

Psalm 18:1–6; 20-24

I love you, O LORD, my strength. 2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. 3 I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

4 The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me; 5 the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me. 6 In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears...

20 The LORD dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he rewarded me. 21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God. 22 For all his rules were before me, and his statutes I did not put away from me. 23 I was blameless before him, and I kept myself from my guilt. 24 So the LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

Wanted— Kids Church Leaders & Youth Group Helpers

If you feel that you could help with Kids Church or assist with Youth Group then pop your name onto the form on the table in the foyer.

For more information see Mandi for Kids Church or Phoebe for Youth Group.

Big Change 4 Small People

December's collection went to the Potters to help establish a new 'self-sufficiency learning place' at the rural Baan Hua Fai school (mostly poos/disadvantaged students). January's collection is going to the Hansen's, who are working in Hungary. The money will be used to help set up a new ministry among 'Roma' children (a traditionally itinerant group who are often marginalised) in Tata, west of Budapest.

Church Services Next Week

Just a wee reminder that next Sunday 31st January we will be returning to two services.

9am Traditional Service in the Lowburn Room

10.30am Family Service in the Auditorium.

From the Ministers Desk

It doesn't take long for January to slip by. The children are still on holiday but maybe getting restless. Holiday makers are about, but most are back at work. Today's a combined summer service but is our last before we move back to two services.

And as we settle into 2021 there are opportunities to serve God in new ways. Maybe it's offering to babysit for a couple so they're free to attend The Marriage Course. Maybe it's going on the roster to help with Sunday services. Maybe it's putting your hand up to help with youth or Kid's Church. It's God's plan that we serve him and each other so his Kingdom can thrive in the local church.

I will be on leave from next Tuesday and back in the office on Thursday 11th February. Our youngest son has his 21st in Auckland next week so Judy and I are taking the opportunity to visit family in the North Island. Ryan will be starting his block course with KCML later this week, finishing in time for his commissioning on the 14th February. For any urgent pastoral concerns please contact our Session Clerk Barbara (027 445 3415) or one of the elders.

Blessings

Douglas

Music Update

At the end of last year Session appointed Anne Davis as Music Coordinator for the 10:30am service. We are blessed with folk who use their musical gifts and IT experience to enrich our worshiping life together. Anne will be working to coordinate and encourage this vital ministry. Also, a big thank to our organists who so well at the 9am service.

CHURCH SERVANTS FOR 31st January 2021

Elder on Duty: Christine H

Manager on Duty: Ross H

9AM SERVICE

Welcome: John T

Prayers: Cliff T

Readings: Joy McD

Music: Judy M

Morning tea: Lyn & Leslie D

10:30AM SERVICE

Welcome: Bev C

Prayers: Christine H

Readings: Ross H

Music team: Cath F

Cuppa after service: Shirley & Murray R

Church cleaning: Van Zyl Family

If you're unable to serve, please arrange a swap and advise the church office.

KIDS CHURCH 2021

Starts on 7 Feb



USE OF CRECHE

If your children use the creche, please remember to tidy up the toys afterward! This would be much appreciated. Thank you!

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9am-2:30pm

Newsletter items by **9am Thursday**, please - you may need to leave a message.

Session Clerk: Barbara Carston 445 3415



Cromwell & Districts Presbyterian Church

Sunday 24th January 2021

SPEAKER: Douglas Bradley

SERMON: Praying Psalm 18

READING: Psalm 18:1-6; 20-24

PRAYING PSALM 18

The Lord lives and blessed be my Rock

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge. Psalm 18:2