Friday. Youth Group will be closed for the school holidays on 2nd and 9th October and will reopen on Friday, 16th October for another exciting term.

A big thank you to Larce.

Crafternoon Tea

On Saturday 19th September to celebrate the first birthday of Crafternoon Tea, a group of ladies met at "The Ribbon Rose" Craft Shop in Penrose. Everyone enjoyed browsing at everything on offer there - beautiful wools, crochet and knitting supplies, embroidery threads, kits and accessories, quilting and dressmaking fabrics and accessories and a whole floor of art supplies, paints, pens and paper crafting supplies. The shop is a veritable feast for anyone interested in crafting, and after an hour or so ... and after some purchases were made, we went into Ellerslie for coffee, lunch and ... and a sweet treat!

If any of you would like to know more or come along to the next Crafternoon Tea on the third Saturday of October, 17th October 2026, 2-4pm at St Pauls, please let Angela know - either at Church or

angelatheguide@gmail.com.

Preaching

On Sunday 4 October Dale Bradley will be preaching.

Time for a Smile

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill. 'What's the matter?' she asked. Johnny said, 'I don't feel well. I think I'm having a wife.'

Devotional

Please see attached. Thank you, Delia.

Hello St Paul's in the Park Friends,

I am looking for someone who would like a small paid job helping me keep my house neat and tidy as it has become a bit difficult for me since my hip has become sore.

I'm hoping you may know of someone in your circle of friends who is looking for some way to earn a bit of pocket money and is thinking 2 hours a week or 3 hours a fortnight whatever suited and I am happy to pay the commercial rate which is \$25 an hour.

If you can help in any way please let me know either by phone or text - 0274 865 421 or email...

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Thankyou for all your love and prayers Rhys

To Ponder

'There is no revenge so complete as forgiveness.' Josh Billings.

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