



**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 21, 2022

**Encouraging Bible Verse** [Psalm 46:1]

God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.

**PRAYING THROUGH THE PSALMS**

The Psalms are a prayer book as well as a song book. They cover every possible human emotion. People pouring out their hearts to God and seeking God. They are the prayers of David, of the sons of Korah, of Asaph and others. Old Covenant believers in the temple prayed them. Jesus prayed them. We should too. Today’s psalm is particularly appropriate for us to pray. We can trust in God as refuge, seek God’s provision and be still knowing God will be exalted.

Where are you with prayer? Maybe God did not answer a prayer as you wanted or feels distant so you don’t pray, or you pray only in emergencies or in church. Perhaps you think of prayer as soothing or that you must wrestle with God to get what you want. John is convinced that prayer works but only if we pray according to God’s will! This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him. (1 John 5:14-15).

We may approach God the Father through Jesus. We can have relationship with the holy, powerful creator through the redeemer who bought us back on the cross. We can communicate with God. In prayer we speak and God hears. As we read the Bible, we hear God’s Word. This is how we can know God’s will with certainty. We do not need to persuade God with many or impressive words. We pray in obedient response to God. We must obey God to receive from Him. Prayer is asking God to do what He has already promised to do. I hope you are convinced that when we do that prayer works and that you pray frequently and in a structured way.

**Mission Statement**

To ‘make disciples of all nations’ as we:  
... engage  
... evangelise  
... establish  
... equip  
... export



**Next Sunday**

‘God is ... shepherd’ Psalm 23; John 10:11-18.  
Preacher: Allan Baird

## MINISTRY TEAM

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## BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Everyone is welcome!

Monday 7pm Church Hall.

Thursday 5.30pm Church Hall.

## COMING EVENTS

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August  
Mayor's Prayer Breakfast,  
Geraldton 6.45am

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – Monday 29<sup>th</sup>  
August Diocesan Synod

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August Evensong  
Service 5pm Dongara

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August  
Midweek Communion 11am

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact Allan.

## SERMON NOTES

GOD IS ... REFUGE (PSALM 46; REVELATION 21:1-6)

What do you do when faced with a big issue? Where do you go when you are in trouble? Safe place. God is a mighty fortress, a place of refuge. The LORD Almighty is with us. The God of Jacob.

Sons of Korah (2 Chronicles 20:18-19) to alamothe (1 Chronicles 15:20) Three Selahs.

1. GOD IS OUR STRENGTH AND REFUGE SO TRUST IN TROUBLES (v1-3)  
Earthquake and tsunami. Mountains secure, seas chaotic. God in control. So can have confidence even in disaster.

2. GOD IS WITHIN JERUSALEM SO SEEK HIS SUPPLIES (v4-7)  
International politics. Assyrian invasion (2 Kings 17-18). God is within city will not fall. God will help (verse 5 cf. verse 1). Hezekiah's tunnel makes glad the city of God. God provides water for His besieged people in Jerusalem. Revelation 22:1-2 the river of life. Healing to the nations through the gospel.

3. GOD WILL BE EXALTED SO RECOGNISE AND REST IN HIM (v8-11)  
What do you do after a success? Come and see devastated aggressors and destroyed armaments so that wars cease. Jesus wins. Be still. God will be exalted everywhere.

Jesus warns that there will be earthquakes, famines, wars and rumours of war (Mark 13). Do not to be alarmed or deceived by these. Christ will put all things right.



## Matters for Prayer

We give *thanks* for ...

- God is our refuge
- that God give strength, supplies in need and will be exalted;
- those serving Jesus' mission in other places, especially Joan and Roger and Amanda Kyngdon

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

- seeking God when things are difficult;
- peace and justice;
- 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