



# Koinonia

## Evangelical Church

- Sunday mornings: 10.30am
- Sunday evenings: 6.30pm

NEWSLETTER

August 2022



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IN ALL THY WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM  
AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS.**

We welcome you to our services today. If this is your first visit, please make yourself known to us. May you know God's blessing, as we worship our awesome God.

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## The life of William Cowper (1731-1800)

William Cowper (pronounced Cooper) was one of the greatest poets and hymn writers in the history of the church. He was born in London and lived during the time of the Great Awakening of George Whitfield, Jonathan Edwards, John Wesley. Probably one of the most influential people in his life was John Newton. However, Cowper's life was riddled with bouts of severe depression.

He often experienced feelings of deep shame and self-doubt and on one particular occasion, decided that ending his life was the only solution. He then attempted suicide several times, but felt as if something was stopping him each time. This made him feel like a coward and decided he would try again later. After falling asleep he woke up at around three in the morning in a state of self-loathing. Reaching for his penknife, he attempted to stab himself in the chest, but the blade broke. He then tried to hang himself from the bed frame, but that too broke. Finally, he managed to successfully hang himself from the door frame, he lost consciousness and at that point the rope broke!

Following on from this, his father had him admitted into an asylum where he met a Christian doctor. This doctor witnessed to Cowper and often prayed with him.

It was whilst reading the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead that the Lord opened his eyes to the truth of the Gospel message. He wrote in his journal,

*"Immediately I received the strength to believe it, and the full beams of the Sun of Righteousness shone upon me. I saw the sufficiency of the atonement He had made, my pardon sealed in His blood, and all the fullness and completeness of His justification. In a moment I believed, and received the gospel...my eyes filled with tears, and my voice choked with transport; I could only look up to heaven in silent fear, overwhelmed with love and wonder."*

After being released from the asylum he started attending John Newton's church in Olney. He still struggled with depression for the rest of his life and made a couple more unsuccessful attempts at suicide. However, Newton never abandoned him and suggested that Cowper should help him with compiling a book of hymns. Cowper poured out his heart into the hymns, writing 68 in total, such as "God Moves in a Mysterious Way", "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood" and "O for a Closer Walk With God".

Even though Cowper continued to struggle with depression, he never lost the sense of awe that God still loved him.

We would do well to remember the persistence of the doctor in the asylum along with the friendship of John Newton. These men showed the love of God to someone that others may have regarded as a lost cause.

# August Diary

August 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am 5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Don Olden Prayer Meeting Paul Adams
August 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am 5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Paul Adams Prayer Meeting Don Olden
August 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:30am 5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Paul Adams – Family Service Prayer Meeting Don Olden
August 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am 5.30 pm 6:30 pm	Don Olden Prayer Meeting Paul Adams

MEET UP WITH DON AT COSTA IN ANDOVER @ 11am.  
This month Don will be available on the 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.

If you'd like to meet at any other time either with Don or Paul,  
please let them know.

HOUSEGROUP MEETINGS WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

CHURCH MEMBER'S MEETNG on the 24th at 7.30pm



The Holiday Club will be taking place  
from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> August at the school

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Heavenly Father we humbly pray that you watch over our Church, and bring peace, tranquility and strength, to each and every one of us. We ask in the precious name, of Your Son, Our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.*
- *May our prayers go out to Pastor Christy Rajendram whose work of church planting has helped the lead to a revival in Sri Lanka, despite dire economic circumstances, with shortages of all commodities, and unrest and rioting.*
- *Pray for Ben and Esther as preparations for their work with MAF continue.*
- *Pray also for Syford and Elizabeth out in Malawi and give thanks for God's provision of new leaders.*
- *Our prayers and blessing go out to Jeremy and Helen, all helpers and children who take part in the Holiday Club.*
- *Please pray for John who has had a heart attack. Pray that he will make a quick and full recovery.*
- *Continue to pray for those in the Fellowship who are struggling with ill health*

## THE MANY WONDERS OF GOD'S CREATION

EACH MONTH WE'LL BE HIGHLIGHTING SOME FEATURES FROM THE NATURAL WORLD, WHICH DEMONSTRATE THE OMNISCIENCE OF OUR AWESOME CREATOR.

### HOW A NATURALLY OCCURRING MINERAL IS USED IN SOLAR CELLS

A perovskite is a material that has the same crystal structure as the mineral calcium titanium oxide. A large number of different elements can be combined together to form perovskite structures. Using this compositional flexibility, scientists can design perovskite crystals to have a wide variety of physical, optical, and electrical characteristics. Perovskite crystals are found today in ultrasound machines, memory chips, and now – solar cells.

### THE AMAZING TANGARAMA TREE OF THE BRAZILIAN RAINFOREST

The Tangarana Tree (*Triplaris americana*, *Triplaris poepiggiana*) is protected by an aggressive species of fire ant (*Pseudomyrmex dendroicus*). The ants clear an area around the tree which reduces competition for light from nearby plants. They cut leaves and stems of other plants which grow too close to their host tree. Closer inspection will reveal that the ants patrol the tree trunk, getting in and out restlessly from tiny entrances through the tree bark. Inside the tree, there is a species of aphid that feeds on the sap of the tree and produces a sweet secretion that the ants drink. The Musician Wren also has a relationship with the tree. The wren is the only bird which nests in the Tangarana Tree. It apparently gives no benefit to the Tangarana, but there are two theories as to why the ants do not attack the nest: Either the dry leaves it builds the nest with present no threat, or the leaves with which it builds its nest have a chemical that repels the ants.

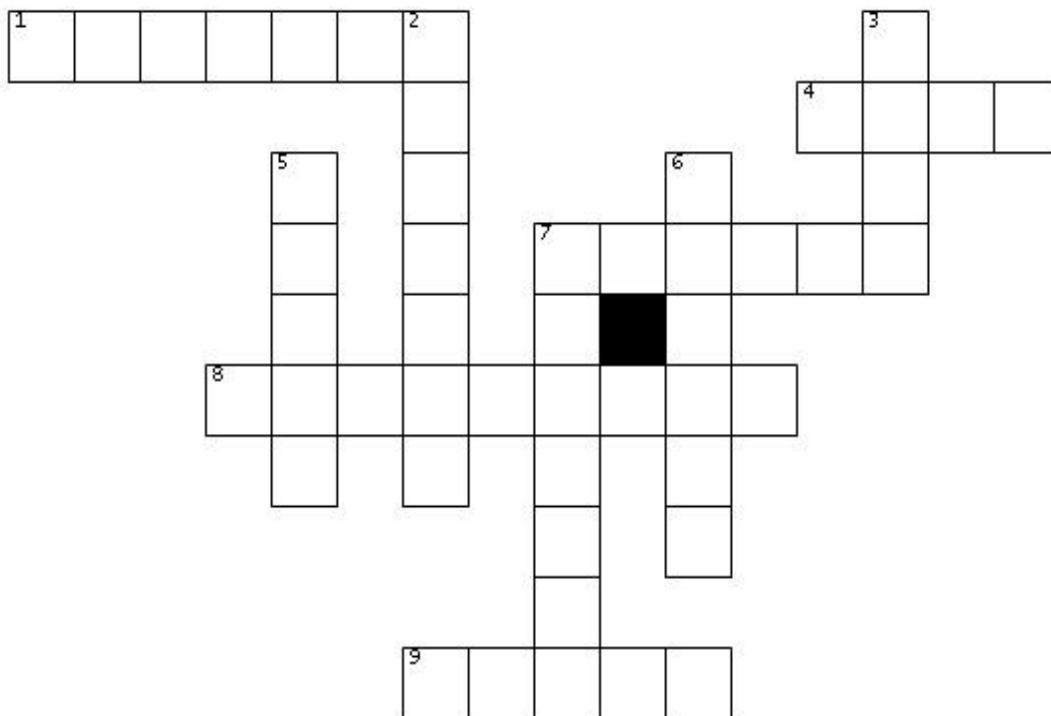
### THE MALEO FROM INDONESIA

The maleo is a bird endemic to Sulawesi which is notable for its strange appearance. These birds stand between 55-60cm long and are predominantly black with bright yellow faces and reddish beaks. They live in the hill forests and tropical lowland areas but nest on open beaches or in volcanic soils. By choosing such warm nesting spots, the maleo does not incubate the eggs herself and can instead leave them. When the chicks hatch, they are completely independent and ready to take on the world!

### THE PROTECTIVE EARTH'S MAGNETIC FIELD

The **magnetic field** of the Earth plays a very important role in our lives, it protects us from the solar winds. These are currents of particles charged of energy emanated from the sun which emit radiation. The magnetic fields of Earth extend from the core to the surface of the planet, an area known as the magnetosphere. This "sphere" around us is composed of invisible lines originated at the two poles. The magnetosphere deflects the dangerous ultraviolet rays of the sun, keeping us safe from any risk.

**THIS CROSSWORD IS ABOUT THE MIRACLES OF JESUS. ANSWERS ARE BELOW, IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER.**



**ACROSS**

1. Mary and Martha's brother, whom Jesus raised from the dead
4. Number of loaves to feed the multitude.
7. His twelve year old daughter was raised from the dead.
8. His servant was healed in Capernaum.
9. Jesus quelled this.

**DOWN**

2. The day Jesus healed a man's deformed right hand.
3. Jesus sent many demons possessing a man, into these animals.
5. He walked on it and turned it into wine.
6. A blind man is healed in this pool.
7. Jesus was leaving this town when he healed two blind men.

Water. Jericho. Storm. Sabbath. Five. Lazarus. Pigs. Siloam. Jairus. Centurion