



JESUS strong & kind

DPC STAYCATION
3-5 MAY 2024



Darebin Presbyterian Church
Staycation 2024
InfoPack

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Introduction:

This infopack should provide you with all the information that you need for our weekend together.

We're very excited to spend time together over three days from the 3rd to 5th May. DPC Staycation 2024 is a great opportunity for all ages and stages of our church family to connect with one another, reach out and make new friends and have some fun! We will also take time to hear from God's word and reflect on how we are all welcomed into the family of Jesus, who will always reach out to us, and is perfectly both strong and kind. Please join us for the full event (or as much as you can). We've tried to make our ticket options as simple and low cost as possible to help cover most of our expenses including venue hire, speakers, and food.

Thanks for joining us for this event. Instead of our usual May weekend away at Phillip Island, we've decided to stay local this year. That's right, you get your own bed to sleep in each night! 😊 We're so glad that you've decided to prioritise time with your church family as we get to share life together and hear Andy May talk to us through the Gospel of Mark about the Strong & Kind Jesus that we follow. We are keen that you are sharing your life with us so that we can journey together and keep discovering how it's good to follow Jesus!

Venues:

We're meeting at 2 main venues, but also plan to have some outdoor activities too:

Northcote Baptist Church: Friday night and Saturday all day

542 High Street, Northcote, 3070 (near the corner of Darebin Rd and High St)

<https://www.northcotebaptist.org.au/site/contactus/>

Darebin Presbyterian Church: Sunday afternoon

15 Rossmoyne Street, Thornbury, 3071 (we'll be meeting outside church for Sunday morning events)

<https://www.darebinpc.com.au/>

Helpful contacts for the event:

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Saturday Lunch: Germaine Koh

Saturday Dinner: Ivana Low

Social and games: Mark Hernandez

Staycation Schedule Snapshot:

FRIDAY	(Northcote Baptist)
6:30pm - 9:00pm	All ages youth group
SATURDAY	(Northcote Baptist)
9:00am	Arrive and check-in
9:30am	Session 1
10:30am	Morning tea
11:15am	Session 2 + kids activities
12:00pm	Small Group Prayer
12:30pm	Lunch
2:00-4:00pm	Informal social events Including games at NCBC
6:00pm	Dinner at NCBC
SUNDAY	(Rossmoyne St)
11:00am	Scavenger hunt
12:30pm	BYO Lunch in the park
1:30pm	Small Group Prayer
2:00pm	Start church service
2:30pm	Session 3 + kids program
4:00pm	Afternoon tea
5:00pm	End of official program

FRIDAY (BONUS) NIGHT INFO

For those of you that have said you can join us for the bonus Friday night, we're going to have an amazing opportunity to experience our youth group program run by our very own DPYouth and DPYouth leaders! This event is open to all ages, you don't have to be a youth to attend, all are welcome! It's an opportunity for our whole church family to see what our youth usually do on Friday nights, get to know our youth, and get ready to kick off our Staycation 2024!

This Friday will be held at Northcote Baptist Church, 542 High St, Northcote.

Why not dress up like a youth (think hoodies, shorts or cargos, sneakers, and airpods...)?

Reach out to Ken if you need some apparel options or inspiration! 😊

Below is a plan for Friday night, so that families with younger kids can work out how much of the night you can stay for.

Youth group for all:

6:00pm - Youth & leaders arrive

6:30pm - Everyone else arrives

6:40pm - Dinner (wraps) is served

7:10pm - All in games

7:50pm - Study groups

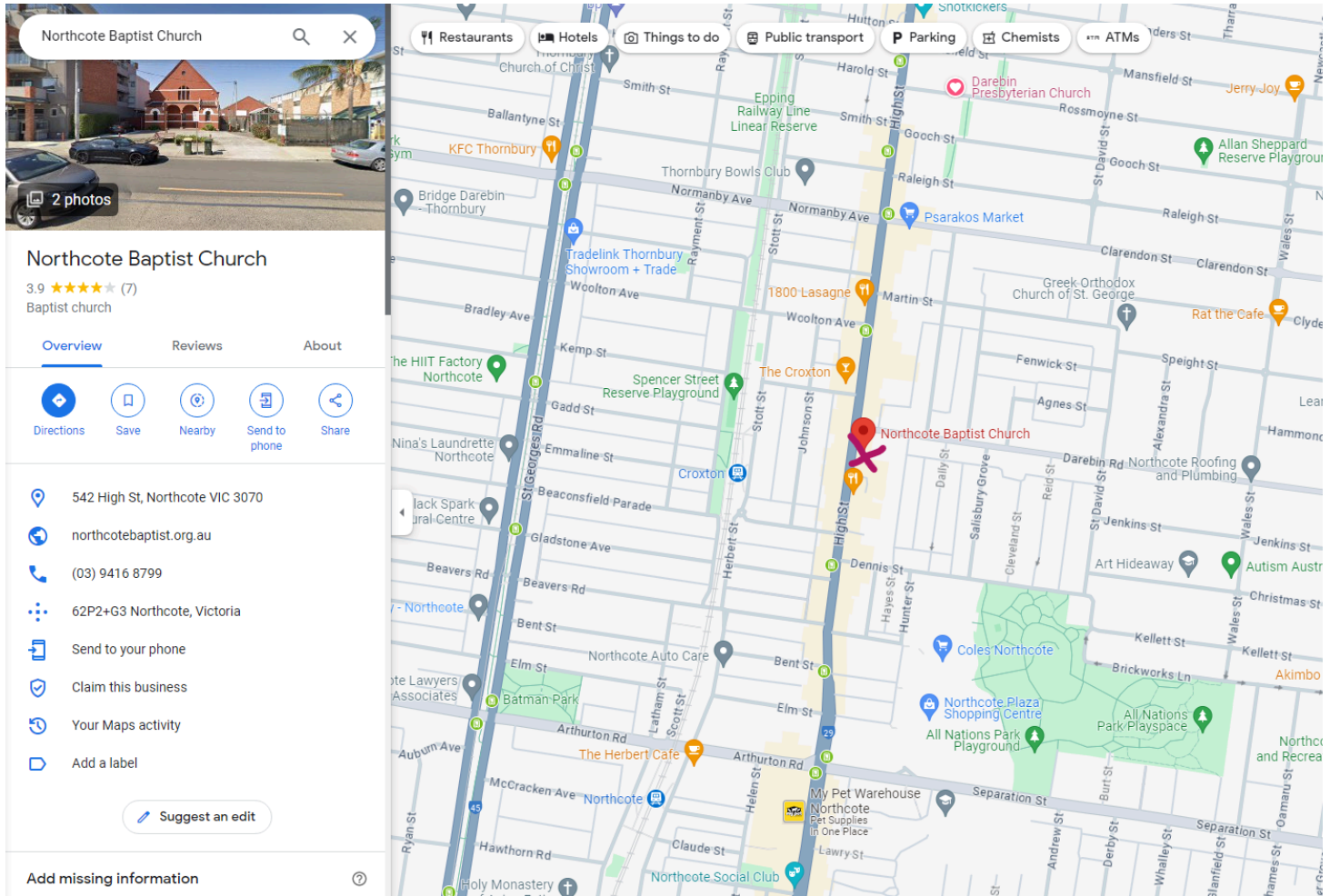
8:30pm - Whole group Mafia game

SATURDAY INFO

This Saturday will be held at Northcote Baptist Church, 542 High St, Northcote.

Please aim to arrive around 9:00am so that we have time to check everyone in and commence at 9:30am.

Parking will be limited so please allow plenty of time if you are driving to find some off street parking.



Kids and Youth Session 1 info

It's great to have our kids and youth with us as a part of our church family this weekend at Staycation! All ages of children and youth will remain in Session 1 as we start the day together. There will be activity packs for kids and youth to enjoy, sitting with their parents. There is a "care room" adjacent to the main church building if little kids need to have a movement break with their parents.

9:30am - Jesus, Strong and Kind – Session 1

Reflections from Mark's Gospel

Bible Reading : Mark 5:21-43

Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman

21 When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. **22** Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. **23** He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." **24** So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. **25** And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. **26** She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. **27** When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, **28** because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." **29** Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

30 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

31 "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?' "

32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. **33** Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. **34** He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

35 While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?"

36 Overhearing^[a] what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

37 He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. **38** When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. **39** He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." **40** But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. **41** He took her by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha koum!*" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). **42** Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. **43** He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Talk 1: The church needs Jesus – Strong and Kind

1. Jesus is Strong

Authority to teach (1:21-22)
Authority over evil spirits (1:27)
Authority over disease (1:29)
Authority to forgive sin (2:10,11)
Authority over the Sabbath (2:28)
Authority over creation (4:41)
Authority to judge (9:42-49)

Jesus is Kind

Healing the leper (1:40)
Eating with tax collectors and sinners (2:16)
Transforming the demon possessed man (5:19)
Restoring the bleeding woman (5:34)
Raising Jairus' daughter (5:41)

2. Beware Strength without Kindness

Pharisees, Herodians, priests and teachers of the law all plot to kill Jesus (3:68, 12:12)
Herod beheads John (6:27)
Watch out for their yeast (8:15, 12:38-40)
The disciples jostle to be the greatest (9:34, 10:42)

3. Jesus is the leader DPC needs

The disciples desert (14:50)
Peter promises then denies Jesus (14:29,72)
Chief priests are self-interested (15:10)
Pilate is a crowd pleaser (15:15)

Why Jesus?

He will not raise his voice in the streets...a bruised reed he will not break (Isaiah 42:1-4)
He was pierced for our transgressions and by his wounds we are healed (Isaiah 53:5,6)

10:30 - Morning tea break

Kids and Youth Session 2 info

We will have kids activities for some age ranges of our kids for this session. We will start in the session together and then go out to the adjacent "care room".

Creche, Kinder, Prep-2 kids: Are welcome to join us for organized craft, games, toys and fun!
Please come and pick up your child before lunch.

Grades 3-Year 12: Will remain in the session with their parents. We will have new special activity packs for these kids and youth to enjoy.

11:15 - Jesus, Strong and Kind – Session 2

Reflections from Mark's Gospel

Bible Reading : Mark 14:32-42; Mark 8:34-9:1

Gethsemane

32 They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." **33** He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. **34** "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."

35 Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him.

36 "Abba,^[a] Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

37 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour? **38** Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

39 Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. **40** When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

41 Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. **42** Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

The Way of the Cross

34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. **35** For whoever wants to save their life^[a] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. **36** What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? **37** Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? **38** If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

9 And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

Talk 2: The world needs Jesus – Strong and Kind

1. Strength vs Strength (Cancel Culture)

Pharisees, Herodians, priests and teachers of the law all plot to kill Jesus (3:68, 12:12)

The Disciples desire strength (10:35)

The Disciples want to fight (14:47)

2. Strength meets Kindness

The Garden of Gethsemane (14:32-42)

Let down and betrayed by his friends

Delivered to those who will kill him

Distressed, troubled, overwhelmed with sorrow

Committed to His Father's will

3. Radical Message, Radical Followers

Judgement to come (8:38, 9:43)

Deny your life to save it (8:35)

Love your enemy (Matt 5:43,44)

12:00 - Small Group Prayer

For this time before lunch, **Psalm 63** has much that can stimulate and shape our prayers in groups . As you pray together about our communal life together and our witness in this neighbourhood and surrounds, try to use the words below:

- **Praise to God and Thanks** for our staycation together; for what we are learning from God as Andy May opens up Mark for us.
- **Thank you prayers for our building** and our church family **Ps 36 v 5, 9**.
- **Prayers for our neighbourhood** the fellowship and common mission to Darebin we also share with others at surrounding church families **Ps 36 v 7, 8**. In particular you might pray for the mercy ministry that the Church of Christ bless people with.
- **For our conversations with council, v 6, 10, 11** and for our desire for God's justice in our world **v 12**.

Psalm 36 vs 5-12 A Psalm of David

⁵Your unfailing love, O LORD, is as vast as the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds.

⁶Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your justice like the ocean depths.

You care for people and animals alike, O LORD.

⁷ How precious is your unfailing love, O God!

All humanity finds shelter
in the shadow of your wings.

⁸You feed them from the abundance of your own house,
letting them drink from your river of delights.

⁹For you are the fountain of life,
the light by which we see.

¹⁰Pour out your unfailing love on those who love you;
give justice to those with honest hearts.

¹¹Don't let the proud trample me
or the wicked push me around.

¹²Look! Those who do evil have fallen!
They are thrown down, never to rise again.

Saturday afternoon (2-4PM SAT)

SOCIAL ACTIVITY IDEAS

Grab a group and spend some time together! We will have sign up sheets during Saturday lunch that you can sign up for one of the options below to assist in attending different activities together.

Bowling:

Show off your bowling skills at **The Keys**. Best bowler in DPC **MIGHT** win a prize!!!

Unit 1/188 Plenty Rd, Preston VIC 3072

Prices:

Adult (12 years old+) \$22 for one game and \$40 for two games
Child (under 12 years old) \$12 per game

Boardgames:

Feeling like an enjoyable and relaxed boardgames session? Well, look no further than Northcote Baptist Church where we will have an array of boardgames to play! Winner **MIGHT** get a prize!!

Bike ride:

The wheels on the bus go round and round. But this time it's a bike! Why not get a few of DPC's finest Tour De France enthusiasts and go for a ride together. And you know what they say: suns out, you **MIGHT** win a prize.

Op Shops:

Eager to find a new (but probably used) jacket, cool books or some mugs? No better way to do it than grabbing a few friends and exploring the vast array of op shops that the north has to offer!! I can guarantee that you'll find a steal....and you **MAY EVEN** win a prize!

Savers:

97 Chifley Dr, Preston VIC 3072

330 Sydney Rd, Brunswick VIC 3056

Vinnies:

596-598 Plenty Rd, Preston VIC 3072

10 Edwardes St, Reservoir VIC 3073

Salvos:

371/373 High St, Preston VIC 3072

740 Sydney Rd, Brunswick VIC 3056

Other:

Uniting Op Shop: *300 High St, Preston VIC 3072*

Vintage Op Shop: *158 Boldrewood Parade, Reservoir VIC 3073*

Sacred Heart Op Shop: *311 High St, Preston VIC 3072*

Save The Children Op Shop: *292 High St, Northcote VIC 3070*

Parks:

Enjoy the sunshine (hopefully) by spending some restful time in Northcote's finest parks. You could have a kick of the footy, muck around on the playground or even sit by a tree to read a good book! Best book read **MAY** win a prize!!

Merri Park: *1 Sumner Ave, Northcote VIC 3070*

All Nations Park: *Separation St, Northcote VIC 3070*

Cafes:

Here's the question we've all been asking. How did Moses make his coffee? There's only one way to find out! Grab some of the fellow DPC crew and head down to a café for a yappuccino. Also, you **MAY** win a prize.

Suggested Cafés:

Lan Coffee Thornbury (closes 3pm): 640 High St, Thornbury VIC 3071

Short Round (closes 3:30pm): 731 High St, Thornbury VIC 3071

Espresso Room (closes 3:30pm): 410 High St, Northcote VIC 3070

Ice Skating:

Keen for a slip and slide? Well, if you're not good at ice skating that's exactly what you'll get! Head down to **IceHQ** and give it a crack. Best skater **MIGHT** win a prize!

1 Blake St, Reservoir VIC 3073

Prices:

Adult	\$28
Student/Concession	\$24
8 Years and Under	\$16
Family Pass (1 Adult & 2 Kids)	\$67
Family Pass (2 Adults & 2 Kids)	\$89

Minigolf:

Ready to channel your inner Tiger Woods!? **Hey Caddy @ Northland** has you covered! Enjoy up to 18 holes of minigolf fun and if you hit a hole in one you **MIGHT** win a prize. (Also don't forget to bring two pairs of pants!)

Northland Shopping Centre, Level 1, 2/50 Murray Rd, Preston VIC 3072

Prices:

	Adult	Kids
9 Holes	\$16	\$12
12 Holes	\$20	\$15
18 Holes	\$29	\$19.50

Driving Range:

If minigolf is a bit too small for you, **Bundoora Park Public Golf Course** has a great alternative for you with their driving range! You are free to bring along your own clubs or hire some if you need.

Longest drive **MIGHT** win a prize!

1069 Plenty Rd, Bundoora VIC 3083

Prices:

Small bucket (35 balls)	\$12
Medium bucket (70 balls)	\$17
Large bucket (105 balls)	\$20
Mega bucket (140 balls)	\$28

Please chat to Mark if you have any questions (you **MIGHT** even win a prize 😊)!

6:00pm - Saturday Dinner

If you purchased the PLUS Saturday Dinner ticket, we'd love you to join us for a casual dinner at Northcote Baptist from 6pm for dinner together! There might be potential to sign up late, so please chat to Ken if you don't have a ticket yet but are keen to attend!

SUNDAY INFO

11:00am - Scavenger Hunt:

This activity will be outdoors and may require a bit of moving around, so please be prepared to walk around outdoors if you wish to participate. Meet outside church (15 Rossmoyne St) at 11am for the briefing!

12:30pm - Picnic & Pray at Jones Reserve - BYO

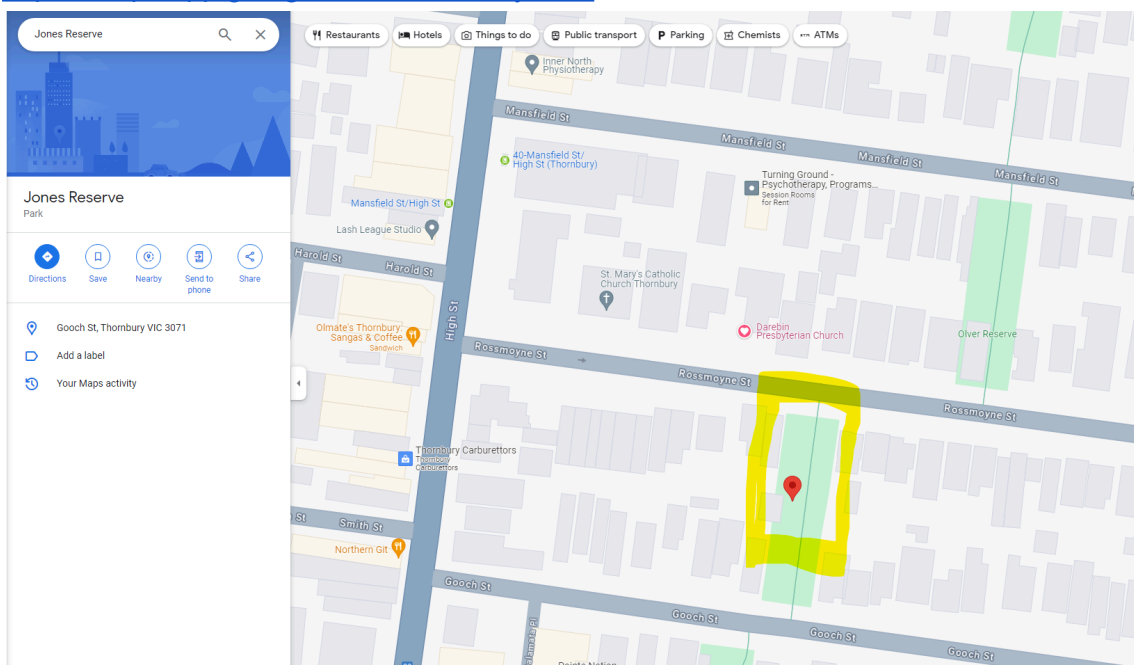
BYO food and drinks for lunch, and don't forget your picnic rug too!

(please note that we have not included a catered Sunday lunch)

This will be followed by a time of small group prayer at 1:30pm prior to our service commencing at 2:00pm.

We're planning to picnic together at Jones Reserve (it's the small park opposite church)

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1:30pm - Sunday Prayers of Praise and Thankfulness in the Park.

For this time gathering after lunch, the Psalms have much that can stimulate and shape our prayer time . As you lift up prayers of worship to the Father through the Son and inspired by the Spirit, thankful for Jesus strong and kind, allow words from these Psalms to shape our requests for our witness in this neighbourhood and surrounds:

- **Praise God** using **v 2-5 of Psalm 63**
- **Thank God for our leaders** perhaps using the words of **Psalm 62 v 5-8** – and request that God would sustain them, **and all of us and be theirs and our joy and help.**
- Praise to God and Thanks for our staycation together; for what we are learning from Andy May as he opens up Mark for us **Psalm 62 v 1 , 7 and 8.**
 - For God's wonderful Sovereign help with any forces of opposition and the schemes of the evil one, and our desire for God's justice in our world, using **Psalm 92 v 4- 8**

Psalm 63 A psalm of David, regarding a time when David was in the wilderness

¹ O God, you are my God;

I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you;
my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land
where there is no water.

² I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory.

³ Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you!

⁴ I will praise you as long as I live,
lifting up my hands to you in prayer.

⁵ You satisfy me more than the richest feast.
I will praise you with songs of joy.

⁶ I lie awake thinking of you, meditating on you through the night.

⁷ Because you are my helper, I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings.

⁸ I cling to you; your strong right hand holds me securely.

Psalm 92 A psalm. A (verse of) a song to be sung on the Sabbath Day.

⁴ You thrill me, LORD, with all you have done for me!

I sing for joy because of what you have done.

⁵ O LORD, what great works you do!
And how deep are your thoughts.

⁶ Only a simpleton would not know,
and only a fool would not understand this:

⁷ Though the wicked sprout like weeds
and evildoers flourish,
they will be destroyed forever.

⁸ But you, O LORD, will be exalted forever.

Kids and Youth Session 3 info

For Session 3, we have all our usual formal Sunday kids and youth programs running:
Creche: In the Hall foyer; DPKinder: In the Hall foyer; DPKids: in the Hall; ELOS: sitting up the back of the service with your leader (seats will be reserved). Please remember to pick up your children promptly after the service has ended so that we can enjoy afternoon tea together.

2:00pm - Jesus, Strong and Kind – Session 3

Bible Reading: Mark 10:42-45; Philippians 2:1-11

42 Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. **43** Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, **44** and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. **45** For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Imitating Christ's Humility

2 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, **2** then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. **3** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, **4** not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature^[a] God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

7 rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature^[b] of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Talk 3: Being like Jesus – Strong and Kind

1. The Struggle with Weakness

Cross Prediction 1: Peter doesn't get it (8:31-33)

Cross Prediction 2: The disciples don't get it (9:34)

Cross Prediction 3: James and John don't get it (10:10:35)

2. The Need for Weakness

The Cross is the Climax (Mk 15:39)

Christ Crucified: A foolish message of a weak God (1 Cor 1:25)

We must be served by Jesus (10:45; Jn 13:8)

We must repent (1:15)

3. Being Strong and Kind like Jesus

Served by Jesus to serve like Jesus (9:35, 10:45)

Love as I have loved you (Jn 13:34,35)

The Cross shaped life: humility (Php 2:1-11)

General Safety Notes:

We ask that outside of formal children's programs, parents are responsible to ensure the safety of their children at all times during the various indoor and outdoor programs.

Northcote Baptist Church

Northcote Baptist Church has asked that we ensure that the playground is only used for children 10 years of age and under only and that parents/carers supervise their children at all times during play. Older children and youth are not to use the equipment as the weight limit of the equipment does not allow for this.

Rossmoyne St

It may be worth noting that at Rossmoyne St, our property is not an enclosed space. The gate that leads from the rear courtyard to the front can be opened by children from the inside. This is important as an emergency escape but parents need to be aware that this means the rear courtyard is not secure and kids can't be left there without supervision.

For any questions about safety please contact Zoë!

If you need any first aid support please speak to Germaine or Ken.

Thank You

Thank you to our Lord and Saviour Jesus who is strong and kind and has provided for us a space to worship and grow in at Rossmoyne St!

Thanks be to God for the blessings he gives us with many gifted people helping out to make this weekend, including some names below (I haven't listed everyone here as there were so many people that made this weekend happen, so apologies if I have not been able to pop you down on this list!):

- Rob Martin: for generously allowing us to use Northcote Baptist Church
- Andy May: for teaching us from God's word
- Zoë Sum: for helping with registrations, admin, safety, and lots of other help behind the scenes
- Alex Sheely: for running Friday night with DPYouth and Friday dinner and helping with promos
- Aleesha Bransgrove and all the kids helpers: for coordinating and running all the kids activities and programs
- Mark Hernandez: for coordinating social activities and running the local Scavenger Hunt
- Germaine and Dom: for feeding us lunch on Saturday
- Ivana, Bethany S, and Sarah (and everyone else that contributed): for feeding us dinner on Saturday
- Martine, Mari, & Brendan: for catering morning and afternoon teas
- Chris Little, Mike Pettit and the PA/AV team for setting up and sorting out sound equipment
- Tim Cook and the music team: for coordinating and leading all the music
- Rosie Leslie: for your thoughtfulness with helping us be intentional with praying

And finally, thanks to everyone for attending our Staycation 2024! I hope it is a great encouragement to you as we journey together to follow Jesus! May God bless you with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Gal 5:22-23),

Ken & Adam