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"In the Community for the Community"

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Craving

Pregnant women often have strange cravings at strange times. During her pregnancy with our eldest (Marizanne), Anel often craved coffee grounds! These cravings are usually a sign that the body lacks a certain nutrient. But I know that most of my cravings are not based on a nutrient deficiency, but on what I like and want. The problem is we do not always want what we need or what is best for us. We then often spend much time and energy to get something that has no long-term benefits for us.

What do we crave spiritually? On what spiritual gains do we invest time, money, and energy? We can seek acceptance and affirmation in a busy social life. We sometimes connect our sense of self-worth to the amount of travel adventures and exciting experiences we had – living a great life. Not to mention the fulfilment wealth and popularity seem to promise. After trying all these things, the author of Ecclesiastes concluded: "Everything is meaningless," says the Teacher, "completely meaningless." (Ecc 12:8).

Jesus recommends that we should crave the life (abundant and eternal life) that He can give us. (Joh 6:27) Crave to be part of the Kingdom of God and the rest of life will fall into place.

But don't be so concerned about perishable things like food.

Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you.

For God, the Father has given me the seal of his approval."

John 6:27 NLT

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome

Bible brought in

Just as I am

Call to Worship

Song

Great is thy faithfulness

Prayer

Notices and Celebrations

Children & Young People

Offering

I know who holds tomorrow

Prayer

Reading

John 6: 25-40

Message

Craving

Song

There is a Redeemer

Prayer for others

Song

The journey of life

Benediction

The Grace . . .



Prayer available after Service at the front of the Church

Join us for refreshments in the lounge

Soup Lunch is being planned for the 4th of July after Communion. Please plan to join us. Let Jaco know if you can make some soup.

Youth are gathering fortnightly on a Saturday afternoon. Please contact Leiona for more information.

A copy of our **Winter Reading Program** is available on the foyer table. Join this rewarding journey through the winter months.

We are grateful that we are in alert level 1 but encourage everybody to continue to be sensible and take good care of yourself and those around you

Welcome at St. Enoch's! If you like us to get in contact with you or receive our emails, please complete the visitor form on the Welcome Desk in the foyer or give your details to Jaco.

Home Groups: Please contact Minette (021 995 875) if you want to join a homegroup meeting fortnightly at 18:30 on a Monday. A fortnightly daytime homegroup during the week is still in the pipeline. Please contact Joshua (022 369 6769) if you are interested.

A small musical group is meeting in the church on Thursdays at 12 pm. This is a time to fellowship and worship together through a relaxed jam session. We invite anyone who loves to play or sing, or even if you would just like to sit and listen, as we express our worship of God through music (no musical ability needed – just a heart of worship). Contact Joshua (022 369 6769) for further details.

Church gardens will receive some TLC from Dinis Davie. Thank you, Dinis. Talk to Dinis or Jaco if you can help.

Bread Tags can be placed in the container provided in the foyer. The tags raise funds for a project buying wheelchairs for disabled children in South Africa.

NEW Reading Group to meet once a month in a home, in the daytime at a venue and time to suit. An opportunity to share what you are reading with other readers. No set book, no homework, open to anyone. Ring Joan at 5441669 or 0277733811 if interested.

Library: *90 minutes in Heaven* by Don Piper is in the bibliography section of our library and is also available on Netflix. An inspiring story of the miraculous outcome of prayer and the writer's experience of heaven. Recommended.

Men's Coffee Group meets every Tuesday at 10:00 in the café in Mitre 10 Mega for morning tea and good conversation. Come and join us! Contact Mike: 578 0192

Ladies Coffee Group meets on Tuesdays at Columbus Coffee Gate Pa at 10am. Everybody is welcome to join this happy gathering. Contact Cynthia 544 3053

Have-a-Go invites you to join them on a Wednesday morning at 09:30 for fun fellowship and great morning tea.

STEW—St Enoch's Working Women: meets on Thursday 1st July at 7pm at Helena Van der Spuy's home. Contact Anel for more information 021 2683064

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK

WORSHIP LEADER: Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke
VESTRY ELDER: Robyn Dowdle
MORNING TEA: Geoff & Bernice Tyrrell
DOOR / OFFERING: John & Ngaire Foote
HEALING/PRAYER MINISTRY: Lesley Ayers

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday 27th June

WORSHIP LEADER: Rev George Bryant
VESTRY ELDER: Robyn Dowdle
MORNING TEA: Anel Reyneke, Mativa Rotati
DOOR / OFFERING: Louise Hediger
HEALING/PRAYER MINISTRY: Gail Walker

After each service someone will be sitting in one of the front pews. Go to them to **have them pray for you** or **pray with them for someone or something**. If you would like the **Prayer Chain** to pray for you, or for your prayer need to be made known on the Sunday bulletin, talk to Gail Walker or Jaco.



Please pray:

Ralf, Renee and family and others hugely impacted by Covid-19 in South Africa, India, Fiji and many other countries around the world; For farmers as we enter winter and all the challenges that brings; For single parents struggling to cope.

Individual Needs: Elsje Gurney, Ralph and Rowie Morris, Mama Tu's close family dealing with constant pain, Iris Dudson; Beryl; Brian;

Give thanks: For our St. Enoch's Faith Family

Join the **Sunday morning Prayer Group** in Jaco's office from 09:00 every Sunday.

The **Spiritual Growth Group** meets on 23rd at 13:00 for luncheon and debrief on study just finished.

Lectionary Readings:

This Week

1 Samuel 17:32-49; Psalms 9:9-20; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

Next Week

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43