

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 21, 2022

Encouraging Bible Verse [Psalm 23:6]

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

DOG TRAINING

One of the most popular TV shows this past Summer was Muster Dogs. It followed the training of five kelpie pups. In twelve months the owners were challenged to prepare them for life as working dogs on stock farms. Usually it takes three years. The winner had a catchphrase "lovely dog"! Unlike "One Man and His Dog" it showed preparation rather than just final competition.

We've been training our dog Willow recently. Mercifully no cameras have been involved. There have been lots of treats, a few chewed leads and some digging and washing down. Recently we had the moment where she was let off the lead for the first time. This was a bit of an anti-climax as she didn't stray far and kept coming back for treats. She did show how fast she can run, though, which is a lot faster than I can! There has also been some use of a special harness which helps her to walk close and not pull at the lead. If she pulls ahead, then it pulls against her leg and very quickly she has learned to walk close. I've been told it can take five years for a Labrador to be a good therapy dog, so I'll need lots of patience and perseverance to keep going!

One of the illustrations that has been powerfully used for psalm 23 is that of two sheepdogs working together to bring the sheep into the pen. The psalm mentions God's goodness and mercy which follow the psalmist and bring him safely home. God's attributes are here personified. We can imagine them as two muster dogs, Goodie and Lovely, working together. Goodie keeping us from danger and Lovely keeping us close. Both running fast and in unison across the fields, answering to the call of God.

Mission Statement

To 'make disciples of all nations' as we:

... *engage*
... *evangelise*
... *establish*
... *equip*
... *export*



Next Sunday

'God is ... good' Psalm 73; Matthew 5:1-12.
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

Sunday 28th August Evensong
Service 5pm Dongara

Tuesday 30th August
Midweek Communion 11am

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact Allan.

SERMON NOTES

GOD IS ... SHEPHERD (PSALM 23; JOHN 10:11-18)

1. God provides as shepherd (verses 1-3)
2. God protects as travelling companion (verse 4)
3. God hosts a heavenly banquet (verses 5-6)

GOD SAVES (PSALM 20; ROMANS 10:1-21)

1. Praying for the king (v. 1-5)
2. Salvation from the LORD (v. 6-9)

Matters for Prayer

We give *thanks* for ...

- God is our shepherd;
- that God protects, provides and saves;
- those serving Jesus' mission in other places, especially Joan and Roger and Amanda Kyngdon.

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

- our shepherds and leaders;
- those who need to know God's care for them and hope in Christ;
- 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;
- 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