

Sunday service times

8am Traditional **9:15am** Traditional
11am Families **5 pm** Contemporary

Connecting the members of the South East Bendigo Anglican Parish (Holy Trinity)

Reflection

Psalm 23

Put your hand in the air if you have memorized Psalm 23 at some stage in your life.

Go ahead, do it, put your hand up...unless you are in sitting in a public place then you are excused!

Ok, now you can put your hand down.

Psalm 23 is one of the most well-known and often-quoted Psalms in the Bible. And for a good reason, Psalm 23 is a Psalm of comfort and consolation.

King David, the author of this Psalm, had been hunted by King Saul, he was forced to live in the wilderness and King David knew first-hand the important role that a shepherd played in looking after their sheep as sheep are completely dependent on their shepherd to provide, guide and protect them.

Psalm 23 is a great reminder

for us that God, the Creator of all things, the Giver of life, the one who rules the universe, is our good shepherd and we are His sheep. God takes notice of us. He meets ALL our needs!

Nothing escapes His attention.

God knows what we need before we even ask for it. God knows the "green pastures"

and "quiet waters" that will restore us

as we follow him, and God will lead us to those places.

At different stages of our lives, we all face difficult and

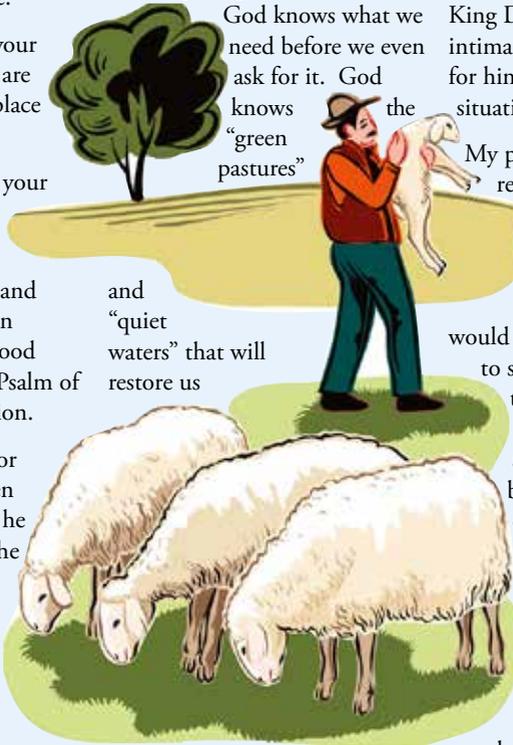
challenging times. Yet as we journey through these situations, God, our great and good shepherd is with us guiding and comforting us through whatever it is that we are facing.

King David knew God intimately and God provided for him in the difficult situations that he faced.

My prayer, is that as you read this reflection you will be able to recall times in your life when God has provided for you and I would like to encourage you to share those times with those in your small group, someone you sit with at church, a believer you know well, or even share it with me!

God is our Good Shepherd, HE cares for US and it is good to encourage each other in our faith by sharing what God is and has been doing in our lives!

*God Bless,
Rob Edwards*



The Holy Spirit - SOMA conference - this week!



We tend to neglect One member of the Trinity more than the other Two. When is the last time you stopped to consider and be encouraged and challenged about the unique person and ministry of the Holy Spirit? This conference is to encourage and engage us in doing exactly that.

Conference runs 25-26 October. The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

Timetable: (each session opens 30minutes earlier for registration and mingling.)

Friday evening 7pm – 9:30pm

Saturday morning 10am – 12:45pm

Saturday afternoon 1:30 – 5pm

If you are not able to attend the whole conference, you are

still invited to come for those sessions that you can come to!

Sharing of Ministries Abroad (SOMA) is an international mission movement and over this time teams will be in multiple places across Victoria. We are excited to be hosting a team in Bendigo. Join with the team from Nigeria and South Africa to learn about by the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

Cost \$44 per adult, school-aged kids are free. The cost recognises that there is a great expense for the team to travel to us to bless us, so our fees are given to bless them in their service of us. If you are able to pay, please do. If you are unable, please come anyway and offer what you can. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/soma-international-40th-anniversary-tickets> (Make sure you select tickets for the Bendigo Cathedral event!)

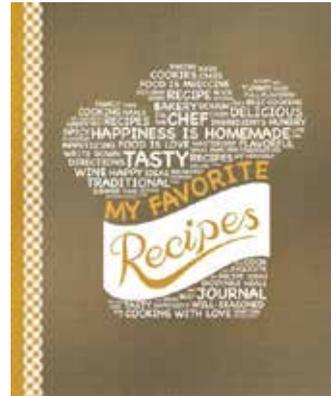
Please note: Morning and afternoon tea is provided. Lunch is not.

SOMA mission

We also need gathering opportunities – and that means we need you! If you would like to organise an event (e.g. a dinner with your home group and maybe invite some friends etc.) or have some team members come and join in your usual gatherings, we'll be able to get some from the team to come and share with your group. It might be a chance to

invite new people or simply a chance for you to hear about how God is working in another part of the world. Please start thinking about how you might get involved and who you could invite! Talk to Karen if you would like to be involved.

Caritas Recipe Book



It's less than 2months until Rachel Mavromoustakakis and Matt Harris' wedding! Caritas invites members of the parish to contribute a recipe for the *Forever Treasures Recipe Book* which will be given as a present to the couple. To do this, simply collect a recipe sheet from the office and return (with recipe) by Sunday 17th November. All members are also invited to the Bride's Afternoon tea 2pm here at Holy Trinity on Sunday 1st December (please bring a plate to share).

Senior's Afternoon

The next Senior's Afternoon is to be Friday 1st November, 2pm

– **NOTE change of usual date!**
We will welcome members from the SOMA mission to share of life and faith in Africa with opportunities to share in prayer ministry as well. All seniors and friends welcome!

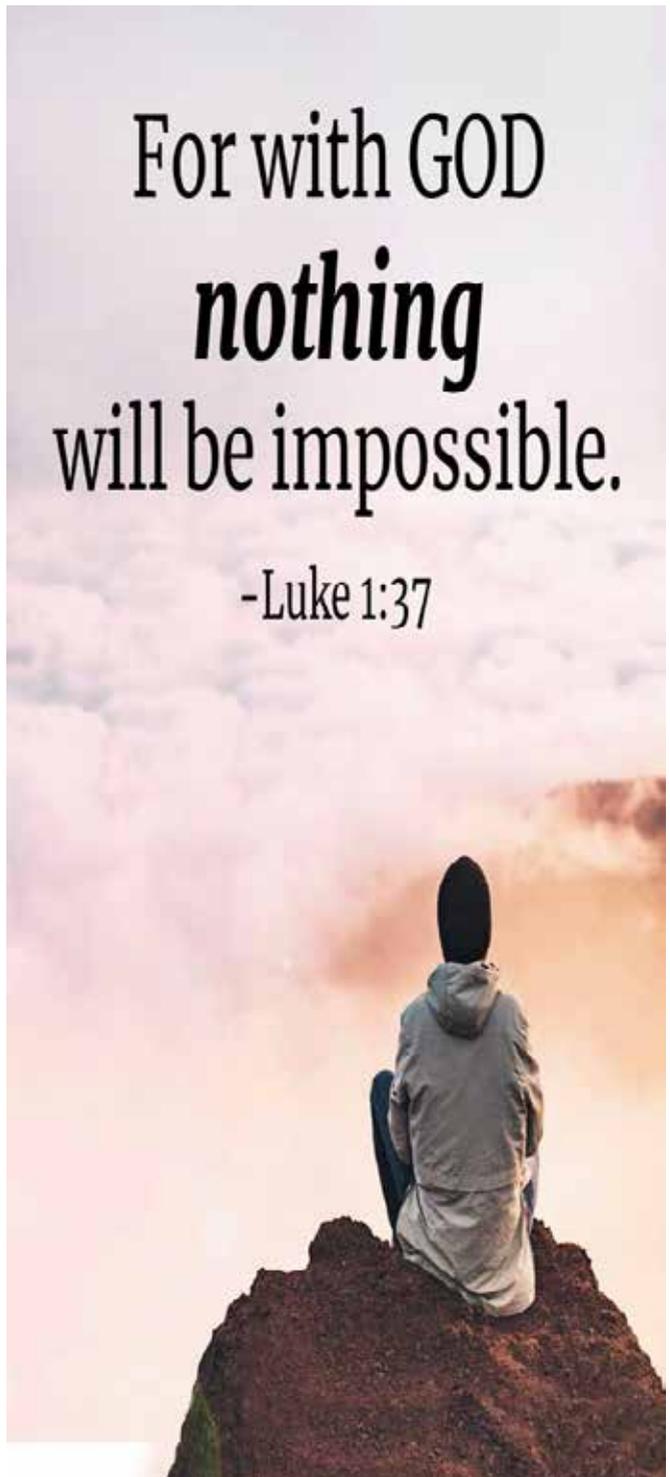
Ordinations are coming!

Exciting news soon to be announced about upcoming ordinations at St Paul's Bendigo Cathedral. Please note Saturday 30th November in your diary for this special day. More details to come.

Christian Union Annual Dinner



Bendigo Christian Union's annual celebration dinner is a time for students, staff workers and supporters to give thanks to God for the work He has been doing at Latrobe University. Saturday Oct 26th @ 6.00pm. St John's Presbyterian Church, Bendigo. Dress is semi-formal. Cost \$30pp (under 12 free). RSVP essential by calling Sandy on 0427 447 239.



Prayer

Church and mission

Parish

Give thanks for the lectionary sermon series through Luke and pray that it will help us to love Jesus faithfully.

Give thanks for those who serve by preparing morning tea and cleaning.

Pray for God to lead us to the right person to be our new rector and for Bishop Matt and the nominators in the search.

Pray for the ministry team, their spouses and families.

Pray for the SOMA (Sharing of Mission Abroad) team travelling from Africa to minister in the Bendigo region (and wider Victoria) next week.

Diocese

Pray for the chaplains who minister in prisons across our Diocese and the prisoners they minister to.

Mission

Pray for the youth and young people on youth camp this weekend. Pray they would each grow in their faith and

knowledge of God's love for them. Pray for Trev and Cindy and all the leaders who are helping out.

Brad and Michelle Jackson and family in Japan.

Persecuted Church

Myanmar – Is a Buddhist country, Christians sometimes face persecution Pray for resilient believers.

World

Syria

Pray for peace and renewal in this war-besieged nation, for strong and wise leadership, for the Christian church to stand firm and impact the whole nation.

Turkey

As Turkish forces begin new military attacks on Northern Syria, pray for restraint.

Japan

Pray for all those impacted by last week's typhoon, for those grieving loved ones and those cleaning up having lost everything.

Spain

As tensions continue around the region of Catalonia, pray that both sides would be convicted and repent of all selfish motives.

National and local

Pray for our government to lead with integrity and wisdom, and to use the many resources we have for the good of all people: This week we pray for the Prime Minister Scott Morrison and our local member Lisa Chesters as well as all members of federal parliament.

Pray for sustained, drought-breaking rains across Australia and for wise use of our water resources.

Pray for those suffering with mental health issues and disabilities.

Pray for a reduction in the gap between indigenous Australians and the rest of society.

Pray for our manufacturing industry and the valuable role they play in our local community.

Personal

Sick and in need

John Bicknell, Susie Coleman, Lorenzo Santalucia, Eric & Muriel Jencke, Keith Thompson, Travis Parker, Kevin Furness, Val Densworth and any others known to us.

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