



**Paused a film to make myself a sandwich. Long story short, I've now lost my job at the cinema.**



**The Maroochydore Herald**



Uniting in Christ  
acting with love  
living with hope  
witnessing in faith  
working for justice

19th March 2023  
Lent 4

*We seek to be a prayerful and listening church  
Please note the location of the Hearing Loop in the church*

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**ROSEMARY THOUGHT**  
This sage pun was a long thyme cumin

**An electrician comes home late....**

Wife: "Wire you insulate?"

Electrician: "Watts it to you?  
I'm ohm, aren't I."



## Lectionary Bible Readings

### March 19

1 Sam 16:1-13

Ps 23

Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41

### March 26

Ez 37:1-14

Ps 130

Rom 8:6-11

Jn 11:1-45

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> March** 8:30 am Rev Jan Rossow

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> March** Indoor Bowls with Wilf and Mavis

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> March** 8:30 am Rev Neil Storey

**Please join us for morning tea, after the service.**

### Moderator's March Prayer

Creator God,

As we continue this busy season of Lent, help us to make the time to be in thoughtful prayer,

For the world in which we live as we work together to make the planet a healthier place for all people,

For the people of the world as we raise our voices with people across the world in the world day of prayer,

For those we love that they may be made whole in all their brokenness,

For ourselves as we re-examine our own faith journey in light of the reconciling action of Christ on the cross.

May our Lenten journey be a journey of renewal in our ongoing relationship with our Redeemer and Sustainer,

Amen.



### God's help comes in surprising ways. By Steve Drinkall (*Uniting News*)

The story of the Good Samaritan is possibly one of the best-known stories of the bible. This story came about originally after a lawyer approached Jesus and asked "What must I do to inherit eternal life?". Jesus responds with a fairly standard answer of "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind", and to "Love your neighbour as yourself". The lawyer thought that this was a good answer but wanted to push further and so he asked, "And who is my neighbour?".

Instead of answering any further, Jesus tells them this story and invites his Jewish listeners to figure it out for themselves by empathising with one of the characters. One is a priest, one is a Levite and the third is a Samaritan person (who were the sworn enemies of Jesus' Jewish listeners). As you know, in the end it is the Samaritan who unexpectedly stops and cares for the injured man and most acts like a neighbour.

We have heard the message that we should not be like the priest or the Levite but to instead be like the good Samaritan. Recently I saw a video by Mark Allen-Powell where he went to Tanzania and heard people preaching there about the story of the Good Samaritan. To his great surprise the meaning of the Parable there was taught as 'God helps us in very surprising ways'. They didn't see it primarily as a call to help others but rather as a call to accept the help of God in whatever surprising form it arrives. The Tanzanian's had not identified and empathised with the helper in the story but had instead identified most with the guy who was beaten up and desperately in need of help.

I guess my main take away from this insight is that we often approach the bible with a view to figuring out exactly what it means. We READ the bible but sometimes we need to let the bible READ us. There is often great value in empathising with different characters and using our imagination to place ourselves in the stories themselves and ask some different questions from their perspective. I wonder if this week you are sensing God calling you to help someone you find in a ditch, or whether God is asking you to keep an eye out for help coming from even the most surprising of places.