

NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2023 - PENTECOST 16

Matthew's story about being the church as found in the 18th Chapter of the Gospel

Not seven times, but 77—that's how many times I must forgive? sometimes read this and feel like this passage doesn't take into account difficult personalities, those people whose names you dread coming across on your phone ID or email inbox. It doesn't take into account estranged family, and troublesome neighbours. Is it supposed to cover politicians, too?

"As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison."

- Nelson Mandela



Yet, forgiveness is a central component of the Christian faith. When we get frustrated, fed up, annoyed with other people around us, we are

called to forgive—for hate corrodes the container that it is carried in.

Jesus is not suggesting that people remain in or return to situations or circumstances that are harmful to them or quickly forgive those who have abused them. Jesus is confronting the things in life that we hold on to out of spite or pride, or for our own selfish interests. It is about the feuds that no one can quite remember how they started. It is about us being short-tempered with people who have done nothing to provoke it. It is about how we hold on to hurts and angry feelings that only harm ourselves.

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OUR CHURCH LIFE



A warm welcome to visitors worshipping with us today. We invite you to join us in the Hall after the service for Morning Tea and a time of fellowship.

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9:30 Family Service
Richard Smith

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Rev Brian Carey

Romans 14:1-12 P.201
 Matthew 18:21-35 P.27

Exodus 16:2-15 P.72
 Psalm 105:10-6 P.601
 Philippians 1:21-30 P.247
 Matthew 20:1-16 P.29

HYMNS SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

TiS 391 Come, God's people, sing for joy

TiS 635 Forgive our sins as we forgive

Overhead A King Once Told his Servants

TiS 563 Let him to whom we now belong

	SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER	SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER
WELCOMER		Lee-Anne Burnett
DOOR STEWARDS	Jean and Graeme Read	Jan White
ELDER	Anne van Drunen	Lee-Anne Burnett
BIBLE READER	Marg Smithson	Helen Bloomfield
FLOWERS	Rachel Brayshaw	Vanessa Savundra
MORNING TEA	Carol Brearley Marg Smithson	Marie and Andy Yuncken
MUSIC	Christine Ryan Joseph Lunardi	Rachel Brayshaw
MULTIMEDIA	Michael van Drunen	Deborah Marshall

OUR CHURCH LIFE

Prayers

This week we pray for Penrhos College, Wesley College and Hospital Chaplains and Northern Synod .

Our local prayers will be for Boab Network and Mowanjum.

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Therefore, forgiveness is not necessarily about reconciliation—healthy boundaries often may need to stay in place after forgiving—but instead, it is about transformation.

The congregation is the place where people value each other respect diversity and live in harmony. It is as if the fruits of the spirit (Galatians 5 :22-23 a)

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control.

are the missional goals of the congregation's life arising out of their expression of living the life of forgiveness and love

Brian Carey

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Sunday Services at All Saints are Live Streamed
and may be viewed via YouTube at 9:30am each Sunday.

If you attend our services and would prefer not to be filmed,
please avoid the front four rows of pews.

Thank you



The duty roster for
September,
October and
November 2023
is on the Hall Door.

Thank you to everyone
who has
volunteered.

There are blanks places to
be filled so please check
the roster and volunteer if
you can.

Thank you. Your help is
much appreciated.



Preserves for Sale

A beautiful array of jams and marmalade are for sale and can be
found on top of the cupboard in the foyer. Prices as marked.
Please place cash for any purchases in the slot on the top right of the
cupboard. Thank you.