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**INTROIT:** Psalm 65

You receive praise in silence in Zion, O God, and vows to You will be fulfilled.  
O You who hear prayer, to You all human beings will come.

Iniquitous things have been prevailing over me. You Yourself will provide atonement for our rebellious actions.

Blessed is the person whom You choose and whom You bring near, that he may dwell in Your courts! We shall be satisfied with the good things of Your house, the holiness of Your Temple.

You answer us in righteousness with awesome deeds, O our saving God, the Confidence of all the ends of the earth and of the most distant sea.

He is the One who sets the mountains in place by His strength, the One who puts on strength like a waistcloth.

He is the One who calms the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves and the turmoil of the peoples.

Those who live at the ends of the earth have been in awe of Your miraculous signs. You make the places where morning dawns and the places where evening fades shout for joy.

You have taken care of the land and have caused it to overflow. You have enriched it abundantly. The stream of God is filled with water. You are providing their grain. For that is how You have prepared it.

You have given its furrows their fill of drink and levelled off the edges of its furrows. You soften it with gentle rain and bless its growth.

You have crowned the year of Your goodness, and Your wheel-tracks drip with fat.

The pastures in the desert overflow. The hills are robed with joy.

The meadows are clothed with flocks, and the valleys are covered with grain.

They are shouting for joy. Indeed, they are singing.

*Welcome to all worshipping with us!*

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**COLLECT:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new to us every morning, and, although we have in no way deserved Your goodness, You have abundantly provided for all our wants of body and soul. Give us, we pray, Your Holy Spirit, so that we may genuinely recognise Your merciful goodness toward us, so that we may give thanks for all Your benefits, and so that we may serve You in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

**READINGS:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Firstfruits and Tithes  
2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Sowing generously.  
Luke 12:13-21 The Parable of the Rich Fool

### **Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> “When you enter the land that the LORD, your God, is giving you as an inheritance and you take possession of it and live in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first from all the produce of the ground, which you will harvest from your land, which the LORD, your God, is giving you! You shall put it in a basket and go to the place where the LORD, your God, will choose to make His name dwell! <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and tell him, ‘I declare today to the LORD, your God, that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our forefathers to give us!’ <sup>4</sup> Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD, your God! <sup>5</sup> You shall make this response before the LORD, your God: ‘My forefather was a wandering Aramean. He went down to Egypt with few people and lived as a foreigner there. There he became a great, powerful and numerous nation. <sup>6</sup> However, the Egyptians treated us harshly, oppressed us and imposed severe forced labour on us. <sup>7</sup> Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our forefathers, and the LORD heard our cry. He saw our misery, distress and oppression. <sup>8</sup> The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with miraculous signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup> He has brought us to this place and has given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now, look! I have brought the first produce of the land, which You, O LORD, have given me.’ Then you shall set it down before the LORD, your God, and worship before the LORD, your God! <sup>11</sup> Then you shall be glad about all the good things that the LORD, your God, has given to you and your family, together with the Levite and the foreigner who is living among you!

## 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

<sup>6</sup> In addition, I say this: **The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.**

<sup>7</sup> Each person should give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion! **For God loves a cheerful giver.**

<sup>8</sup> God can make all grace abound toward you, that you may always have all that you need in every way and may abound in every good work, <sup>9</sup> as Scripture has said: **“He has distributed. He has given to the poor. His righteousness remains for ever.”**

<sup>10</sup> He who provides **seed for the sower and bread for food** will supply and multiply your seed and will increase what your **righteousness produces.** <sup>11</sup> You are being made rich in every way that you may be totally generous. This is producing thanksgiving to God through us. <sup>12</sup> This work,

which you are doing in serving others, not only supplies the needs of the believers but is also overflowing through many expressions of thanks to God. <sup>13</sup> By this service, by which you prove yourselves, you are glorifying God for your subordinate confession of the Good News of Christ and for your generous contribution to them and to all people, <sup>14</sup> while they also long for you deeply and pray for you, because of the extreme kindness that God has shown you.

<sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

### Luke 12:13-21

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd asked Him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me!”

<sup>14</sup> Jesus asked him, “Man, who appointed Me to be a judge or an arbitrator over you?”

<sup>15</sup> Then He told them, “Beware and be on your guard against all greed! For a person’s life does not consist in how plentiful his possessions are.”

<sup>16</sup> Then Jesus told them a parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, ‘What am I to do? For I have no place to store my produce.’”

<sup>18</sup> “Then he said, ‘This is what I shall do: I shall pull down my barns and build bigger ones and shall store my grain and all my other goods in them. <sup>19</sup> Then I shall say to myself, “Soul, you have many good things stored up for many years. Take life easy, eat, drink and enjoy yourself!”’”

<sup>20</sup> “However, God said to him, ‘You fool, this very night your life will be demanded of you. Then who will get the things that you have prepared?’”

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said, “So is he who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

# MAN DOES NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE

## Sermon for Harvest Thanksgiving, 2023

### Deuteronomy 8:3

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

The text for our sermon today is Deuteronomy 8:3: **Man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, sanctify us through Your truth, Your Word is truth. Amen.

Dear friends in Christ,

Moses reminded the people of Israel that everything they had - and everything they were - was a free gift from God. God had made them a nation. Their forefather Jacob, a wandering Aramean, had almost become a “*perishing Aramean*” because he had to flee for his life from his brother Esau<sup>1</sup>, elude his uncle Laban<sup>2</sup>, and finally relocate to Egypt to escape the famine.<sup>3</sup> Without the Lord’s blessing, Jacob would have never amounted to anything and would likely have died in that famine, and the Israelites would not be where they were today.

Now, God had given the people of Israel freedom from slavery in Egypt. He was giving them the Promised Land for their inheritance. God was giving them the fruit of the ground, an abundant harvest in a land flowing with milk and honey, which was a free gift from God to them.

So Moses commanded an offering of first fruits. The people were to take a portion of the best of their harvest and offer it to God – not to buy God’s favour or to grease His palms for the next go-around, but because God had already favoured them.

The purpose of these thank offerings was to keep the people of Israel focused on the truth that everything they had was a gift of God. This was because the temptations were all too obvious: they could see and handle the harvest, and it would be easy for them to neglect the truth of God’s goodness. There would be the temptation to doubt and say, “*All of this is mine because of what I have done. I don’t need God’s help because I’m perfectly capable of helping myself.*” There would be the temptation to pride, to say, “*The Lord may have gotten me started, but look what I’ve accomplished for myself since then!*” Perhaps they would be like that man in our Gospel today, who had to pull down bigger barns and build bigger ones saying,

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<sup>1</sup> Genesis 27:41-45

<sup>2</sup> Genesis 31:17-30

<sup>3</sup> Genesis 46:1-7

“Soul, you have many good things stored up for many years. Take life easy, eat, drink and enjoy yourself!” (Luke 12:19). Left unrepented, these sins would lead to unbelief, to saying, “We have all that we need apart from God, so we have no need for God at all.”

Those temptations were a real danger, for there is always a temptation to rejoice in the things of creation *far more than the Creator of all things*. So it would play out in the history of Israel. Over time, they would forsake the LORD and fail to thank Him for all of His gifts. They’d turn to other gods - not because these gods could give them anything, but because these false gods gave silent approval to whatever sins they wanted to commit. Eventually, those who had been set free from Egypt would find themselves enslaved by Assyria and Babylon.

It was not supposed to be that way. The LORD had the desire to take care of His people forever, to continue to give them daily bread, abundant harvests and all good things. Apart from Him, there was only affliction, toil, oppression and death. As His people, they could trust in His deliverance with great deeds, signs and wonders. Moses reminded the people of Israel that “**Man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**”

Many centuries later, Jesus repeated those same words while He was out in the wilderness being tempted by the Devil. Jesus was hungry, and so the Devil tempted Him, “*If You are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread!*” (Matthew 4:3). The hunger and the bread are the guises for the Devil’s strategy. He is saying, “*God promised all sorts of good gifts to His people. The people of God get abundant harvests, milk and honey, daily bread. Here You are, supposedly the Son of God, without even bread to eat. That doesn’t make You much of a Son of God, now, does it? Command this stone to become bread.*”

There are a couple of interwoven temptations here. One is the temptation to doubt that Jesus has His Father’s blessing. The other is to forsake His ministry of taking the place of sinners.

The more you think about it, the more you cannot separate the temptation in the wilderness from what happens immediately before it: Jesus’ baptism. Jesus has just been baptised, along with all of those repentant sinners who have gathered to listen to John the Baptist. By His baptism, Jesus has taken His place with sinners. He stands with them. He is taking their place, bearing their sins. He is now making His way to the cross to die in their place. He is doing so with His Father’s approval, for when He was baptised, His Father said, “*This is My Son, whom I love and in whom I am well pleased*” (Matthew 3:17).

The Israelites, the people of God, had enjoyed the protection of the One who had delivered them from Egypt with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders; now,

here is Jesus, afflicted by the Devil while He's weak and alone. As the Son of God, He should have everything; as the Saviour who stands with sinners to save them, He's got nothing.

So the Devil tempts Him, "*Are You sure You're the Son of God? And if You are, are You sure You want to continue on this path of standing with sinners, saving them?*" All that Jesus sees and feels at that moment would argue against His sonship and ministry. But Jesus doesn't go with what He sees and feels at the moment. He goes with what He has heard. He has heard His Father say, "*You are My Son whom I love,*" so He knows who He is. He has heard His Father say, "*In You I am well-pleased,*" so He knows His calling as Saviour has His Father's blessing. When it comes to proof, God's Word trumps bread. So Jesus repeats the Word He once spoke to Moses: "**Man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**"

For now, the Devil departs, and there will never be a time when Jesus is more obviously taking the place of sinners than when He's on the cross, forsaken by God and condemned for the sins of the world.

We are tempted, too. And many of those temptations will result from the Devil's whispers about the things that we have or don't have. Everything that we have is a gift from God. There is nothing that we would have without His blessing, nothing we possess had He not spoken to give it to us. When the Israelites brought their first fruits to the Lord, they were to recite a response that began, "*My forefather was a wandering Aramean*" (Deuteronomy 26:5).

The purpose was that they acknowledge that all they had was undeserved, given by God. We often begin our service by saying, "*I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins, and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You and deserve Your punishment in time and in eternity.*" With those words, we also confess that everything we have is an undeserved gift from God.

The Devil will use all sorts of "daily bread" of gifts to tempt us to believe that we do not belong to God, don't want Him or don't need Him. Where we lack and do not have the things that we would like, the Devil will tempt us, "*Are you really sure that you're a child of God? If you were, shouldn't you have more good stuff? Maybe you're not a child of God at all.*" Where you suffer affliction or infirmity, the devil will whisper, "*Some God this is. Not only doesn't He give you much in the way of good stuff, but He's also loaded you down with all sorts of bad. Maybe you ought to think about dumping God and setting out on your own.*" Or when you enjoy a time of prosperity and wealth, the Devil will try to woo you all the way to hell, saying, "*Look at all you've done! Look at all you've gotten for yourself! Who needs God with all of His annoying laws and His talk about sin and grace? Enjoy what you've got! Who needs Him?*"

Every satanic temptation has one goal in mind: to destroy our faith by leading us to doubt God, hate God or see no need for God. The Devil knows the value of material things for temptation: we can see the things we have. We can't see our Saviour, and a thing in the hand seems so much more real than a Saviour we are called upon to trust by faith.

But to all of these temptations, we can respond with our Saviour: **“Man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.”** Far beyond the temporary things that we see and have, we know that the Word of the Lord is sure.

By the Word of the Lord, we know that Jesus has taken His place with sinners for us. He was tempted in the wilderness and resisted it perfectly so that He may give us the credit for His perfect obedience. That Word declares to us that Christ has died in our place, for all of our sins, so that we can be certain that there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

The Lord speaks His Word directly to us. We can be sure that we are His children, enjoying His favour, because He has said so to us with the words, *“I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”* As the Father called Jesus His beloved Son at His baptism, so He declared us to be His beloved child when we were baptised. The Lord speaks His Word to tell us that His favour for us hasn't changed: we hear Him say it is so when He declares, *“I forgive you for all of your sins.”* And as long as we are in this wilderness, we know that we are not forsaken. The Lord is with us. The Lord is near to us. He is as near as His Word. He is so near as to give us His own body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

Make no mistake: this work of the Lord in His means of grace is far greater than the great deeds, signs and wonders that He performed to free His people from Egypt; for by His Word, He has freed us from sin, death and hell.

Everything we have is a gift from God. An undeserved gift. As long as the Devil tempts, that's a tough truth to confess. But we live each day knowing that we are children of God, who delights to give us all sorts of good things; and whether it is given to us to be a stewards of much or little in this life, we have the Word of the Lord. That is why we live, for we have been forgiven for all of our sins. Amen.

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR HARVEST THANKSGIVING

God our Father, You have created the universe in great wisdom, and sustain it by Your powerful word. You are good to everyone, and have compassion on all that You have made. We enter Your house of prayer with thanksgiving, and come before You with songs of joy. We thank You for the many blessings and joys You lavish on our lives. We thank You for soil and seed, sunlight and rain, health and strength, machinery and technology, and every other blessing by which You give us our daily bread. You have given us a plentiful land, rich in resources for agriculture, mining, and industry. You have blessed us with education and skills to use these resources for the good of our country and its people. Although You do not always spare us from trouble and dark days, we still must confess that our cup of blessing is overflowing, and so we praise Your name. Make us continually aware of Your goodness, O Lord. Increase our trust that in all things You are working for our good.

But, Lord, You not only care for our bodies; Your richest love is reserved for the salvation of our souls. Because You have revealed Yourself to us in Your Word, we know You in Your limitless grace, and live in the light of Your truth and love. We thank You especially for Your greatest of gifts: Jesus Christ our Saviour, and for all the blessings of the Gospel and the Church. Help us to appreciate fully these choicest gifts, and to produce in our lives a rich harvest of faith, goodness, and love.

Free us from every temptation to trust in uncertain things like material wealth. Free us from covetousness, envy, and jealousy. Increase our joy in what You provide, and make us content. Make us more sensitive to what others need. Give us compassion to help those who have too little, and the opportunities to share Your blessings. Let our service to others pave the way for witness to the Gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ Your Son. Teach us to use wisely the things You place at our disposal.

Bless and strengthen the poor and the hungry, those who cannot work, the lonely, the depressed, and especially those who are suffering because of their Christian faith. Give them all the generous help of friends, but, above all, strong trust in Your presence and care.

Guide the nations on earth, and particularly those countries whose people are desperately poor. Grant that all who look up to You for material blessings may find Your kingdom, and Your righteousness. Bless our country Australia with a united spirit and godly goals. Teach its leaders and its people to know, believe, and do Your will. Remove from us things that are unwise and harmful.

Continue to supply the spiritual needs of our families, so that truth, love, and high morals may bless our homes.

We offer You our prayers and our songs of praise, heavenly Father, in the name of Your dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and honour for ever. Amen.

## Article: **When You Are Alone, Christ Is with You**

Nothing lasts forever. You and I know that rationally, but emotionally we would rather not face it. And we aren't the first generation to avoid this truth: early Spanish explorers came to America (Florida) looking for the fabled fountain of youth. In our own country, we've commercialised their search and made it into a science. Health clubs, diet systems, and exercise programs are lucrative ventures for entrepreneurs to cash in on society's perpetual quest for beautiful bodies and youthful vigour.

Don't get me wrong, health and fitness are important. But many of us are in denial. Though we know we're not immortal, we prefer to live as if we are. The thought of giving up familiar daily work in retirement is bad enough, but dying?

Human life is fragile. We're all just one short breath and a few feeble heartbeats away from death at any given moment. Some of us put our lives at risk routinely, but thankfully, most of us don't often have a reason to think seriously about dying.

But that can change in an instant. Sometimes, the spectre of death breaks in on us suddenly and intensely - a tragic accident, perhaps. A violent crime. A dire illness. Any number of calamities can suddenly bring us face-to-face with mortality. In one horrific moment, our resilience dissipates. We find it impossible to remain serene and calm when facing death - our own or that of those we love.

Nothing lasts forever. If we want stability, we'll need to find an anchor outside this turbulent world.

The prophet Isaiah writes, "*The word of our God will stand forever*" (40:8). Because God Himself is eternal, His Word lasts to all eternity. Nothing else endures.

Check your mirror: have you noticed a stray grey hair appearing unexpectedly or unwelcome wrinkles? We seem surprised that we grow older, as though somehow we can avoid the passage of time.

We should know better, of course. Most adults notice how children seem to grow by inches every passing month and how suddenly babies turn into toddlers. But for some reason, we think that when we at last arrive at the prime of life, we're going to stay there permanently. In this decaying world, nobody gets a pass on death.

It's not only the frail elderly who die. I've buried little children as well as young adults in the prime of life. No doubt death has touched you, too; you likely already know intimately the pain of loss and the gruelling ache of grief.

Here's the unvarnished truth: death is here to stay until Jesus returns to claim

His bride, the church. On that final day, He will raise all the saints in the power of His resurrection, out of the dust of death into risen eternal glory. But Jesus has not abandoned us until then. We aren't just biding our time, running out the clock in this dying world. We have an anchor in eternity. Jesus promises to be with us every step of the way, even in calamity and the darkest valleys of our lives. He ties His eternal presence to His living and abiding Word.

Jesus told Peter, "*The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life*" (John 6:63). When tragedy interrupts our lives or adversity strikes, we need to listen to Jesus. He links His life-giving Spirit to the words He speaks.

Peter was listening carefully. So when Jesus asked his disciples if they were going to leave - like many others who rejected His teaching - Peter spoke for them all. "*Lord, to whom shall we go?*" he said. "*You have the words of eternal life*" (John 6:68).

Perhaps in your own personal world, facing decline and loss, you've begun to wonder if Jesus has abandoned you to muddle through as best you can. When everything seems stacked against you, people often begin to think that God is against them, too. Whether you've faced long days of ongoing distress or one short hour of deep darkness, you may sense you've been abandoned by both God and everyone you know. Don't believe it for a minute. Christ Jesus has promised to be with you in His abiding Word of grace and hope.

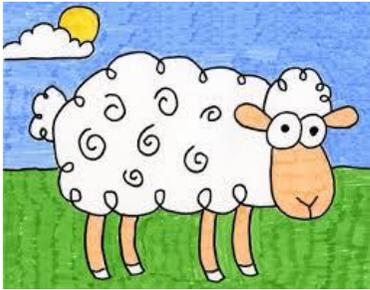
All this calls for faith, of course. But in the deepest valleys and most anxious moments of life, faith is frequently in short supply. Where will you find the faith you need to survive and thrive? The same place you find Jesus: in His Word. "*Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ*" (Romans 10:17).

See how that works? Instead of retreating into your head to cope with misery, you need to get out of yourself. In stressful times fears and doubts cycle endlessly through our minds in a continuous loop of anxiety and distress. Break that ugly cycle. Find a quiet place where you can talk out loud. Open up your Bible, and read aloud the words of Jesus. His words are Spirit and life.

Those very words of Jesus will give you the faith you need to speak aloud your prayers and praises, petitions and thanksgivings. Don't hold anything back. In His calming presence, you can pour out the contents of your anguished heart in confident prayer.

There's only one place to be when calamity strikes or the darkness of this decaying world engulfs you in its fearful grip. Isolation is your enemy - there's no way to tackle personal distress or public tragedy alone. But you don't need to. Go to Jesus; He has the words of eternal life. And those words are life for you.

## Children's Message:



In Matthew 25:31-46, we hear Jesus talk about us, you and me, as His sheep. Sheep are very simple animals. They're not sleek like horses or speedy like cheetahs or friendly like dogs. What do sheep do all day? They eat and they rest. That's about it. Sheep also like to stay together, and they get nervous if they're separated from the flock. If this happens, the sheep need a

shepherd to go after them and find them.

Jesus says that His sheep are blessed by the Father and that they will enjoy God's kingdom forever. What does this mean, to be blessed by God? We, the sheep, are God's dear children. He has made us His own. He shows His outrageous, amazing love toward us, even when we sin and do wrong things. Elsewhere in the Bible, Jesus says He is our Good Shepherd. In John 10:11, He says, "*I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.*" We are Jesus' little lambs and stay close to Jesus, our Shepherd, who showed His love for us by laying down His life to die for our sins.

As God's dear ones, the sheep behave in certain ways. About them, Jesus says, "*For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave Me a drink. I was a stranger, and you took Me into your homes, naked, and you gave Me something to wear, sick, and you looked after Me, in prison, and you visited Me*" (vv 35-36).

So, who did these sheep feed, clothe, or visit? Jesus says, "*Truly, I tell you, anything you have done for one of My brothers here, even the least important of them, you have done for Me*" (v 40). Here, Jesus is saying that as His children, we love and serve our neighbour. It may seem as if we're doing it for that person, but in the end, we do this for Jesus. When you give someone a glass of water, you do it for Jesus. You love that person because of Jesus.

Today, I want you to remember that you are loved by Jesus. You are like a sheep, and He is your Shepherd. He wants to love you and care for you. Because of His love and care, you love your neighbour in return.

*Dear Jesus, thank You for being our dear Shepherd. Thank You for loving us even when we don't deserve it. Please help us to serve the people around us with Your love. Amen.*

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>3 December 1 Advent</b>	<b>10 December 2 Advent</b>	<b>17 December 3 Advent</b>
10.00am TMBA HC AELC Service, Advent lunch and Advent program	8.30am OAK HC 9.00am TMBA LR 9.30am AUB LR 10.15am GRN HC  7.00pm MARBURG Children's Christmas Program	8.30am OAK LR 9.00am TMBA LR 9.00am GRN LR 9.30am AUB LR 9.00am MARBURG HC
<b>Sunday, 3 December</b>		
READINGS: Isaiah 64:1-9;                      Romans 10:5-15;                      John 17:1-19		
HYMNS: 10 243 379 179 287 (291 if needed) 245		
<b>Sunday, 10 December</b>		
READINGS: Isaiah 40:1-11;                      2 Peter 3:8-14;                      Mark 1:1-8		
HYMNS: 7 13 490 (84 292) 9		

**PLEASE NOTE:** Changes have been made to the schedule for December. Please follow the insert you will find in today's bulletin.

Next Sunday will be as follows:

10.00am HC Thanksgiving Service for Pastor's 25 years in the ministry.

12.00pm – 1.00pm shared lunch in the hall.

1.00pm – 1.30pm We shall go into the church for a short Advent program. There will be NO Advent program in the nighttime at Oakey, as previously announced.

Tuesday, December 5, 7.30pm. Men's Fellowship at Oakey.

Thursday, December 7, 10.00am. Bible Study at Lowood. (Please let Pastor know if this day doesn't suit).

December 17, 7.30pm. Carols Evening at Oakey.

Please take home with you today:

CoC and Seminary Committee minutes.

A devotion book in preparation for Advent.