

Devotion

The readings today all include new beginnings.

In the Epistle reading God initiates the inclusion of the first Gentiles into His church - something that may not have happened if it had been left up to the disciples' initiative. God's family is to be all inclusive - something the Jews had trouble with and something that still challenges us today with our middle class morality.

In the Gospel, at the imminent point of his arrest and crucifixion Jesus instructs His disciples on how to live until He returns, giving a new command - to love one another, not in the way they have loved before - forgiving seven times or loving friends not enemies etc., but by the new standard He was about to show them, the serving, self-sacrificing way of the cross.

The book of Revelation introduces us to the new heaven and new earth that is still to come. Jesus Himself is with us now through the Holy Spirit as He promised but He is still enthroned in heaven. But one day, one fine, marvellous day, even this will have a new beginning because a new heaven and new earth will be unveiled and God himself will dwell with us in such a way that all the orders of life as we know it with its disappointments, hurts, failures and death will be washed away in the spring of the water of life. Everything will be new. The Alpha and Omega has declared it so.

Thank You dear Lord that we are a part of these new beginnings. May we rise each day in our baptismal grace, gladly responding to Your invitation to come, to love and in faith to wait for all that will be revealed in the fullness of time, when we will live and worship in Your presence forever. Amen.

Margey Knapp



Baptism

Joining God's family & GGLC through the gift of Holy Baptism today is

Olivia Lee Ogilvy

We are delighted to celebrate this special occasion with Olivia's parents Matthew & Amara, her sponsors Brianna & Timothy Brunt and Jacquie & David Ennis, together with other family and friends here with us today.

We pray Olivia may grow in the love & strength of God



Baptism, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

Videos of Pastor Greg's messages can be viewed

on our website or YouTube, and announcements are made on Facebook and Twitter as soon as new items become available.

If you choose to give the video posts a Like/Share/Favourite/Retweet on Facebook or Twitter, you're helping to increase the number of people that might see Pastor Greg's message. A seemingly trivial click - it may be the easiest act of ministry you ever do!

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Child and Youth Ministry Strategy Forum

A Child and Youth Ministry Strategy Forum will be **held after the morning service on May 15**. If you have children, or are involved in child/youth ministry here, or have a passion for Christian education, please set the date aside to come along and share in the discussion. Further details will follow.

POSITIONS VACANT

Student Services Officer (SSO) with First Aid & administration skills at **Torrens Valley Christian School**, Hope Valley.

Traineeship in the office of the Hon. Robert Brokenshire MLC

Please refer to the noticeboard in the church foyer for further details

Birthing Kits for Papua New Guinea- Asaroka

We are planning to put together 100 birthing kits to go to the Asaroka – Eastern Highlands PNG.

We already have quite a few items in good quantities but we still need

- 100 cakes of soap (normal size)
- 200 disposable gloves – large
- 40 new born singlets (can be secondhand)
- 200 nappy pins
- 100 new cloth nappies
- 100 large snap seal plastic bags

Money to purchase Plastic to be cut into 1 metre squares (it is used to provide a clean area for delivery)

We have a large quantity of sheets, flannelette sheets and old soft towels that will need to cut up into pieces. These will be for wipes, a cover for the plastic and nappies. The ones that will be made into nappies need to have the edges finished off – an overlocker works well.

We are happy to purchase the above items but would be grateful of monetary donations to assist with these purchases.

A box is available in the church foyer to place items.

Date to begin preparing material for nappies, cloth sheets, wipes and the packing of birthing kits will be Thursday 19th May 7pm – 9pm in the fellowship centre at church. Please bring overlockers or sewing machine and scissors for cutting material/plastic. A second date will be scheduled in June. Please speak with Rosalie Hoklas if you are available to help in anyway and if you are planning to attend.

Rosalie's contact details are Email: Hoklas@internode.on.net or phone 82896803 or mob 0475434407.