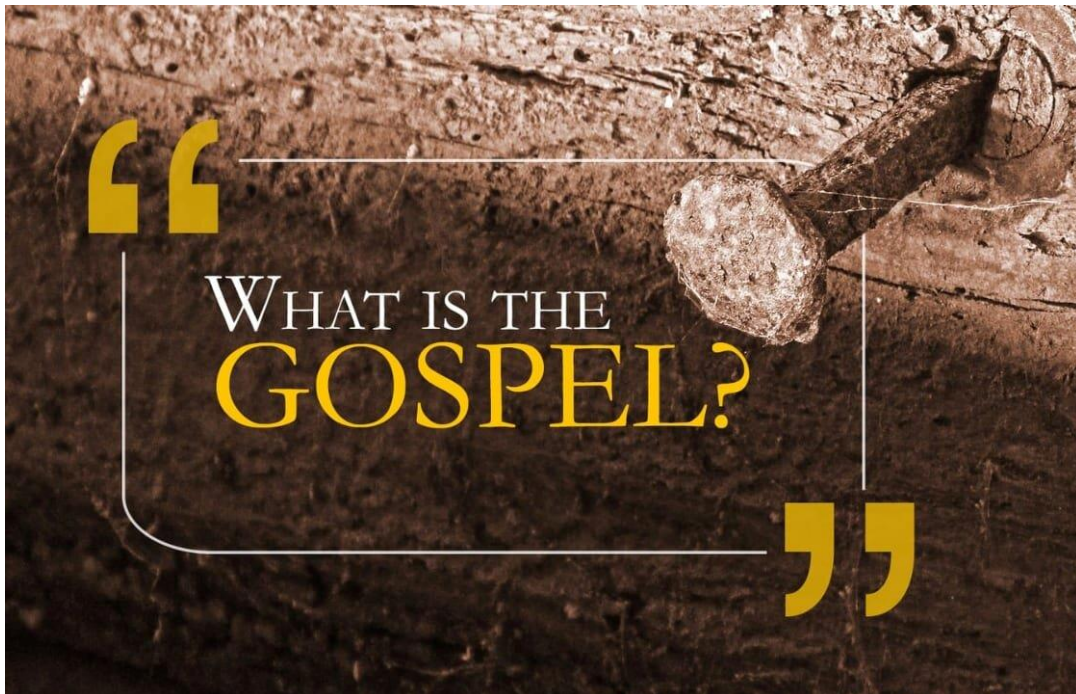




**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

This last Sunday, we had the privilege of listening to Roger Spicer as he took us through the basics of “the gospel”, and how to evangelize. Roger was very clear and concise with his challenge. It was not condemning or accusatory. His differentiation between social action and evangelism was very well explained, and he was the first to admit that even at his age, stage and experience, he still finds it difficult to evangelise every day. He ended by giving us a challenge to give gospel tracts as we evangelize, and to be bold and courageous enough to share the gospel. Have you done that this week? Or are you still waiting for the right time? Roger returns this week, with part two of the challenge, and more practical guides as well. Looking forward to hearing what God has for us through Roger. Can you remember the 5 points of the gospel?

**Sin, Judgement, Righteousness, Jesus as Saviour, Jesus as Lord.**



Coming up in the preaching schedule...



After the two-week series with Roger, we will start a new sermon series I am calling conquest. The name is not original to me, I borrowed it from someone who has used it in a similar sermon series. This is the story of Joshua, from the time he took over after Moses, to the time he settles the Israelites in the promised land. Joshua's remarkable life was filled with excitement, variety, success and honour. He was known for his deep trust in God and as a "man in whom is the spirit" (Numbers 27:18) As a youth, he lived through the bitter realities of slavery in Egypt, but he also witnessed the supernatural plagues and the miracle of Israel's escape from the Egyptians, especially at the Red Sea. He was the only one allowed to accompany Moses up the mountain to receive the 10 commandments, and he stood watch over the tent of meeting as Moses conversed with God. He was God's chosen servant to bring Moses' work to completion, and is the Old Testament foreshadow of Jesus himself.

While these sound like major achievements, and mostly unattainable, I believe there is something to be learnt and applied in our normal life, by looking at Joshua's extra-ordinary one. How we relate to one another, how we raise our children and our families, and most of all, our response in the face of danger, disaster or even disappointment. We will be in Joshua for at least half the winter, and in between, there will be breaks as we celebrate significant days as well.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME



During the Holidays, our lovely children will stay in during the service, and we will set up a children's station next to the families' area for anyone who would like to Join in. This gives our lovely volunteers a chance to have a break, and also helps them plan for the next term as well. Thank you all for your patience and understanding during this time.

### **Youth group and cashmere project**

Youth group also takes a break during the holidays. We will not be meeting on Thursday, but we are planning a Holy spirit weekend as we continue to do Alpha together. This has been a very revealing time for our young people, just after Easter camp, and being in the middle of Alpha, so please pray with us that they will hear the gospel, and will be open to the power of the Holy spirit during this season as well. This Thursday (11<sup>th</sup> April) is the last one of the term, and we will resume on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024. Our youth group room is up and running, and we will also be dedicating that to God as a space for young people soon.



### **Mothers and Children connect Group**

The mothers and children group continues to meet on a Friday morning. This is for all the mothers and their young children. This week, Anna Kariuki is hosting the meeting which will be at 10c Quaiques Road at 9:30 am. For more information, message Kirstie on 0273226907, or email [camandkirstierussell@gmail.com](mailto: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 is 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 28<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm. The venue will be communicated soon.

### **Baptism Sunday**

Thank you for all those who have expressed interest in baptism. I still feel that there are some more who would like to be baptised. There is still space and we would like you to experience baptism. Please do not hesitate to write your name, or contact me directly. Baptism Sunday is also Pentecost Sunday, so we are looking forward to what God has for us during this time.



**We have a variety of homegroups at HCC.**

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