

PARISH OF DONGARA-MINGENEW



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.

August 14, 2022

Encouraging Bible Verse [Psalm 19:14]

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight,
O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

GOING FOR GOLD!

For the last couple of weeks we have been enthralled by the dedication and commitment of wonderful athletes competing in the Commonwealth Games in England. Our own Australian competitors have been so very successful in winning many medals for their efforts. Isn't it great watching all these athletes in action and cheering them on in front of our TVs! We need to be conscious of their focus as they press on towards their goal of winning a medal.

Most of us have our own goals of what we want to achieve in our lives, whatever they may be. Paul uses this athletic analogy too: "Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:13b-14) Like an athlete who has been selected to run in a race, Paul has to give up many things and press on to finish the race well. Then he will enjoy being with Christ forever. Let's respond to God's call by keeping our eyes on the finish line!

LAMBETH CONFERENCE 2022

As you may be aware Lambeth 2022 was a gathering of Anglican bishops from across the world. As in 2008, some did not attend for reasons of conscience as several provinces have taken actions which violate a resolution from 1998 which affirmed biblical views of sexuality. Others did attend and issued a statement reaffirming biblical teaching. Archbishop Welby wrote to affirm the validity of the resolution but that no disciplinary action would be taken against provinces which disregarded it. A summary is available [here](#).

Mission Statement

To 'make disciples of all nations' as we:

- ... engage
- ... evangelise
- ... establish
- ... equip
- ... export



Next Sunday

'God is ... our refuge' Psalm 46; Revelation 22:1-6.
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BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Everyone is welcome!

Monday 7pm Church Hall.

Thursday 5.30pm Church Hall.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday 20th August 7.30am

Men's Brekky, Dongara

Friday 26th – Monday 29th

August Diocesan Synod

Sunday 28th August Evensong

Service 5pm Dongara

Tuesday 30th August

Midweek Communion 11am

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact Allan.

SERMON NOTES

TWO BOOKS OF GOD (PSALM 19; JOHN 1:1-18)

Two books: creation tells us about God's glory, the Bible reveals the way to life. Hebrew poetry uses parallelism. Sometimes psalm titles orient us to what is going on. In the middle of Book I is Psalm 19 which draws together messiah and torah themes. C. S. Lewis' favourite!

1. THE SKIES AND SUN DECLARE GOD'S GLORY (VERSES 1-4)

Sky says "Made by God." Response: Revelation 4:11; Psalm 8:4. The sun's rising, traversing and setting is regular, orderly and dependable but don't stare at the sun! No excuse for not responding with thankfulness (Romans 1:20) God's provision for us should lead us to seek Him (Acts 17:27). Limitation of natural revelation is our unwillingness to listen and respond!

2. THE BIBLE REVIVES THE SOUL (VERSES 5-11)

Need special revelation, the Word of God: in law, statutes, precepts, commands, fear and ordinances. The Bible is precious and sweet. God's Word is true and has authority. Read your Bible daily with notes to help, meet regularly with others for Bible study, hear the Bible preached faithfully week by week. Pay careful attention to God's instruction.

3. THE SERVANT PLEASURES THEIR REDEEMER (VERSES 12-14)

El the creator is Yahweh the covenant God. Personal relationship with God. The servant points to Jesus, the Word of God (Hebrews 1:2), the Rock (1 Corinthians 10:4) and Redeemer (1 Peter 1:18-19). Is Jesus your Rock and Redeemer? The servant pleases their Lord. Need the illumination of the Holy Spirit (John 16:8-11) to see our sin. The Word must shape our wills, form our characters and drive our ambitions.

Learning language: listen, a few words. Need grammar to understand.

Must be in heart to be fluent! Meditate, pray, focus on the glory of God!

Matters for Prayer

We give *thanks* for ...

- God's revelation of Himself in creation and through Scripture
- our Rock and Redeemer, Jesus, the Word of God;
- those serving Jesus' mission in other places, especially Joan and Roger and Amanda Kyngdon

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

- a focus on pleasing the LORD through the Word and prayer;
- revival and redemption for our souls and bodies;
- 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;
- diocesan synod 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