



Our Mission:
To Know, Enjoy and Share Christ

St Columba Presbyterian Church

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12th May 2024 Rev Sandra Warner

Welcome

*O worship the King, all glorious

Prayer

Notices

Mother's Day Story

Offering/Dedication

*Breathe on me breath of God

Reflection

Song God's Love (video)

Prayers for Others Neville Wilson

Bible Reading Genesis 1:26-31, Luke 2:41-52 Erin Stubbs

*Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon God's Motherly Love

*Thine be the glory

Blessing

Benediction Our worship is finished

There is prayer available at the front, after the service - Ken Camp



Door: Keith Bradbury and Alex Kiddie

Pianist: Joy Smith

Organist: John Carter

Sound: Ken Camp

Sunday Security: Ron Buller

Reader: Erin Stubbs

Intercessory Prayer: Neville Wilson

Night Security: Peter Blows



The Coming Week

Monday

Tuesday 10.00 am Justice of the Peace

Wednesday 10.00 am **O Team meets in crèche**
2.00 pm Home group Neville and Glynnis

Thursday 9.45am Bible Study in Crèche

Friday 9.00 am Prayer meeting in crèche
10.00 am Cuppa & Chat in lounge

Sunday 9.15 am Prayers and **Communion**

Basement Boutique hours Wed/Thurs/Fri 10.00 am—4.00 pm: Saturday 10.00am-1.00pm

Prayer Chain : We are available to pray for you, your friends and families in your joys and concerns. Please contact Glynnis Wilson (576 4814) or the office.

Please sign the phone list directory permission pages. Then I can print the new directory.

Roster for 19th May with Rev Sandra Warner - Communion

Elder on Duty: Pam Brown and Ian Burns

Musicians: Carla Hetheron

Prayers for Others: Ted Parker

Bible Reading: Marilyn Buller

Sound: Ken Camp

Door: Keith Bradbury and Alex Kiddie

Security: Janet Freeman

Night Watchman: Peter Blows

Prayer at front duty: Romy

Morning Tea: 12/19th Rosemary Arnold, Joan Massey, Elizabeth Hockly

If you can't do your duty, please let the office know. Thank you.

If you would like to do your tithing through the internet please use the following ANZ bank account with your tithing number in the reference.

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Favourite Hymn

Sunday

23rd June

Please fill out the forms
on the foyer table

By Rika van
der Linde

Thank you to all the Mums out there

Thank you for your supersonic hearing and x-ray vision,
For healing a scraped knee with a band-aid and a hug, a fever with “Magic Potion”,
chicken soup and a damp cloth,
For saving ‘Teddy’, that’s bleeding fluff, like a top-notch surgeon with a needle
and thread,
Thank you for creating a home out of a house, with photos and scatter cushions
(usually on the floor, not the couch), and for keeping the fire going on a cold
winter’s day.
For finding the missing bedroom floor, and solving the mystery of the lost T-shirt.
(Knowing deep inside that that one sock is gone forever.)
Thank you for creating five-star meals and gourmet snacks when according to
your teenager, there is nothing in the pantry.
For turning the abundance of apples, pears, tomatoes, and even lemons into
delicious preserved fruit, condiments, desserts, and muffins.
For throwing the best birthday party ever despite financial difficulties.
Thank you for helping with maths, reading, and writing, even if the teacher knows
everything.
For never crushing a childhood dream of becoming the ‘Greatest Bubble Blower in
the world’ or a fireman rescuing kittens.
For reading the same bedtime story a hundred times and chasing away the
monsters under the bed.
For lending a patient and caring ear, dry tears, offer advice, and pick up pieces of a
broken heart, while sitting in the kitchen with hot chocolate and a biscuit, no
matter the time of day or night.
For teaching your child to love the Lord and to lay those niggly things at the feet of
The One who without doubt heals, restores, rescues.
Thank you for bearing the pain of a child addicted to worldly pleasures (in
hindsight soul destroyers), and still providing a haven, love, and forgiveness,
regardless...
For lying awake at night praying for their lost children, praying for their future, the
perfect spouse, their souls...
Thank you for your wisdom, courage, faith, guidance, and love.
Remembering a few of the biblical mothers:
Eve, Mother of all humanity (Gen 2:18), Sarah, Isaac’s mother (Gen 17:16),
Rebekah, mother of Jacob and Esau (Gen 25:24), Jochebed, Moses’ mother (Exo
2:9-10), Hannah, Samuel’s mum (1Sam 1:17), Elizabeth, Mother of John the
Baptist (Luke 1: 41-42), and Mary, Mother of Jesus (Luke 1:38)
Happy Mother’s Day to Mothers of all ages and stages, single Dads, Grandparents,
and caregivers. You are precious.

Mother's Day

God's Motherly Love

We are very familiar with God as our Father, but we are not so familiar with God being compared to a mother. Yet the images of God acting as a mother are peppered right throughout the Bible.

So, this Mother's Day, I want to look at some biblical references of God acting like Mother toward his people. Now, I am mindful that this might be new to some. So, I have included some of the biblical references below for your reading.

God is described as a woman in labour:	Isaiah 42:14
As having given birth to his people:	Deuteronomy 32:18
God is compared to a nursing mother:	Isaiah 49:15
He is a comforting mother:	Isaiah 66:13
Like a mother teaching her child to walk:	Hosea 11:3
Like a woman searching to find a lost coin:	Luke 15:8
Providing healthy food for his people:	Exodus 16:11
Providing for us as well:	Philippians 4:19
Like a caring mother, encouraging us to rest:	Mark 6:31
Bandages our wounds	Psalm 147:3
Wipe away our tears:	Isaiah 25:8
Comforts us	Isaiah 51:12
Carries us close to his heart:	Isaiah 40:11

In these scriptures we see God acting as a good mother who cares for her children.

As we know, a mother's love is one of the strongest emotions on the face of the earth.

So, contained within these scriptures we have one of the sweetest and tenderest pictures of the character of God, which helps us to understand our tender loving God.

Today we celebrate and give thanks that God is our Father, and that He mothers us too - protecting, guiding, nurturing, healing and saving us all.

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