March 2021

Newsletter

Dalby Uniting Church

MARCH SERVICES

Sunday 7th Mar 9.30am (HC)

Preacher & Worship Leader: Rev. Adam Tipple

Sunday 14th Mar 9.30am

Preacher: Rev. Adam Tipple

Worship leader: Judy Ogden

Sunday 21st Mar 9.30am

Preacher & Worship Leader: Rev. Adam Tipple

Sunday 28th Mar 9.30am

Preacher: Rev. Adam Tipple (Video)

Worship leader: Sandra Young

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The Church is built upon the one Lord Jesus Christ

At our February Presbytery Meeting I had the privilege of leading the Presbytery Bible Study for an hour on Rev 1:9—3:22. The theme of the meeting was 'Renew', and I suggested different lessons we can draw from this text, as to how we find renewal in the church, and what renewal means.

These are the lessons that I shared with the Presbytery:

•The church is built upon Jesus Christ.

•The church has an earthly existence, but also a heavenly one.

•The Spirit may rebuke us, correct us, and call us to repentance.

This is done not to destroy us, or discourage us, but in order to renew us.

•Discipline is always in the larger context of God's renewing

love and grace 'Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline' (Rev 3:19)

•Renewal begins by 'hearing what the Spirit is saying to the church.'

•Renewal flourishes in faithfulness – aspire to be, 'the one who is victorious'.

Of course I had a little bit to say about each of these points, but as Easter approaches, I want to encourage us all to pray about and to contemplate the first point - that the church is built upon the Lord Jesus Christ. Without him, there is no church, and he goes ahead of us, showing where the Kingdom of God is already breaking through into people's lives, encouraging us to stop gazing at our navels, and to join with him in his work.

As we travel with Jesus towards the cross, we are reminded that his mission was to restore and renew the whole human race. It is incredible that he has begun that restoring and renewing work within each of us, and that he also invites us to be part of this mission work. This Easter, let us join with that mission of renewal with all our mind, heart and soul.

Grace and Peace,
Adam Tipple

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

February Presbytery Meeting

The Presbytery of the Downs met in Stanthorpe and Severnlea over the last weekend in February. The theme of the meeting was 'Renew'. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and worship, and the meeting was a productive one. We thanked Rev. Graham Slaughter who has been Presbytery Chairperson for the last few years as he stood down prior to retirement.

A consequence of the meeting was that I was elected as Presbytery Chairperson for a term of three years. The role of Chairperson is mainly to chair the Presbytery Meeting and the Standing Committee which meets monthly, and to deal with complaints. While this is some added responsibility for me, I hope that it's not going to impact my role with Dalby and Jandowae too adversely, as I was already involved with working for the Presbytery on various committees and in the role of Period of Discernment Coordinator which I have now put down. Your prayers for me in this role are appreciated!

The Presbytery is producing a 'highlight reel' of information from the meeting which we'll make available in the church foyer over the coming week.

Rev. Adam Tipple

Church Council Elections and Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday 21st March** from 10.45am in the church, at which we will have elections for one Church Council position which will be vacant, due to Sandra Young deciding to retire from the role from our March AGM meeting.

Pat Garnsey has put her name forward for Church Council so please pray for Pat. We have had no other nominations for Church Council.

Anyone can attend the meeting, but only members and members in association have voting rights. If you are unsure about membership and/or would like to become a member of the church, please speak with Adam Tipple.

As part of this meeting we will also elect the Congregation Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, Our Presbytery Representative(s) and appoint our Auditor.

Annual Report

Our Annual Report for March 4th 2020 to March 3rd 2021 has been emailed out with this newsletter and some hard copies are available in the foyer of the church. If you require an email or hard copy and please let Adam Tipple know. This report will be presented at our AGM and has our Ministry and Mission Plan for 2021-22.

Church Council conversation with Jandowae Uniting Church

Before COVID hit us, the Church Councils of Dalby and Jandowae Uniting Church had both resolved to begin a conversation about our future togther and to explore what options there are for us working more closely together while we share a ministry agent (Rev. Adam Tipple).

The first meeting of the Church Councils together is happening on Saturday 6th March at 10 am. There is no preconceived agenda as to what path we need to take, but instead an opportunity for everyone to share openly and honestly about how we see the future of ministry in the Western Downs.

This will be an ongoing conversation and we're keen to hear your thoughts also, so feedback from our congregation will be sought soon as to some possible options.

Children's Ministry at Dalby Uniting Church

We have been blessed by having more children present in worship over the last few months. While this is a wonderful development it does create more work for our Young Person and Families Ministry team as we seek to have an engaging program for children of all ages on a Sunday morning.

We are looking to grow that team with leaders and helpers who will help out on a roster at least once per term. This is wonderful opportunity if you have a passion for connecting with children, and helping them to grown in character and faith.

You would need to hold a Blue Card, or be willing to apply for one, and to undertake Safe Ministry with Children training every two years, which can be done online.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please speak with Jane Tipple (O'Regan) who is our Young Person and Families Ministry Team Convenor.
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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- **Pray that Girls' Brigade will go from strength to strength in 2021.**
- **Pray for the new leadership team of the Presbytery of the Downs, and for Rev. Adam Tipple as he begins as Chairperson.**
- **For our Annual General Meeting that the meeting would go well and God's will would be done.**
- **For all those who have contributed to our Annual Report, and for the ministries of our church.**
- **To give thanks for our Women's KYB group, and the faithful people that continue to meet and study as part of this group.**
- **For the Dalby Ministers' Fraternal Annual General Meeting on 10th March.**
- **For the Dalby Pastoral Care team who volunteer at the hospital and at Karingal and Ningana.**
- **For those in our community affected by domestic violence.**
- **Our ongoing conversation with Jandowae Uniting Church as to how we can work better together in the future.**

Daytime: S. Young, E Armstrong, D Anderson, P Garnsey

Night time: N. Johnston, L Kane, Ogdens, McKays. *If you have a prayer request, please send to* ***dalbyuniting@gmail.com***

DALBY UNITING CHURCH

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes-day	Thurs-day	Friday	Saturday
	1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5** 5.30pm Thank God it's Friday Prayer in the church	**6** 10am Church Council Conversa-tion with Jandowae CC
7 9.30 am Service Holy Com-munion Kids' Church	**8** 6.30pm Girls' Brigade	**9**	**10** 10am Women's KYB in the Supper Room Midday Dalby Minis-ters' Fraternal AGM meeting	**11**	**12** 5.30pm Thank God it's Friday Prayer in the church	**13**
14 9.30 am Service Kids' Church	**15** 6.30pm Girls' Brigade	**16**	**17** 10am Women's KYB in the Supper Room	**18**	**19** 5.30pm Thank God it's Friday Prayer in the church	**20**
21 9.30 am Service Kids' Church	**22** 6.30pm Girls' Brigade	**23**	**24** 10am Women's KYB in the Supper Room	**25** 7.00pm Church Council in the Supper Room	**26** 5.30pm Thank God it's Friday Prayer in the church	**27**
28 9.30 am Service (Palm Sunday) Kids' Church						