

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday Patchwork Group meet @ 12.30pm
Tuesday Friendship Group meet @ 10am
Wednesday Golf Group meet @ 6am
Rainbow Lunch Club @ 11.30am
Thursday Rev Josie @ church @ 10am
Wed 5/3 Ash Wednesday Services @ 10.30am & 6pm
Saturday 8/3 A Taste of Samoa @ 12 noon

A TASTE OF SAMOA – Saturday 8th March from 12pm, last chance to sign up for this wonderful social event, as we are blessed with a Samoan lunch and talk about the culture. We've been invited to wear something bright. There will be a charge of \$5 to cover costs.

PALM CROSSES – if you still have your palm crosses from last year, please bring them in next Sunday so they can be used in our Ash Wednesday services.

LENTEN STUDIES – looking forward to beginning our study *Hope 25* on Thursday 6th March at 10am, which will run for 6 weeks. Books can be collected once they arrive.

Please pray for: Paul; Keena; Cheryl; Isla; Charlotte; Marilyn; Gavin; Cameron; Joyce; Kate; Malcolm & Elisabeth; George & Maureen; Gazza; Mel & family; Craig



This week Johnny is with Scott Tanoai



Happy birthday to Eileen Burgoyne on 26th

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Welcome to Worship



Epiphany 7

23rd February 2025

We are a warm-hearted community who are delighted to have you worshipping with us today ...

Our Mission is to

- **Know God personally**
- **Love and respect one another deeply**
- **Disciple and serve those around us**

Sentence: Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.
Luke 6:35

Collect of the Day

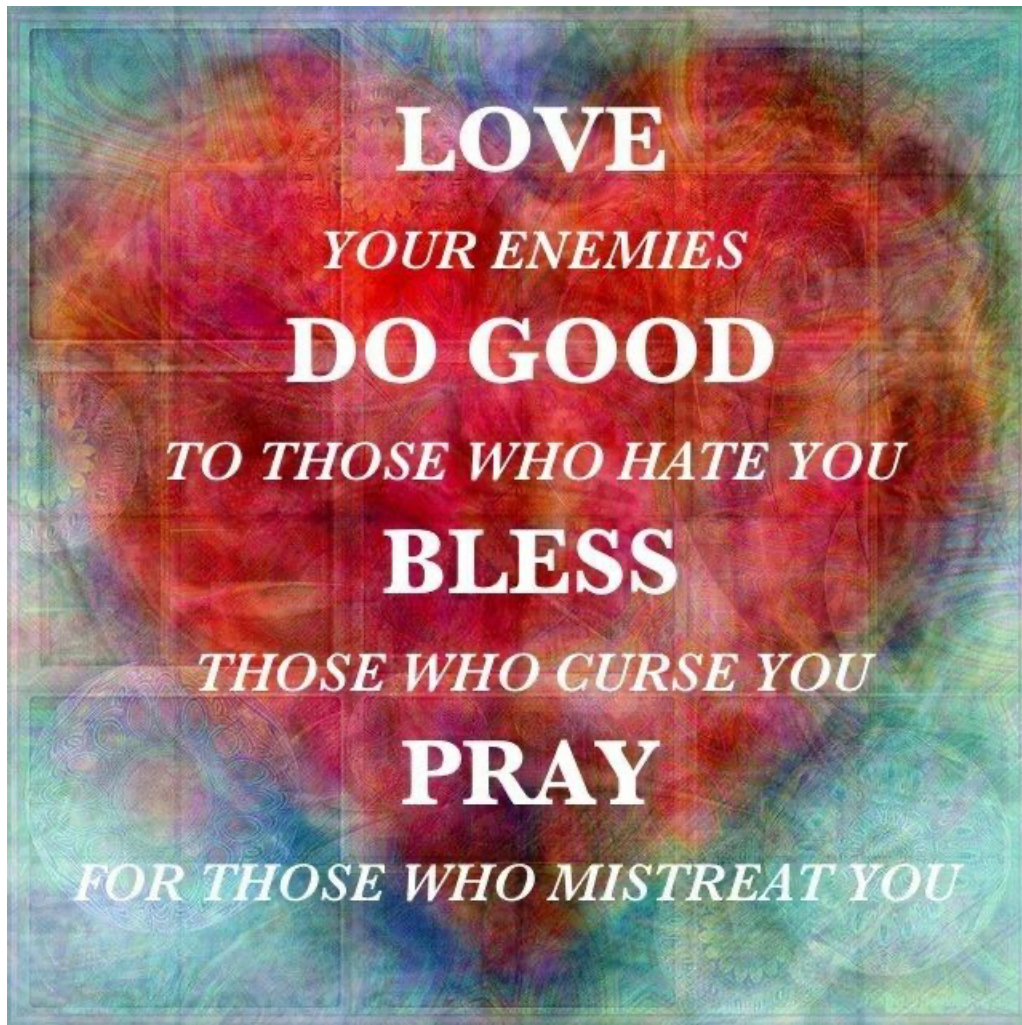
God of compassion,
keep before us the love you have revealed in
your Son,
who prayed even for his enemies.
In our words and deeds
help us to be like him, through whom we pray,
Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.
Amen.

Today:

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-11, 40-41
1 Corinthians 15:35-50
Luke 6:27-38

Next week:

Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)



Epiphany 7 – Luke 6:27-38

“Love your enemies and do good to them, and lend them expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great . . .

“Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and gifts will be given to you . . .”

Continuing his Sermon on the Plain, Jesus again turns upside down another accepted standard of Jewish morality. The principle of “do to no one what you yourself dislike” (as articulated in Tobit 4: 15) was not enough for those who seek to be God's holy people. Jesus demands that his disciples “love your enemies.”

The Greek word for love used in this text is *agape*, a sense of benevolence, kindness and charity towards others. In other words, no matter what a person does to us we will never allow ourselves to seek anything but the highest good for him or her. The radical love of God that is the mark of the Christian is presented clearly and emphatically here. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus calls us not just to passive adherence to the standard of the “Golden Rule,” but to actively seek out the good in everyone, to risk being duped or hurt in our compassion and forgiveness of another. The completeness and limitlessness of God's own love and mercy for us should be the measure of our love and mercy for one another.

In every relationship, in every set of circumstances, the faithful disciple of Jesus seeks to break the cycle of hatred and distrust by taking that often-formidable first step to love, to seek reconciliation above all else.

Seeing beyond hatreds and differences, borders and boundaries, flags and uniforms, languages and cultures, suspicions and unsettled scores is the cutting edge of the Gospel. The relationship we seek with God we must first seek with one another.