

News from the Pews

Welcome!

Sunday 23rd January 2022

Welcome to our service today at 10.30am which will be led by Fiona Iddon. This week's theme from our series on Elijah is "God has a word for us, even if it's difficult. God sustains us and has a purpose."



The Story of Elijah

Elijah is a kind of Old Testament superhero, who spoke out and lived boldly before being transported to heaven without experiencing physical death. And yet we also see human frailty and brokenness. The New Testament writer, James, brings out this contrast. While upholding Elijah as an exemplary man of great faith and prayer, James points out that, nevertheless, "Elijah was a man just like us" (James 5:17) – or, as another translation puts it, he was "as human as we are." Although Elijah lived in a very different time and context to ours there are many lessons from his life for us today. He was born about 2,900 years ago in a place called Tishbe in Gilead – though by most historians to be modern-day Jordan. We see him get replenished and sustained by God, and in a period of national darkness and struggle we see the character of someone who chose to follow the living God. You'll find the whole story of Elijah from 1 Kings 17 to 2 Kings 2, in particular 1 Kings 17-19 where you get the most well known episodes of his life.



- ⇒ Please continue to wear a mask or face covering throughout the service.
- ⇒ Use the hand gel on entry and exit, sign in, and use wipes for the surfaces in the toilets.
- ⇒ **Tea and coffee will be served after the service, please come and join us.**

DATES FOR THE DIARY THIS WEEK!

Tuesday 25th January.



7pm Prayers. Come along to wait on God, and pray for ourselves, our church family and our community.

Thursday 27th January—10—12am

Coffee, Cake, Create and Craft morning.

Come along to meet up and make new connections.

Every Thursday except for the first Thursday of the month.



URGENT PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for the people of Tonga who have survived a devastating tsunami. Communication with the outside world is limited and access to areas of need is proving to be extremely challenging.

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