

Sunday 29th April 2018

Life together in Christ

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God"
(Romans 12:1a)



Welcome to Christ Church this morning.

- 8:30am traditional Communion in the bluestone church, followed by morning tea.
- 10am contemporary, also in the bluestone church, including the baptism of Cordelia Tomyn, followed by morning tea.

Andrew writes: What has God ever done for you?

Thanks for your prayers for Amy and me over these past weeks, and for my book-writing. In God's grace I have a book manuscript of 70,000 words. If any of you want to read it, let me know!

I share with you all in giving thanks to God for Hugh's ministry at Christ Church while I've been away. I value his godly leadership and generous spirit, and that he so clearly wants us all to grow to maturity in Christ.

Today, I plan to preach "What has God ever done for you?" In my studies this month I have seen that the Apostle Paul was overwhelmed by what God has done for us, and so I want to share this with you.

Praying ...

- for the **Tomyn family**: for Luke & Octavia parenting their girls Ophelia and Cordelia; pray especially for Cordelia being baptised today, that the Holy Spirit may so work in her that in the years ahead she will have her own confident, joyful trust in Jesus;
- for the **family of Joyce Bates** (whose funeral was on Friday) including her children, Marilyn, Julie and Andrew, and all her family and friends;
- for **Clinton and Karla** being married at Christ Church on Saturday 5th May;
- that the first formal contract document for the **childcare centre** development will be signed this coming week;
- giving thanks, with **Andrew**, for the work he's done on his book;
- for the **Roe family serving in Namibia**. Pray for safety and good health for them as a family (as well as their co-workers) as they travel to the rural north and meet with various church leaders and seek to strengthen links with NETS;
- for **health** and strength for Val M and Kate E;
- for **expectant mothers** Shani, Olivia & Siobhan and their growing babies.
- that we will **encourage each other** to trust in Jesus and live for him each day.

Sermon notes: ***“What has God ever done for you?”*** Andrew Dircks
Bible readings: Romans 5:1-11 (page 942) and Romans 12:1-8 (page 947-948)

Looking ahead:

- Thursday 10th May: **Leon Morris lecture by Michael Theophilos.** 5:15pm refreshments for 5:45 pm lecture. Bookings essential.
 - Sat 12th May: **'Entrust'** women's conference
 - Fri 25th and Sat 26th May: **Men's Convention** at Belgrave Heights
- (See weekly email for details on all of these events)*

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