



A June Challenge - read the Book of Acts

In preparing for Pentecost this year, we were struck by this being the start of the church in Acts, and the possible implications for our churches today. Both our congregations are thinking about the shape of mission in our current context, and the way we connect with the people in our communities. I wondered what we can learn from the way the church started, and grew in Acts, and what insights this gives us in refocusing our mission in a Post-COVID situation.

Di and I are suggesting this could be a learning opportunity for all of us. The challenge is to read the book of Acts during June and to share what we learn with others. You could read a chapter a day, or the book in one sitting.

We have some suggestions for resources to help learn more about why Luke wrote the book the way he did. eg. That Luke presents his stories to strengthen the missional commitment and practice of his readers. There are online resources, Kindle books and videos. If you cannot access digital resources Tom Wrights commentary "Acts for Everyone" is available at Koorong Bookshop (*I have purchased 5 copies to help people access*).

On May 29th, we will show you a brief visual overview of the Book of Acts produced by the Bible Project. The video is available on [Youtube](#), or the Bible Project Website.

There is much we can learn from each other in this challenge, Di and I are both looking forward to hearing what you learn and any promptings the Spirit gives you for our mission opportunities.

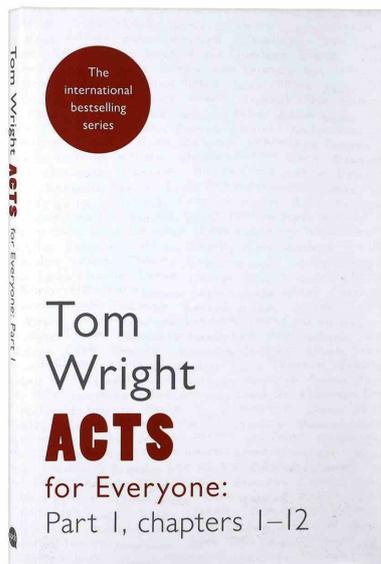
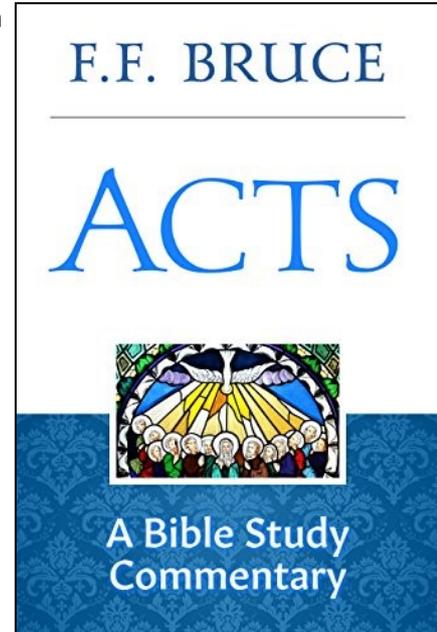
Di and Greg

Study Resources:

"Acts - A Bible Study Commentary" by FF Bruce is a Kindle (electronic) Book \$6.26 . Click [HERE](#) or on above image or - <https://www.amazon.com.au/Acts-Bible-Commentary-F-F-Bruce-ebook/dp/B074KJWDBT>

"Acts for Everyone" by Tom Wright" Click [HERE](#) or on image below or - https://www.koorong.com/product/acts-for-everyone-part-2-chapters-13-28_9780281071852

To view the "Book of Acts" video click [HERE](#) or image below or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGbNw855ksw>



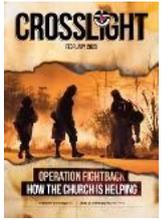


Bible Readings for May 29th Easter 7 (the readings used in our service may differ slightly)

Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26

CROSSLIGHT is available on the internet - click on the following link or the CROSSLIGHT image to view online. www.crosslight.org.au

Print copies of CROSSLIGHT usually available at the entrance of the Black Rock Uniting Church. Latest CROSSLIGHT now available from David Vine, 4 Jedda Crt. Cheltenham 9583 7373.



Prayers of the People



We pray especially for -

Virginia (Nan's friend)

Betty Kneen

Dawn's daughter Carol

Pete, Christine, Bruce & Valda
(friends of Jo-ann & David)

Grace Fairbank

Rosemary & Bob

Stuart as he struggles with
addiction

Jenny, Janine and June

Bartholomeusz

Audrey Fewster

Margaret's neighbour Joan

Anita and Kingsley

Gemma and Teresa

Susan Bartell

Bronwyn

Gloria, Samson & Family

Barb Loosemore

Isobel Churchward

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Thanks to everyone who have continued to make their weekly offering.

Envelopes: If you wish your offering to be specifically for Cheltenham, please place it in an envelope marked "Cheltenham" and place it in the offering bowl at church.

Direct Debit: Cheltenham / Mentone members note that direct payments can now be made to our new Westpac account at Southland, **BSB number is 033 358, Account Number is 664 881**

Payee "Uniting Church in Australia Cheltenham Mentone Parish Council"

The former Commonwealth Bank - BSB 06 3119, Account Number 1014 1206 - is still active for the time being.

Cheltenham-Mentone Members: Please bear in mind that although we are worshipping at Black Rock, the expenses of electricity, water, insurance, maintenance and Minister's stipend are still ongoing at Cheltenham.

Church on the Internet - Sunday 10am (virtual doors open 9:45 am)



If you don't have Zoom on your computer/laptop/iPad/Smartphone, click on <https://zoom.us/support/download>

Then click on this link below or the "Sunday Church" image to join our Service -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85247373230?pwd=WIM2UHJEemFWS3RScnNqM3puaGdZdz09>



Otherwise open Zoom and enter the following - **Meeting ID: 852 4737 3230 Passcode: 836844**

You can also join us on your phone by dialling **03 7018 2005** and entering the above meeting details.

Videos on the Internet



NEW YouTube Channel; Follow this link or click on the YouTube logo

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh-y4pZ_f_LezegzNZi6nnQ

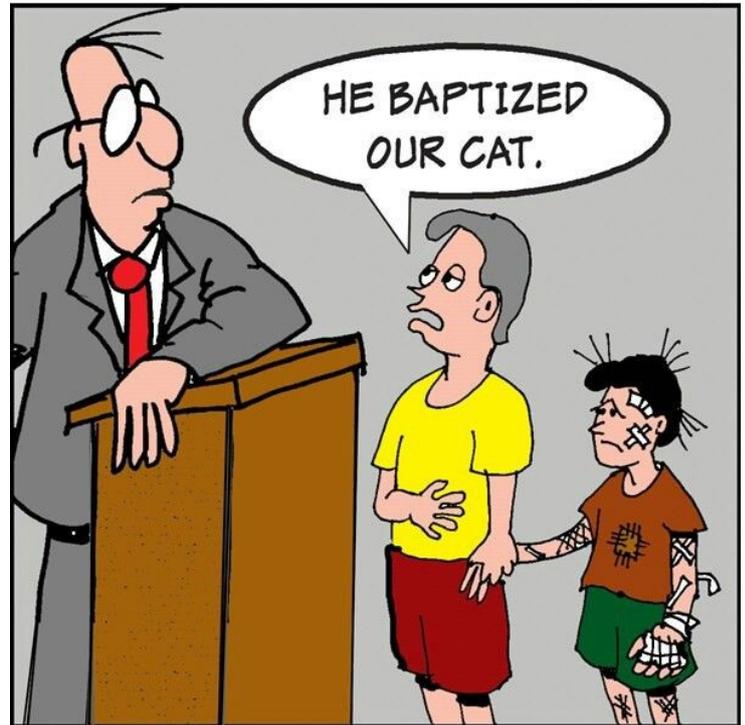
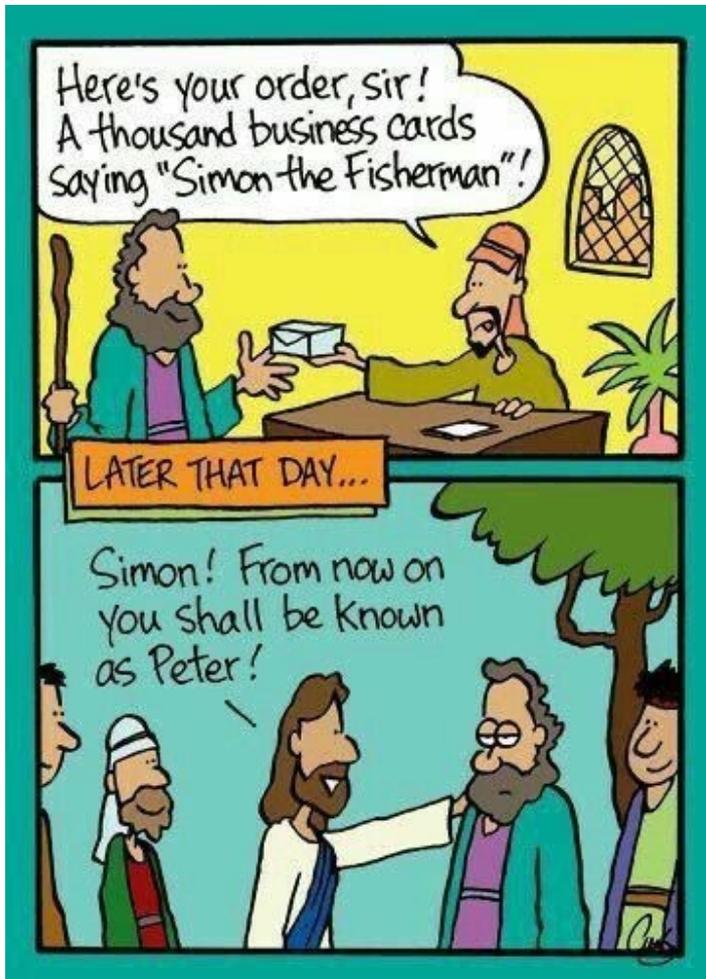
to view a selection of **over 50** sermons and service preludes



Social Collection Department

BayCISS - collection of goods by Graeme & Joan Wood has recommenced. Leave goods with them at 66 Bernard St. Cheltenham, or call them (Graeme & Joan Wood) on 9555 0462

Emerge - Financial help is the best way to help - Cheques to - GPO Box 420 Melbourne VIC 3001 or donate via the website www.emergesupport.org.au Emerge welcomes vouchers for supermarkets or art materials which children could use at home - materials, pencils, colouring books etc. Margaret Bode is happy to take items to the Moorabbin office if you leave them at her home, 16 Monaco Street Parkdale.



PARDON ME SIR ... WE ARE JUST A FEW
MINUTES OUT FROM THE BENEDICTION AND
I NEED YOU TO RETURN YOUR PEW TO ITS
FULL, UPRIGHT POSITION



Acts 16:25 "About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God ... when there was a violent earthquake and all the prison doors flew open.. the jailer woke up and drawing his sword was about to kill himself.. "