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Bible Readings for this Sunday: Amos 1:1-2, 2:1-5, 5:4-6 (p.916) Matthew 23:27-32 (p.992)

Bible Readings for next Sunday: Amos 2:6-8, 8:4-7 (p.917) Matthew 23:23-26 (p.992)



AGM Reports - are available this weekend. Printed books can be collected from the church foyer or received electronically via the church email list. Please read them before the Annual General Meeting on 18th February at 1pm.



Parish Fair - Planning is well underway and going well. We do need more volunteers for this to be successful. In particular we need someone to co-ordinate the food stalls and a leader for the afternoon tea stall. If you can help with these roles or on a stall please sign-up on the sheet on the office window ledge.



Jesus - The Game Changer - is the name of our Lenten series this year that begins late February. It will comprise of both Sunday sermons and small groups studies. You can download the App for your tablet or phone now to be prepared. Follow this link for more information olivetreemedia.com.au/jesus-the-game-changer and stay tuned for updates.



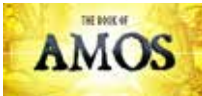
Small Groups - If you are not a member of a small group there will be an opportunity to join a group that follows the "Jesus the game changer" series. Please let one of the ministry team know that you would like to join a group.



Sewing Group - will begin on Monday 5th February 10 am until mid-afternoon. The group will continue each Monday during school terms. The group meets in the HT multipurpose room. Anyone is welcome. For more information ring or Jan Sutcliffe H: 54434487 or Nola Hensley H: 54393714 M: 0408597807



Email Database - Are you receiving the weekly news and the monthly bulletin via email? Is it going to the wrong email address? Please let the office know so that our database can be kept up to date or alter your details online.



Sermon Series - The sermons on Sunday February 4th & 11th will be on the Old Testament book of Amos. You might like to take the opportunity to read Amos during the week over a cup of tea or coffee.



A Reasonable Christianity Conference - Alan Shelmon is an American author and speaker for "Stand to Reason" who trains Christians to share their convictions in a persuasive, yet gracious manner. A 2 week, 8 session program will be held at HT from Friday 2nd February to Sunday 11th February. The cost will be \$25. See the February bulletin or noticeboard for more details.



New Bishop - Continue to pray for our new bishop Matt Brain and his family as they move to Bendigo. Pray for the children as they begin new schools and make new friends.

Prayer Points



Church & Mission

- PARISH - Give thanks for those who volunteer every week to look after the lawns, gardens and clean the church facilities.
- PARISH - Pray for the “Jesus - The Game Changer” Lenten series that will begin in late February.
- PARISH - Pray for the beginning of small groups for 2018.
- PARISH - Pray for our AGM and for good discussion on our ministry and finances.
- DIOCESE - Pray for the Registrar/Business Manager of the Diocese (Naomi) - that she might be encouraged and equipped for her role.
- MISSION - CHRISTIAN UNION - Pray for the new first year students who may be nervous about starting or moving to Bendigo for study at university. Pray also the new CU team and student committee as they meet this month to pray and plan for the year ahead.
- PERSECUTED CHURCH - YEMEN - is suffering the worst humanitarian crisis in the world and extremist groups use this chaos to increase their influence. Sharia law prohibits evangelism and Muslims are forbidden to convert. Pray that secret believers will be strengthened and encouraged, and that God will provide for Christians who don't receive relief aid because of their faith.

World

- SOUTH AFRICA - Pray for Cape Town which is running out of water. Pray for rain and also for the authorities dealing with rationing.
- AFGHANISTAN - Pray for security in this nation after another horrific suicide bombing by the Taliban. Pray for long lasting solutions and peace.
- PNG & PHILIPPINES- Pray for those evacuated after the volcano eruption in these two countries. Pray for safety and for any rebuilding process.
- VENEZUELA - Pray for this nation where the political, social and economic situation continues to deteriorate and people resort to looting in order

to eat.

- NORTH KOREA - Pray that sanctions and diplomatic actions will result in a stable Korean peninsula.
- TURKEY - Pray for workable solutions along the border between Turkey and the Kurdish fighters in Syria.
- MEXICO - Pray for authorities in Mexico and other Latin American countries as they deal with escalating murder rates often caused by organised crime.

Australia & Local Community

- Pray for all levels of government to lead with wisdom, integrity and fairness, for the good of all (this week we focus on the federal level, and pray for the Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, and our local member Lisa Chesters as well as all members of federal parliament.)
- Pray for areas of NT and WA inundated with floodwaters
- Pray for school staff and students as they begin the new school year.
- Pray for young people to have a healthy self-worth and to be resistant to unrealistic expectations promoted by social media.
- Pray for spouses/partners and children affected by domestic abuse - for their safety and for an end to this scourge on families.
- Pray for those who are currently unemployed, and are seeking work, that they would have perseverance and resourcefulness in their pursuit. Pray that God will lead them and open up the right place for them.

Sick & in Need

- Peter Peterson, Eric Jencke, Marcia Taylor, Tom Williams & any others known to us.

Mission Boxes - are due during February. Please bring them to church on Sunday or to the church office on weekday mornings (9 am to 12 noon)