

Newsletter

10th February

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Leading: **Jeff Whittaker**
Preaching: **Jeff Whittaker**
Theme: **Luke 24: 26 - 43** **Father, forgive!**

The Next Deacons' Meeting will be held on
Tuesday 19th February 2019 at Epsom Baptist Church.

Members' Meeting...

Our next Members' Meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Wednesday February 20th. We will report on the roof replacement project.

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Starting next Sunday evening... Pastor Daniel and I will be running an Alpha Course on Sunday nights (starting 6am). Talk to me if your are interested in participating.
Pastor Jeff



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From Pastor Jeff

This week we are looking at forgiving prayer. Forgiveness is, of course, at the heart of the gospel. We read in the Bible that Christ won forgiveness at the cross for the sin of humanity. Further, in teaching what we now call 'The Lord's Prayer' to his disciples, Jesus made it clear that somehow forgiveness for ourselves is contingent on us forgiving others. It is interesting to realise, though, that forgiveness is not just a Christian value. Adherents of other religions also esteem highly and practise forgiveness. In fact, on the internet one can find forgiveness touted by secular people as something that must be practised. Clearly, forgiveness is one of those values recognised as universally valid. The gospel declares that all of us need God's forgiveness through Christ. It follows that there are always those whom we must in turn forgive. Let us then embrace this demanding spiritual discipline, and in so doing allow ourselves to be further conformed to the divine nature. Shalom, Jeff

WISH LIST

Sanity, beauty, kindness, care
All so simple if you dare
Sweet forgiveness, patience, peace,
Chickens, blackbirds, ducks and geese.
Trees and flowers, grass and seeds,
Hands and feet and coloured beads.
Cups of tea and distant bells
Clouds and mountains, cooking smells,
A garden path, a wooden chair,
Sanity, beauty, kindness, care.



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February 2019 Sunday morning rosters...

Flowers: 3 Luanne, 10, 17 Louissa, 24 Margaret W.

Morning tea: Murray and Neroli Hollis

Communion preparation: Murray and Neroli Hollis

Door and Offering: Helen Evans

Scripture reading & Communion: June McMillan

Offering counting: Anne Bartley & Alan Lau

Lawns: Murray Hollis