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6th October Harvest Thanksgiving

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INTROIT: Psalm 65

You receive praise in silence in Zion, O God, and vows to You will be fulfilled.
O You who hear prayer, to You all human beings will come.

Iniquitous things have been prevailing over me. You Yourself will provide
atonement for our rebellious actions.

Blessed is the person whom You choose and whom You bring near, that he
may dwell in Your courts! We shall be satisfied with the good things of Your
house, the holiness of Your Temple.

You answer us in righteousness with awesome deeds, O our saving God,
the Confidence of all the ends of the earth and of the most distant sea.

He is the One who sets the mountains in place by His strength, the One
who puts on strength like a waistcloth.

He is the One who calms the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves
and the turmoil of the peoples.

Those who live at the ends of the earth have been in awe of Your
miraculous signs. You make the places where morning dawns and the
places where evening fades shout for joy.

You have taken care of the land and have caused it to overflow. You have
enriched it abundantly. The stream of God is filled with water. You are
providing their grain. For that is how You have prepared it.

You have given its furrows their fill of drink and levelled off the edges of its
furrows. You soften it with gentle rain and bless its growth.

You have crowned the year of Your goodness, and Your wheel-tracks drip
with fat.

The pastures in the desert overflow. The hills are robed with joy.

The meadows are clothed with flocks, and the valleys are covered with
grain. They are shouting for joy. Indeed, they are singing.

COLLECT: Almighty God, You crown the fields with Your blessing and
permit us to gather in the fruits of the earth. As stewards of Your creation,
may we receive Your gifts in humble thankfulness and share Your bounty
with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Welcome to all worshipping with us!

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READINGS: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Firstfruits and Tithes

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Sowing Generously

Luke 12:13-21 The Parable of the Rich Fool

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹ “When you enter the land that the LORD, your God, is giving you as an inheritance and you take possession of it and live in it, ² you shall take some of the first from all the produce of the ground, which you will harvest from your land, which the LORD, your God, is giving you! You shall put it in a basket and go to the place where the LORD, your God, will choose to make His name dwell! ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and tell him, ‘I declare today to the LORD, your God, that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our forefathers to give us!’ ⁴ Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD, your God! ⁵ You shall make this response before the LORD, your God: ‘My forefather was a wandering Aramean. He went down to Egypt with few people and lived as a foreigner there. There he became a great, powerful and numerous nation. ⁶ However, the Egyptians treated us harshly, oppressed us and imposed severe forced labour on us. ⁷ Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our forefathers, and the LORD heard our cry. He saw our misery, distress and oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with miraculous signs and wonders. ⁹ He has brought us to this place and has given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now, look! I have brought the first produce of the land, which You, O LORD, have given me.’ Then you shall set it down before the LORD, your God, and worship before the LORD, your God! ¹¹ Then you shall be glad about all the good things that the LORD, your God, has given to you and your family, together with the Levite and the foreigner who is living among you!

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶ In addition, I say this: **The person who sows** sparingly will also **reap** sparingly, and **the person who sows** bountifully will also **reap** bountifully. ⁷ Each person should give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion! **For God loves a cheerful giver.**

⁸ God can make all grace abound toward you, that you may always have all that you need in every way and may abound in every good work, ⁹ as Scripture has said: **“He has distributed. He has given to the poor. His righteousness remains for ever.”** ¹⁰ He who provides **seed for the sower and bread for food** will supply and multiply your seed and will increase what your **righteousness produces.** ¹¹ You are being made rich in every way that you may be totally generous. This is producing thanksgiving to God through us. ¹² This work, which you are doing in serving others, not only supplies the needs of the believers but is also overflowing through many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³ By this service, by which you prove yourselves, you are glorifying God for your subordinate confession of the Good News of Christ and for your generous contribution to them and to all people, ¹⁴ while they also long for you deeply and pray for you, because of the extreme kindness that God has shown you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd asked Him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me!”

¹⁴ Jesus asked him, “Man, who appointed Me to be a judge or an arbitrator over you?”

¹⁵ Then He told them, “Beware and be on your guard against all greed! For a person’s life does not consist in how plentiful his possessions are.”

¹⁶ Then Jesus told them a parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What am I to do? For I have no place to store my produce.’”

¹⁸ “Then he said, ‘This is what I shall do: I shall pull down my barns and build bigger ones and shall store my grain and all my other goods in them. ¹⁹ Then I shall say to myself, “Soul, you have many good things stored up for many years. Take life easy, eat, drink and enjoy yourself!”’”

²⁰ “However, God said to him, ‘You fool, this very night your life will be demanded of you. Then who will get the things that you have prepared?’”

²¹ Jesus said, “So is he who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

SALVATION BELONGS TO THE LORD!

Sermon for Harvest Thanksgiving 2024

Jonah 1:17-2:10

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

The text for our Harvest Thanksgiving service today is Jonah 1:17-2:10: **“And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. ² Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, ² saying, “I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. ³ For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. ⁴ Then I said, ‘I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.’ ⁵ The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head ⁶ at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God. ⁷ When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. ⁸ Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. ⁹ But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!” ¹⁰ And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, sanctify us through Your truth, Your Word is truth. Amen.

Dear friends in Christ,

Harvest Thanksgiving allows us to think about everything for which we can be thankful. Typically, though, we do not derive an attitude of thankfulness from ourselves. In other words, we really don’t conjure up thankfulness from within ourselves. Rather, thankfulness is typically connected to people, things, or events outside us. For example, the words “Thank you” are said in response to things we are given, or where we are served, or where we receive something to our benefit. Events, persons, and things that bless us produce thankfulness and bring forth the words “Thank you.”

There is another side of the coin, though. The opposite of being thankful is to be ungrateful, to be unappreciative, and to be thankless. This was the case with *Jonah*. Jonah was a prophet from the land of Israel. God called prophets to preach and proclaim His Word to the people, much like modern-day pastors do today. However, Jonah was called by the LORD to go to the city of Nineveh and proclaim God’s Word to the people of this great city. However, Jonah’s response was ‘No.’ He disregarded God’s calling by not going to Nineveh on land but by fleeing in the opposite direction, to the city of Tarshish by sea on a ship (which is modern-day Spain).

Many like to think Jonah didn't go to Nineveh because he was scared. That is a fair assumption. After all, Nineveh, founded by Nimrod, the great-grandson of Noah, shortly after the flood¹, was the capital city of Assyria, a powerful, ruthless nation that took pride in its military conquests.² But her chief wickedness in God's eyes had to be her abominable idolatry, giving herself and her substance over to the wicked worship of gods like Asshur, Anu, Bel, and Ishtar. Her continued rejection of the LORD, with its accompanying evil, rose up before Him like dirty dishes piling up in the sink until His forbearance wore out. As Nahum put it so well, "*The LORD is slow to anger and great in power; the LORD will not leave the guilty unpunished*" (Nahum 1:3).

Anyhow, the LORD had called Jonah to preach against this wicked city with the stark message, "*Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned*" (3:4). Repent or else! Forty days was grace on the LORD's part.

Nineveh was not a pleasant place; it wasn't a city where you planned a family holiday, but Jonah did not want to go because he was scared. No. He did not want to go because *he knew the LORD would have compassion on an enemy of Israel*. He wanted God's goodness to be shown to Israel and **not** to Gentiles (vs. 4:1-4). Because Jonah knew God was so kind, he would rather not preach. Instead, he would rather die than have the grace of God communicated to the Gentiles, who had neither the Word of God nor the Law of Moses. Jonah deemed that the people of Nineveh were not on the same level as Israel. He believed the people were not worthy of God's grace and value and resented the fact that God would give grace and forgiveness to a culture that he deemed lower than Israel, lower than himself. They were not worthy to receive forgiveness in the eyes of Jonah. Jonah was a hard-hearted, ungrateful, angry legalist. Instead of rejoicing and being thankful for the message of the Gospel going forth to lost and condemned people, he instead burned with anger and frustration. His will and desires conflicted with God's will and desire for all men to repent and be saved.

Unfortunately, this disposition of Jonah is not something that he only possesses. Unfortunately, this spirit of ungratefulness is found in each of us and is the result of our sinful nature, our old Adam. You see, our old sinful nature does not naturally bring forth an attitude of thankfulness but does the opposite. Indeed, our old Adam typically does two things: the old Adam props us up - elevates us - and then he whispers lies of self-promotion. Our old Adam points us to ourselves and tells us that *we should have what we want when we want it* because we are the centre of the universe, and we surely control our destinies and know what is best for ourselves.

¹ Genesis 10:9-12

² Isaiah 10:12-19

So, today, let me ask you this: “*Are you completely free from ungratefulness? Are you completely free from thanklessness? Are you completely thankful? Are you completely grateful?*” If you and I are honest with ourselves, we must admit that we are not, for old Adam has his ways with us.

What shall we do with this old Adam and these outbreaks of ingratitude and the spirit of thanklessness? Shall we try to suppress these sinful attitudes of ingratitude or try harder to be thankful? No, we do not fight sin by concealing it, and we know that thankfulness does not originate in us or is derived from our own determinism. Rather, a better question is this... “*What does God do about this old Adam in each one of us?*” What does God do with our ingratitude, thanklessness, and so forth? What did God do with the ungrateful and angry Jonah? The answer is that **God is not content to leave you and me in our sins**. God was also not content with leaving Jonah, but God pursued Jonah.

Our text shows that Jonah was trying to escape the presence of the LORD God by sailing away. But God came against the boat and Jonah with a mighty storm, resulting in Jonah being cast off the boat by the ship’s crew into the deep sea. Jonah recalls how the LORD God “**cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me.... The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head ⁶ at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever.**”

Jonah was completely lost, sinking deeper and deeper into the abyss. Yet the LORD God, the Almighty Creator of the heavens and the earth, in His authority over land and sea, comes against this hard-hearted, bitter, ungrateful prophet and brings the full force of nature against him. Jonah was helpless, basically dead. The heavy hand of God came against Jonah and ground him into a fine powder. Yet, it was in this despair that something profound happened. Indeed, the Lord God brought a hammer against this hard-hearted, ungrateful prophet, smashed him, and then came rushing in with a mighty hand of rescue. “**The LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah.**” Then Jonah recalls, “**I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.**”

Dear friends, today is no different for you and me. Daily, you and I sin. Daily, our old Adam, our sinful nature, spews forth poison and ungratefulness. However, like Jonah, the full power of God almighty has come against your old Adam. In the mighty and powerful waters of your baptism, the old Adam was drowned and put to death! At your baptism, the God of the Universe came to you, and He drowned the old Adam. In your baptism, you were buried with Christ. In your baptism you were also resurrected in Christ.³

³ Romans 6:3-4

With that said, we also know that the old Adam is a good swimmer and good at holding his breath. Thus, the old Adam continually fights and wars against us, trying to get his own way. However, the good news is that your Lord God continually comes to you with His Word. Every time that you open His Word, or hear His Word in church, God through His Word comes against your sinful nature to kill it, destroy it, and resurrect you. Furthermore, each and every time that you come to church, you confess your sins, laying yourself helpless before God only to hear the powerful Words of Christ that you are forgiven. Indeed, you also come to church confessing your need for Christ, and you receive His body and blood given and shed 'for you' for the forgiveness of your sins.

Why is this all possible? It is possible because God has provided not merely a fish for you, but He has sent His only Son for you. Jesus came for you. Jesus died for you. Jesus was resurrected for you. Indeed, Christ's death and resurrection testify to you right now that Jesus really did defeat the devil, that Jesus really did atone for sin, that Jesus really was and is divine, and that Jesus was and is the Son of God. Indeed, because of Christ's death and resurrection for you, the waters of your baptism are indeed powerful waters. You are indeed, despite the lies of the old Adam, the devil, and the world, a baptised child of God. Because of Christ's death and resurrection for you, the body and blood of your Lord are indeed food for your souls. Because of Christ's death and resurrection, you can trust the Word.

Dear friends, like Jonah, you have been rescued from certain death. Like Jonah, you have been forgiven. Like Jonah, God has provided for you. You know that He has given you *“clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all (you) have. He richly and daily provides (you) with all that (you)I need to support (your) body and life. He defends (you) against all danger and guards and protects (you) from all evil.”* Why is this so? *“All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in (you). For all this it is (your) duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.”* But you also know that the greatest gift of all has been given to you. Namely, the salvation of your souls. And like Jonah, you can proclaim with thankfulness and joy this harvest thanksgiving that **“Salvation belongs to the LORD!”** and the Lord indeed “answers you” for He has and will continue to pursue you until you leave this earth to be with Him forever! Amen.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lord God, heavenly Father, You are our shelter and strength. You are always ready to help us, and never leave us. We praise You for the great mercy You have shown to us sinners in the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ. We glorify Him because He has come to remove our sins by His sacrifice on the cross, so that whoever believes in Him may not die but have eternal life. We praise You, O Father, for Your great love to us, for rescuing us from the power of sin and death, and for opening to us the gate of heaven.

We confess that we are worthless sinners, guilty of flouting Your will more than we realise. We humbly repent of our evil, and trust for our forgiveness only in the righteousness of Jesus Christ. Pardon us, and cleanse our lives for His sake. Grant that we may continue in Your kingdom as Your dear children.

Renew us by Your Spirit and teach us to love what is pure, holy, true, and good. Take captive our every thought, word, and deed, and make them obey Christ. Give us the desire to walk in Your ways, to follow Your Word, and to grow in it. Touch us with Your grace, that we may be transformed in character, firm in faith, joyful in hope, patient in troubles, and persistent in prayer. Fill our lives with the hope that Christ will transform our humble bodies and make them like His glorious body.

Fill Your Church with Your Spirit, that it may have a power and wisdom superior to all human knowledge. Give to all preachers and teachers the conviction and courage of true prophets, that Your people may be built up in faith and love, strengthened in service, and kept faithful to the end.

Spread Your truth and love among the nations, that they may receive Your truth in repentance and faith. Rescue them from error and godlessness, and move them to offer You true worship and praise. Bless our country. Help all to understand that personal advantage, public opinion, and party politics do not make a nation great, but obedience to Your will. Give us public servants and leaders in management and labour who are unselfish and far-sighted, and whose concern is for the public good and the God-given dignity of every person.

Be gracious to our homes. Give to all families the gifts of faith, love, and obedience to You, so that each home may be a first taste of the joy and blessedness of our heavenly home.

We pray you to heal and comfort all who face sickness, pain, hardship, suffering, or danger. Teach them to turn to You for help, and to trust in Your mercy. Give them hope and a joyous release from all their burdens.

These things we pray in the name of Jesus, our sure refuge and eternal hope. Amen.

Article: THE READING OF LESSONS IN CHURCH BY WOMEN

The practice of having some lessons in churches read by women is a common practice across numerous Christian denominations today. In some places, it happens only in youth services and special services but not in regular services. In some places, it does not occur, and in other places, men and women read lessons indiscriminately. Allowing women to read an Old Testament Lesson or an Epistle, but not a Gospel is another practice that seems to lack any real principle.

There is also the practice of allowing women to vote in congregational meetings (women's suffrage). Debates over this have been had in Lutheran Churches over the years, where it has been debated whether meetings are 'church' or sharply distinct from worship services. It has been argued whether the casting of a vote by a woman or wife necessarily meant a wrongful exercise of authority over the man or the husband. And so on.

One of the principles of Scripture for good order is that a "woman should learn in quietness and full submission. I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent" (1 Tim. 2:11-12). God's Word traces this principle back to Adam's creation before Eve and Eve's deception in the fall (verses 13-14).

The relationship of women to men is the point at issue. Teaching children is not excluded at all. For example, Lois and Eunice taught Timothy. At schools, the most important principle to bear in mind is that the teachers function with the children in the place of the parents.

Another basic principle is the distinction between what is permitted in the home and what is permitted in public church services. This distinction could be made quite clearly in the New Testament times, even when church- services were held in private homes. The Scriptures say: "As in all the congregations of the saints, women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the Law says. If they want to inquire about something, they should ask their own husbands at home: for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church" (1 Cor. 14:33-35).

So the question to ask is: Is it home, or church?

Sometimes, it has been argued that it is not really silence that is the issue here, but the submission of the women to the men. Not so. A woman's speaking in the church is what violates proper submission to her 'head.' (Compare the use of the word 'head' in 1 Cor. 11:3: "But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God").

Some see it as a real difficulty that if silence is taken absolutely, then women cannot join even in the singing of hymns, confessing the creed, or praying the Lord's Prayer.

The context in 1 Cor. 14 is helpful, however. There are two previous references to silence in verses 27-30. If a person was going to speak in a tongue when there was no interpreter, he was to be silent. If a person was giving a prophetic revelation and a revelation came to someone else who was sitting down, the first was to be silent. What is involved is a person's speaking alone in a leading way before the congregation.

These principles are not just a matter of custom for St. Paul's Day or matters about which people today can please themselves. St. Paul insists that what he is writing is the Lord's command (1 Cor. 14:37), and it was the practice in all the congregations (v.33). It will not do to dismiss this command by saying that it is not connected with the Gospel.

It follows that while women do and should participate in unison singing and speaking in worship services, individual leading speaking roles in public worship services are not permitted. Home is the place for inquiring and questioning (v.35).

It is sometimes argued that there is a difference between reading and speaking. One who speaks is one who chooses his own words, but a reader simply keeps to the text before him. However, which is the more general term? And which is more important, the divinely-inspired words of Scripture themselves or the instruction and admonition that are based on them? There is no difference in principle between reading God's Word as a lesson and reading a sermon. If there are grey areas, the decision ought to go in the direction of God's command.

The real point is attitude. Do people care about the Lord's command or not? If the Lord says, "Women should remain silent," it is not permissible to come up with a direct contra: "She does not have to remain silent: she may read lessons, even if that is an individual leading role that involves speaking before the whole church." God says one thing: men, like a calf on a chain, get as far away from the central point of it as they can!

If there are widows and women whose husbands are not Christians, this should not be a reason for ignoring the Lord's command. It places an additional burden on people like pastors and elders to make doubly sure that they are cared for properly.

The principles described here are borne out by the universal practice of the church. In the early church, lectors were regarded as a minor clerical order. At Rome, the arch-deacon read the Gospel. Certainly, there were deaconesses in the early church, but there is no indication that even a deaconess read lessons in public worship services. They had an important role to perform in the baptism of women, but even in the baptistery the presbyter or the bishop behind a screen took the spoken part of the baptismal service, including the creed in question-form.

When women read lessons, disobedience looms large.

Children's Message:

In the beginning, God created many kinds of animals. He created funny monkeys, the speedy cheetah and beautiful birds. And when God created all those wonderful animals, He presented them to the first man, Adam, and asked him to give them all names. And so, Adam did. That's because Adam was created to take care of God's creation.



But God wasn't finished yet. Adam didn't have a helper. All the animals had both boy and girl animals, but Adam did not have a helper for him. God knew he would be lonely. So you know what God did? He created a wonderful helper for him. He created Eve. God made them so wonderful together that they were married and could have children. And to this day, people grow up, get married, and have children.

Adam and Eve were happy, but one day the serpent - who was really the devil - tempted them, and instead of being happy living with God's blessing, they decided they wanted to do things their own way. They went against, rebelled against, God. Sometimes we rebel against God too, don't we? For example, when we don't treat our friends and families in a kind way, or when we get mad and disobey our parents. That is to rebel against what God wants for us.

But you know what? God loved Adam and Eve, and all of us, so much that He told Adam and Eve right away that one day He would send His Son to be our Saviour, to rescue us from our rebellion. In fact, the Bible teaches us something I'd like you to never forget: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Dear God, thank You for the beautiful creation You've given us. Thank You for the funny animals, for the beautiful birds, and for our friends and family. Especially we thank You because You loved us so much that You sent Your Son, Jesus to forgive our rebellion and to grant us eternal life with You. Amen.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

13 October 21 Pentecost	20 October 22 Pentecost	27 October Reformation Day
8.30am OAK LR 9.00am TMBA HC Harvest 9.00am GRN LR 10.45am AUB HC Harvest 9.00am MARBURG LR	8.30am OAK HC Harvest 9.00am TMBA LR 9.30am AUB LR 10.15am GRN HC Harvest 9.00am LOWOOD LR	10.00am HC GRN AELC Service and St Paul's Lutheran Church Greenwood 125 th anniversary.
Sunday, 13 October		
READINGS: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Hebrews 3:12-19; Mark 10:17-22 (Tmba & Aub) Deuteronomy 26:1-11; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 12:13-21		
HYMNS: 345 359 178 556 TMB/AUB: 563 814 566 (53 293) 437		
Sunday, 20 October		
READINGS: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20; Hebrews 4:1-16; Mark 10:23-31 (Oak & Grn) Deuteronomy 26:1-11; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 12:13-21		
HYMNS: 502 372 377 426 OAK/GRN: 563 814 566 (53 293) 437		
Sunday, 27 October		
READINGS: Revelation 14:6-7; Romans 3:19-28; Luke 19:1-10		
HYMNS: 183 195 201 69 287 (292 if needed) 257		

Tuesday, 8 October. 7.30pm. Men's Fellowship at Aubigny. Opening devotion: Grant.

Wednesday, 9 October. Women's Guild at Bethlehem Toowoomba. Opening devotion: *Nola*. Choose a Bible verse from Deuteronomy 4-7. Item of Interest: *Something silver*.

Saturday, 12 October, 1pm. Fellowship afternoon at Bethlehem Toowoomba. All are welcome to attend. Please bring a shared afternoon tea.

Saturday, 12 October, 7pm, YAY (Young Adults and Youth) is on at Aubigny. The hall will be open for games and socialising from 6:30pm. All young adults and youth are most welcome to attend an evening of fun, food and a devotion. Please remember to bring your Bible and something for supper.

OCTOBER Bible Study dates:

Sunday, 13 October, 8.00am Toowoomba.

Wednesday, 16 October, 7.30pm Greenwood.

Thursday, 17 October, 10.00am Lowood.

Friday, 25 October, 7.30pm Oak/Aub at Aubigny.