



You're invited

Need more balance?

It's not too late to join. Please drop us a line if you are interested in doing Alpha.

Please RSVP via email –
stfrancisunitedchurch@gmail.com

Anyone willing to help with the catering for our Alpha course, please contact Sue Eickhaus – 082 378 7265

COMING UP

Tue 21 May	Church Council postponed (TBA)
Wed 22 May	6pm ALPHA-“Who is Jesus”
Sun 26 May	08h30 Trinity Sunday

THANK YOU

In recent weeks the Grace Team has been exceptionally busy with catering. We are truly grateful to them for all of their hard work, done with love and....grace.

THANK YOU TO THIS SPECIAL GROUP OF LADIES!

BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Monday: Who's the Messenger? – Genesis 37:1-10

It's hardly surprising there was trouble in the family – Jacob had 12 sons and 1 daughter from 4 different wives! He also made matters worse by making it obvious that Joseph was his favourite. But let's face it, Joseph was pretty obnoxious! It's hard to blame his brothers for being angry with him and pouring scorn on all that he said? How often do we judge the importance of a message by what we think of the messenger – whether we like him or her? Ask the Holy Spirit to make you more sensitive to hear God's voice speaking to you, no matter who conveys the message.

Tuesday: Holier than Thou! – Genesis 37:18-27

Yesterday we saw how Joseph had contributed to the ill-feeling his brothers had toward him. Today we see just how much that dislike had festered to the point where they planned to kill him. With hindsight, we know that Joseph's dreams were God-given, but it was clearly how he used them that caused had such animosity? He flaunted them over his brothers and acted all superior! Are we always sensitive to the feelings of others when we're passing on God's truth? Do we sometimes give the impression that we are somehow more spiritual, that we have all the answers? (Colossians 3:12)

Wednesday: What a Tangled Web! – Genesis 37:28-36

Isn't it amazing how one sin always leads to another unless we come straight out and confess and ask for forgiveness? Here we see the brothers digging themselves deeper and deeper into trouble. How often do we do the same? We think that we can cover up our mistakes and wrongdoings and keep others from finding out the real truth. We forget that God is 'omniscient', all-seeing. Are there things in your life you are trying to paper over? Confess them today and claim God's forgiveness – and, if need be, make it right with the person you've wronged.



Thursday: Another Tangled Web! – Genesis 38:1-30

If we look past the ancient practice of sleeping with a brother's widow and the idea of shrine prostitutes, we see yet another story of intrigue and broken promises. Tamar was let down at every turn and it's no wonder she became increasingly desperate. She didn't deserve the treatment she received but no-one seemed to care. Do we keep our eyes open to see the needs and troubles of others? Do we take time to look behind the off-hand response "I'm fine!"? Are we ready to intervene before others reach breaking point?

Friday: Another Cloak, another Catastrophe! – Genesis 39: 1-15

Joseph has certainly matured from the brash youngster he'd been. He has taken responsibility for his circumstances. He could so easily have become bitter and twisted with regard to where his life had taken him, particularly when he'd done the right thing and refused to sleep with Potiphar's wife. Have you learnt to rise above your circumstances and accept that God has his hand of love and grace on you, no matter what your eyes and heart may be telling you to the contrary?

Saturday: Reaching out – Genesis 40: 1-8, 20-23

Joseph was in trouble – thrown into prison for doing the right thing! He had every reason to feel hard done by, and little reason to help other inmates. Yet Joseph is sensitive to their situation. It's easy to get so caught up in our own troubles and become blind to those around us who need help and encouragement. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see beyond yourself to the needs of others.

ALIGNMENT

Falling in line with God's plans



COME AND PRAY: TUESDAYS, 9AM

FAITH FOR DAILY LIVING

The daily devotion booklets for **May/Jun** are available in the foyer for a donation.



CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Safines Chirwa 20 May
Jane Elliot 21 May
Jacqui Goldswain 22 May
Jenny Wiggins 23 May
Rae Mosdell 25 May

Anniversary

Chris & Gwen Couper
21 May

This week we pray for our following church members and their families:

Mark & Madalyn Johnston
Johann & Susan Joubert
Juan & Nicola Joubert
Enala Kachali
Lysin & Tabitha Kachigamba
Nancy Kamanga

Praying for each other



PRAYER REQUESTS

Should you wish to join our prayer ministry and be a part of our prayer chain, or if you have a personal prayer request, please contact either

Revd Paul Mosdell 084 523 5352
or Pat Munro 079 525 2189



WEEKLY SERVICES

Worship Services

Sunday mornings at 08h30
Everyone welcome!

Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 08h30
During local school terms
All ages are welcome!

Contact Anneke May: 073 192 3709

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GIVING

Donations, offerings, tithes and planned giving can be deposited into our church bank account and referenced as such.

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Current Account 288098684



ST FRANCIS UNITED CHURCH

19 May 2024

WELCOME

*A warm welcome,
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to all who are joining us in worship today.*

If you are new to our church and would like to become a member, please fill out a fellowship form available in the foyer.

Scripture Readings:

Ezekiel 34: 1-14

Acts 2: 1-21



Please feel free to contact us!

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