

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Praying For Others

Mondays, 7pm at the church
Enquiries to Marie 445 1814

Ladies Bible Study

10am Wednesdays
Enquiries to Edith 445 1340

KYB Ladies Group

Enquiries to Lesley 445 3122

Youth Group

Resumes soon

Standing Pilates with Shirley & Joan

Monday's 9.30am in Auditorium

Mainly Music

10am Tuesdays during School Term



World Day of Prayer

Friday 1st March at 10am

At

St Andrews Anglican Church
Cnr Donegal & Blyth Street

Everyone is Welcome



Big Change 4 Small People

January's collection helped pay for the printing of Sunday School Teacher lesson books throughout Malawi. February's is going to help support some of the children the Hansen's were working with in Hungary.

CHURCH SERVANTS FOR 3rd March 2024

Elder on Duty: Mervyn M

Manager on Duty: Ross H

9AM SERVICE

Welcome: Jim H

Prayers: Jim H

Readings: Edith G

Music: Helen H

Morning tea: Diane W & Phyllis S

10:30AM SERVICE

Welcome: Pam K

Prayers: Mervyn M

Readings: Alexa W

Music: Cath F

Church cleaning: Suzy & Peter W

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

Donations can be made electronically to the church's bank account number:
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From The Ministers Desk

Joseph, a prominent figure in the Old Testament, embodies a remarkable journey of faith, resilience, and forgiveness. Let's delve into the spiritual significance of Joseph:

Faith and Perseverance:

Joseph's life was marked by trials and challenges. From being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers to facing false accusations, he endured immense hardship. Despite these adversities, Joseph remained faithful to God. He continued to obey and serve diligently, even when circumstances were unfavourable. His unwavering faith allowed him to rise above his circumstances and find favour with both God and man.

Dreams and Destiny:

Joseph's dreams played a pivotal role in his story. These dreams hinted at his future prominence and the bowing down of his family members before him. While sharing these dreams with his brothers may not have been wise, they ultimately foreshadowed God's plan for Joseph's life. Joseph's journey from the pit to the palace was orchestrated by God, emphasizing His sovereignty and purpose in our lives.

Forgiveness and Redemption:

When Joseph's brothers stood before him in Egypt, unaware of his true identity, he had the power to seek revenge. Instead, he chose forgiveness. Joseph revealed himself to them, saying, "Do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life" (Genesis 45:5). His ability to forgive and reconcile with his family exemplifies God's redemptive work in broken relationships.

From Prisoner to Prime Minister:

Joseph's journey from slavery to becoming the second-in-command in Egypt showcases God's providence and elevation. His integrity, wisdom, and trustworthiness led Potiphar to entrust him with authority. Even in prison, Joseph remained faithful and interpreted dreams for fellow inmates. Eventually, Pharaoh recognized Joseph's wisdom and appointed him as a ruler, allowing him to save Egypt and neighbouring lands from famine.

Symbolism and Lessons:

Joseph's colourful coat symbolizes his father's favouritism and the envy it stirred among his brothers. The pit where he was thrown represents betrayal and adversity, while Egypt symbolizes a place of testing and transformation. Joseph's eventual reconciliation with his family reflects God's desire for reconciliation and restoration in our lives.

In summary, Joseph's story teaches us about faith, forgiveness, and God's providence. His life serves as a powerful reminder that even in the darkest moments, God is at work, shaping our destinies for His glory.

Blessings

Tony

PUKERAU EASTER CAMP - Year 9 to 1st year University

Camp registrations are OPEN - Get in early so you don't miss out. Go to:

<https://www.pukeraucamps.co.nz/easter-camp/>

Cost is subsidised and transport will be arranged .
Easter Camp is a fabulous spiritual boost to the year and set your life on a steady course.



For Sale

Low Sugar Fruit Jam:
\$5.00 each or by donation in the Honesty Tin
Thank you Kindly

Church Youth Group Fundraiser for Easter Camp at Pukerau next month



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Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9am-2:30pm Newsletter items by 9am Thursday, please .



Cromwell & Districts Presbyterian Church

Sunday 25th February 2024

SPEAKER: Tony Martin

SERMON: You Sold Me But God Sent Me –
The Mystery of Divine Providence

READINGS: Genesis 45:3-11 & Luke 6:27-38

You Sold Me But God Sent Me – The Mystery Of Divine Providence



“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you...”
Luke 6:27-28