



Wednesday 17th April 2024

It's the holidays! For some of us, that means something, for others, not so much. More importantly, I pray that what Roger shared with us in the last two weeks was challenging enough to challenge us to go out and share the gospel. He demystified the belief that we must be trained to share the gospel and do Evangelism. He also shared honestly regarding his experience as a pastor. I like that he called himself a "frustrated Christian willing to go out." So now we must take this mantle seriously and share the gospel wherever we are.

This week, I am excited because we get to hear from my mother. She is almost going home now, but before she does, she has a message for us. Her Title is; **Come: The invite**

Speaking from Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

It reads very beautifully in the message version.

²⁸⁻³⁰ "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME



Children's church will still be in the service this Sunday. There will be a station set up for all our lovely children and their parents. There will also be helpers as well.

Youth group and cashmere project

Youth group is on a break as well during the holidays. Next Sunday, 28th April, we will be hearing from those who attended Easter camp, and their leaders, as they reflect on what they learned, where they experienced God and what is the next step for their journey in Christ. I'm definitely looking forward to this.



Next Sermon Series



This will be a long series, and in between there will be Pentecost Sunday, Mothers' Day, and baptism Sunday. We will be in Joshua for about 8 weeks, so it's a good time for us to read the book of Joshua together, as we see how God took Israel into the promised land, and what conquests Israel had to go through in that Journey. It will also be a chance to see how the Old Testament stories intersect with our own stories, even though we are part of a new covenant.

Mothers and Children connect Group

We have a mothers and children's group starting up. This is for all the mothers and their young children. The group starts this Friday, 1st March at 9:30 am in the morning. The address is **6 Guardsman Place, Prebbleton. Contact Kirstie for more information on;**

camandkirstierussell@gmail.com

Young Parents life group

One of our core values at Halswell Community Church is building Community. We recognize and appreciate that we have many members who are in the child-raising stage. We would like to raise these children in community together, and in the knowledge that it's Christ who unites us. While we may have differing opinions on how to raise/discipline or even talk to the child. We all agree that the children need a community where they can grow in the knowledge and the wisdom of God. This is why we want to have a

parents life group that meets consistently, to encourage one another in our journey of faith and raising children. The next one will be on Sunday 7th April at 5pm. The venue will be communicated soon.

Baptism Sunday

This is coming up on Sunday 19th May. If you would like to be baptised, we would encourage you to sign up for Baptism on that day.



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