



Welcome to church today!

We meet as people committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord of our lives. We hope you will be encouraged by your time with us.

July 24, 2022

Encouraging Bible Verse [Romans 3:28]

For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

EYESIGHT



The Book of Judges mentions eyesight quite a bit. Over and over again the Israelites do evil in the eyes of the LORD (3:7, 12; 4:1; 6:1; 10:6; 13:1). God is the one who sees clearly what we are like and makes the call as to whether it is good or evil. Yet the end of the book comments that "In those days Israel had no king, everyone did as he saw fit" (Judges 17:6; 21:25 also see 18:1; 19:1). A more literal translation has "In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes." The people of God see things their own way and with no authority to restrain them they quickly turn aside and make worse and worse choices.

God's people had rejected a direct command and the promise that went with it. "Be sure to keep the commands of the LORD your God and the stipulations and decrees he has given you. Do what is right and good in the LORD's sight, so that it may go well with you and you may go in and take over the good land that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers" (Deuteronomy 6:17-18). They had instead set up their own system of morality. They had been warned about this too. "You are not to do as we do here today, everyone as he sees fit, since you have not yet reached the resting place and the inheritance the LORD your God is giving you" (Deuteronomy 12:8-9).

We regularly have our physical eyes tested and wear glasses or contact lens to correct our vision so we are safe to drive, able to read and watch TV. Spiritually we need to do the same, testing our views against the Bible, studying carefully, testing the motives and intentions of our hearts. We need to seek God's help so we can enjoy a heavenly perspective. Jesus says eyesight and tests are vital too (Matthew 6:22-23; 7:3-5).

Mission Statement

- To 'make disciples of all nations' as we:
- ... engage
- ... evangelise
- ... establish
- ... equip
- ... export



Next Sunday

'Dark times' Judges 16:4-22; Hebrews 11:32-40.
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BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Everyone is welcome!

Monday 7pm Church Hall;

Women's group:

Thursday 10.30am Church Hall;

Thursday 5.30pm Church Hall.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday 24th July 5pm

Evensong at Mingenew Church

Saturday 30th July 7.30am

Men's Brekkie, Dongara

Sunday 31st July 9am

Youth Bible study during morning service at Dongara

Sunday 31st July 2pm

Parish Council Church Hall

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact Allan.

SERMON NOTES

THE DANGERS OF SUCCESS (JUDGES 6:1-16; ROMANS 3:21-31)

What is your greatest weakness? Judges 6-9 Gideon type of Christ and his son Abimelech anti-type, the opposite. Idolatrous rebellion against God (6:10, 25-30). See clearly. God's perspective (6:1-16).

1. A COST OF LIVING CRISIS (6:1-6)

God rules over Israel in judgement. Midianite oppression was an economic disaster.

Contemporary go your own way and cost of living crisis. Respond by crying out to the LORD. Prayer and good stewardship of money.

2. A BROKEN COVENANT (6:7-10)

God sent a prophet (6:7) who reminds the Israelites of the Exodus.

Forgotten commands Exodus 20:3-6; Deuteronomy 5:7-10; 12:29-31.

Broken covenant Joshua 24:14-18.

3. A MIGHTY DELIVERER (6:11-16)

Angel of the LORD commissions Gideon, a "mighty warrior". Judges 7-8

victory over 135,000 Midianites (8:10) with 300 men in God's strength.

Gideon argues with God. God uses and works through Gideon's and the

Israelites' weaknesses (Judges 8-9). God takes initiative in grace. Seek Jesus the mighty deliverer who works through weakness.

TWO WAYS TO LIVE (PSALM 1; MATTHEW 7:13-14)

True happiness is found in:

1. AVOIDING THE BROAD ROAD (VERSE 1)

2. WALKING THE NARROW WAY (VERSES 2-3)

3. ARRIVING AT THE DESTINATION (VERSES 4-6)

Jesus, the blessed man.

Matters for Prayer

We give *thanks* for ...

- God working through our weaknesses;

- God's mighty deliverer Jesus;

- those serving Jesus' mission in other places, especially Joan and Roger and Amanda Kyngdon

Let's *pray* to our heavenly Father for ...

- those in financial hardship;

- keeping the promises we have made to God;

- family, friends and neighbours in Dongara and Mingenew who haven't yet placed their trust in Jesus; and that we may have opportunities to share the gospel with them;

- the Lambeth Conference, our synod in August and Kigali 2023

Giving to our Gospel ministry

Please commit to giving for God's work at Dongara-Mingenew Anglican Church.

A helpful way is through direct deposit. The details are below:

Account Name: Anglican Parish of Dongara Mingenew

Bank Details: Westpac **BSB number:** 036 131

Account number: 810 016