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<u>Upcoming Services</u> Sunday 13 March: 10am Service leader - Philip Garside Sunday 20 March: 10am Service leader - Rev Nicola Teague Grundy

 UPCOMING ROSTERS: Sunday 13 March Door Stewards: Norbert & Philomena Organist: Colin Morning Tea: Tevita family Children's Time: Not required Readings: Heather Notices: Alan Flowers: Unaisi Towels: Not required at this stage Sunday 20 March Door Stewards: Philip & Philippa Organist: Colin Morning Tea: Heger family Children's Time: Not required Readings: Alan Notices: Daphne Flowers: Joy Towels: Not required at this stage 	 Next Week's Readings Gen 15:1-12, 17-18, Ps 27, Phil 3:17-4:1, Lk 13:31-35 or 9:28-36 Meetings and Events Coming Up: Lenten Study Wednesday 9 March, 7pm, Zoom Leaders Meeting Tuesday 15 March, 7pm, Vestry Bookings Meeting Tuesday 22 March, 7pm, Vestry Social Event Saturday 2 April, 5pm, New Hall Details to be confirmed
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Thank you for coming to our service! Please make sure you have our car pass on your dashboard. Visitor passes are available at the back of the hall.

Prayer for Ukraine

On Tuesday this week, the leaders of the Presbyterian Church, Anglican Church, Catholic Church and our President Rev Andrew Doubleday sent out the following media release.

"Across the globe people are horrified by the invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

In a region that learnt the devastating lessons of war last century, the pattern has the tragic possibility of repeating. It flies in the face of much of the progress in peaceful coexistence that Europe has made in recent decades. Once again, on European soil, we see the rights and wellbeing of millions of ordinary people trampled on by an aggressive and entitled leader. It also flies in the face of the Jesus-values of peacemaking. In this instance, those values call us to stand against violence and stand with the oppressed. Those values call for de-escalation and peace talks. They call for humility and kindness. As Christians we stand in solidarity with the vast chorus of voices calling for the **aggression to end and the peaceful solutions to begin.**"

President Andrew also offered this prayer:

In Christ's name our hearts ache

Loving God, intervene for the gospel's sake -

May weapons malfunction.

May bullets fail to kill, maim, or injure.

May bombs land in non-lethal places or fail to detonate.

May the hearts of combatants love life more than death -

May the thought, "we could be friends", become stronger than "this person is my enemy".

May the peoples love their neighbours more than desire to dominate them, and May they undermine the ambitions of all those that would oppress others. May peace reign,

May the way of Christ, that which seeks the highest and best good of the other, become the defining narrative as both peoples recognise that what

binds them together in common humanity and a shared faith is stronger than the ruthless and selfish ambition of those that would turn them against one another.

May peace reign.

In Christ's name we plead

Amen

Witness at the Cross - Lenten Study

The first session of our Lenten study will begin this week – Wednesday, 9th March at 7pm. A zoom house-group will meet weekly over a period of 6 weeks. If you wish to join this group, please tell Nicola [Ph 027 274 1957]. **The study will include short video's and discussion.**

To Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/92214553905? pwd=cWVEZFBDdTljUnlZNW9CV0Y1U3F5QT09 Meeting ID: 922 1455 3905 Passcode: 778456 Or check the church Facebook page for details.

<u>Covid 19</u>

As we have seen Omicron is now well established in our community. If you or a member of your family test positive it is important that you isolate, but please also let Nicola know if this is the case.

In order to keep your self as safe as possible, please remember to wear a mask, scan in where ever you go so you have a record.

Remember it is important that you look after your physical and mental wellbeing and to look out for each other.

News from Mission and Ecumenical

Rev Tony Franklin-Ross, Acting Director Mission and Ecumenical has circulated information about an interfaith webinar.

The webinar offers presentations from three people focussing on challenges and opportunities in the current environment. As Tony notes "conversation and insights both with ecumenical and interfaith partners are crucial as we respond to the reality of a COVID impacted and 'post COVID world".

The theme of the webinar is: "Will they come back: What can religion offer our divided, Post-Covid World?" If you would like to watch this it can be accessed at <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iai341lr18k</u>

Request from August Café

The owners of August Café has asked that church members please use the main entrance when coming into August, not the door in the church foyer. They are asking this as they have made adjustments to their entrance and exit plan looking at minimising and monitoring contacts coming in and out of the kitchen.

Message from Carol

It is with deep regret that I tendered my resignation from the role of Parish Support Services Manager. My last day of work will be Friday the 22nd of April. I have been in this role since April 2011.

I am proud of this Parish and I think we have a lot to celebrate. I wish the Parish well as it works on reshaping itself, and hope to continue to be of some value to the Parish as a member of the 10am congregation.