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Who are we, really?

Over recent years, we have enjoyed a number of family holidays with my siblings, and Mum, and we have a good time together. It is lovely to escape the cold weather for a bit during winter.

One evening last winter, when on Daydream Island, we were making our way back to our accommodation after dinner by various means. My brother-in-law had taken off walking. The rest of us were planning to ride the resort buggy – it was about a ten minute walk – but there weren't enough seats for all of us so I walked as well. It was a pleasant walk along the shore, enjoying the evening, and in a couple of places where the lights were more obscured, I could see the sky. The verses from Psalm 8 came to mind – what is man that you are mindful of him? – as I gazed at the milky way and the many stars.

When I caught up to the others, Mum was also looking skywards, trying to identify the southern cross, which we did. After a few more minutes star gazing, we went on our way.

The question remained, what is man – humankind – that God is mindful of us? As I continued to ponder this, another psalm came to mind, Psalm 139.

God knows us. The first part of the psalm explains in some detail, just how well God knows us. He knows our every act, our thoughts, and is all around us. He is not, as the Bette Midler song proclaimed, at a distance, He is with us. He knows our thoughts as they are forming.

My kids are all adults, but I remember at times when they were young, almost seeing the wheels turning as they were thinking, either of some mischief, or sometimes a more serious question to act upon. If we are able to work out what our kids are up to, how much more can God 'read' us? God is everywhere. The psalmist found this idea of God overwhelming, but realised that there was nowhere he could hide, or go, where God was not! He is even present in the darkness...



Night Sky & Bioluminescence Banksia Peninsula. Phil Hart 2009

God made us. He knew us as we were being formed, before our birth. He understands the workings of our bodies, for example, something I am grateful for when things go wrong, and I can thank him that we have good medical services, and ask him to guide and work with the medical teams who are also working on the problem, and add his healing also. Any

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Prayer for October...

- Continue to pray for those who are in hospital or now home and recovering.
- Pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones.
- Pray for families on holiday, for refreshment and safe travelling.
- Continue to pray for VCE students. For the Year 12s there are only about three weeks of school left. For the others a little more... Pray for calm and freedom from nerves in exams, for focus in study, organisation and motivation and productivity, good recall, and good rest.
- Pray for the many countries experiencing natural disasters at this time, as they look after those affected by flood, hurricane and earthquake. Pray also for peace in the world and that ego will not overtake common sense...
- Pray for those who are preparing for baptism. Pray for Cam Moss being baptised on Oct 8.
- Give thanks for the Breakfast Club at Eastwood Primary, for relationships being established, and for the wellbeing of those attending, and those who are making it happen.

Upcoming Outings...

FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER Still to be confirmed.

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER Seniors Christmas Lunch

Monday Communion

Our next Monday Communion will be **Monday, 2nd October**, at 1.30pm at the church.

We will spend time together over a cuppa and afternoon tea, and share communion together. For any further information, please contact Marg.

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experience I have, he has experienced. He was there in my past, he is here in my present, and he is in my future.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain... We don't know ourselves as well as we think, and we don't always know our own motives, so we need to be aware that we can be led astray. And we live in a world which has evil in it – we only have to read the papers or watch the tv news to know that. What has changed in 2500 years?

And yet this psalm also gives us a way forward: Lead me in the way everlasting. If we continue to maintain our relationship with God, Father, Son and Spirit, He will lead us in his way, the way everlasting.

Since the psalm was written, God has given Jesus to come and show us himself in a way we might understand better. As we look at Jesus, and his love, we see the Father again, in a new way, and through Jesus love can be assured of our place in God's family.

Marg



Prayer for Year 11s and 12s, and also Year 10s doing VCE subjects...

Year 12:

Amelie Fraser, Rachel Kavanagh, Daniel Marek, Matt Woodlock

Year 11:

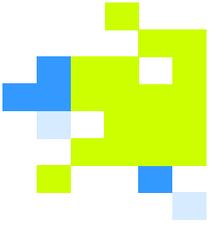
Maddy Brown, Evelyn Close, Paul Carter (apprenticeship), Theresa Grayden, Ben Marek, Naomi Martin, Thilina Madakumbura, Heman Punithan

Year 10:

Abby Allen, Lucinda Barnes, Claire Evans, Olivia Ricci, William Trease ...

Ringwood Church of Christ Seniors Activities

October 2017



♦ **Monday 2nd October, 1.30pm**
Afternoon Tea and Communion Service at the church.

Contact Person: Marg Goddard 9870 8169

♦ **Tuesday 10th October, 10 am**
Seniors Bible Study, at the Church

Contact person: David Brown 9725 6601

♦ **Friday 20th October 9.30am \$20.00**

Visit to Berwick Cheese Factory. Please phone the church office 9870 8169 or sign up on the sheet.

Details below.

♦ **Sunday 22nd October, Sunday Roast, after morning church**

Stay after church and share with others over a roast lunch and dessert. Cost—\$10.00. RSVP on sign up sheet in church foyer or phone the church office 9870 8169.

♦ **Tuesday 24th October, 10 am**

Seniors Bible Study, at the Church

Contact person: David Brown 9725 6601

Friday 20th October
The Old Cheese Factory
Berwick
Cost \$20
9.30 am—3.30 pm



Meet at the church at 9.30 to travel to Berwick Cheese Factory where we can buy a coffee when we arrive and then tour the old factory and the gardens. We will have a BYO lunch at the Berwick Botanical Gardens weather permitting. We will take tea and coffee to have with lunch.



BYO lunch

\$20.00

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Blast from the past... 2007—2012



We have been around!!!

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central
and people are vital**

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September Outing

Numbers and the weather were against us this time, so we weren't able to go on our outing...