

**Church Office Hours:** 9am -12noon, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays).

**'Prayer Chain'** – Urgent matters for confidential prayer support, can be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Joy McHardy or Val Judd.

**Tuesday 'Prayer For the Nation'**-11am–12noon in Church prayer room.

**Wednesday, 'Mens Breakfast'**- meets every Wednesday morning 6:45am - 7:50am in the Church house lounge. For more info contact Paul Cosson.

**Friday Revival Prayer'**– every Friday evening 6:30pm-7:30pm at Joy McHardy's home.

**FOODBANK...** Thank you for your faithful giving to this ministry. For the month of August, 11 food parcels were issued to local agencies for families in need. We are reasonably well stocked with most foodbank items, however would greatly appreciate help with the following: **UHT milk, rice, sugar, pasta sauce, canned veges, kids toothbruses and laundry powder.**



### Dunblane Rest Home Service on Thurs 6 September

Elaine Oates will be leading the Dunblane Service this Thursday afternoon from 3.30pm – 4pm, in the Jan Williams lounge. All welcome!

**MUP Small Groups** – We are aware that a few people are keen to be part of a small group, either for a short or long term. There is a chance that the Alpha Course could be offered in a small group setting, or there are many other studies that could be worked through. Register your interest by signing the form on the church auditorium table, and we will try to tailor something to suit. Please speak to Paula or Diane for more info or if you have any suggestions.



### Youth Group Small Group 'Prayer Course'

**Session 3 of 6: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 7pm – 8:15pm.**

Study series: 'Learn about talking with God and praying for each other'

Youth Group Next Week:

**Friday 7 September 2018: 7-9pm**

**"AMAZING RACE !!" - Starts at Church**

Check YG Facebook page for more details



	Today 2 September	Next Sunday 9 September
<b>Greeters</b>	M Wilson, A Clement	J & L Hawkesworth
<b>Explorers crèche</b>	R Martyn	M Parker
<b>Matrix</b>	<b>No Matrix</b> re Family Service	L Smoker
<b>Ministry Team</b>	J McHardy	A Clement
<b>Cups of Tea</b>	P & D Viljoen, W Carstens	J Dyas & B Corlett, L Hindle
<b>Flowers</b>	D Dobbie	G Sharp
<b>AV &amp; Sound</b>	R Nelson, G O'Neil	D Russell, P Walker
<b>Counters</b>	N Coffey	N Coffey



Our motivating vision is...  
'To be His Love, Light and Life'

### Sunday 2 September 2018

**10am: Family Service - "Journey of Life"**

Matthew 7: 13-14

**Leading & Teaching: Deborah Dobbie & Kidzspace Team**

**Duty Elder: Paula Levy**

**6:30pm - Evening Fellowship Gathering**

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**'All Children & Intermediate Youth remain in for the Family Service'**

**Paula writes...**It's wonderful to have another family service this morning led by Debbie and team. As we look at the journey of life, may we all be inspired to keep walking, choosing the best paths, and looking out for others along the way. Please stay for lunch too and let's enjoy just eating and being together.

This morning too, we finish off our Matthew 25 challenge, and to do so we are going to all have a chance to respond. During the service you will be invited to write your response down on a piece of paper and pin it to the back wall. We can then pray for each other, and consider together our idea. Here's the two questions:

1. **What is one way I could live differently in response to Jesus challenge in Matthew 25?**
2. **What are some ways we as a church community could respond?**

Some ideas from last week:

- to be more grateful for what we have: clean water, enough to eat, a bed to sleep on.
- to sponsor a child, give a donation, contribute to one of our mission partners.
- to once a week have a simple meal, give up a coffee and give what you save to someone in need.
- to visit your neighbour or pray and practically care for a friend who is sick
- to walk, pray, and ask God to show you how to make a difference.

Let's be prayerfully and creatively looking for ways we can follow Jesus call.

As part of this I want to introduce you to a special someone. Her name is Mary. Mary is 4 years old and lives in Ngogwe, Uganda. Her birthday is the 10<sup>th</sup> of January. She has no brothers and sisters but loves playing ball games. As a church we would like to sponsor her and her community as one of our collective responses. We can together decide how to raise the money for this, but can begin now be praying for Mary and her family. One of my ideas is that we not only sponsor Mary, but every year begin investing in another child. Just a thought? ☺

Let's continue to stretch ourselves as we grow in discipleship and love our neighbours – near ones and far ones, and ask God for more and more ways to share the good news of the gospel.



There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.

## **Debbie's shares on Family Service this morning....**

Family Service – “Journey of Life”

Matthew 7: 13 & 14 “*Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life and only a few find it.*”

Jesus said in John 10:9 “*I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.*”  
Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. John 14:6

Many of us have chosen to enter through Jesus, the small gate and are walking on the narrow road that leads to life. We will explore this in various ways in our family service today.

A question to ask one another during a cuppa after the service:  
Can you think of a time when the road was so steep, the problem seemed insurmountable but now further down the road you can look back and see how Jesus was with you, and your faith grew as you trusted him?



## **Coming Up .....**

- **Today!! Shared Lunch after Morning Family Service –**  
Please stay and enjoy an extended time of connection.
- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September: Women's Get Together(S)**  
**10am or 7pm in 'Kidzspace/Blue Room'**  
Come along, at one of these times, and enjoy connecting with other Christian women. There will be time to chat over food, followed by a Teaching DVD from the Sista's conference and discussion. The DVD examines 4 things that if present in our life, keep us in bondage. Being aware is often the first step to change in ourselves or to developing empathy for others. So come along, be blessed by others and be a blessing to others! **NB:** Older high school students are welcome and you may invite other Christian women.
- **Wednesday 12 September in Church Auditorium @ 7pm**  
**'MUP's 105<sup>th</sup> AGM'**

Collect your copy of the MUP 105<sup>th</sup> AGM Reports from the church foyer or auditorium table, and please take a copy for anyone who could not make it to church today.



**CAPtion** – If you would like to spend time together praying specifically for CAP clients and the CAP ministry then meet on Monday 3rd September. 10am in the lounge of the church house – Nicola.