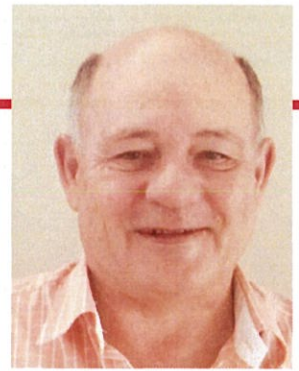


September 2021

## A word from Schalk



Hi Everyone,  
Warm Greetings!

What do we make of angels? Here's some of my thoughts....

A poll conducted in 2017 show that about 40 % of Australians believe in the existence of angels. I am one of those Australians.

The Bible has over 300 stories of encounters with angels from Genesis to the birth of Christ, His desert experience, His resurrection and all the way to the book of Revelation.

What are angels? ***"An angel is a spiritual creature without a body created by God..."*** Martin Luther.

How do they relate to other beings?

There are three ways of being:

- A. Beginning and end— animals
- B. Beginning and NO end—humans (with bodies and spirits) and angels (only spirits)
- C. NO beginning and NO end---GOD

What do they do?

They are ministering spirits. ***"Are angels not ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?"*** Heb 1: 14.

They also know, love and worship God. . ***"Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands,...In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise.""*** Rev 5: 11 -12

How do they serve the redeemed? **They are our 'travelling companions' to protect us and to help us understand things through messages from God.**



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So, what do we do? **We thank God for the gift of angels as a way that He ministers to us. We join them in worship of the Triune God.**

One warning. ***“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”*** Heb 13: 2

Lastly, I have been blessed so often by ‘angels in human form’, and often unknown to me, by heavenly angels. All I can do is express my gratitude to God for His gift of angels and continue to receive their ministry with deep appreciation.

### **Some News:**

**James McKenna** was inducted into the role of Pastor at the Glasshouse Country Uniting Church on Fri 3 September 2021. Thank you, James for 3 years of friendship and collegueship. May God bless you in your new appointment.

**Kate Boileau** has been appointed to be our interim Youth and family assistant for the period of 1 Sep to 31 Dec 2021. Kate has a strong legal background and is doing her Period of Discernment towards the hope of becoming a Minister of the Word in the future. She hopes to complete her Master In Theological Studies in 2022. Welcome aboard Kate. Lovely to have you and we look forward to working with you.

### **Long Leave details**

I am deeply grateful for the gift of long leave. Every 10 years of service clergy are granted 2 months of long leave to be used as a sabbatical for spiritual renewal, refreshment and study. I had hoped to take long leave in 2020, but that was not to be.

I am using 1 month of long leave plus some personal leave this year and hope to use the other month next year when it might be possible to visit with family in South Africa and New Zealand.

Marlene and I will be away from 13 September 2021 to 31 October 2021.

We are hoping to spend some time in Brisbane, as well as to do a few ad hoc trips to Bundaberg for a few days, possibly Toowoomba and so on. (COVID permitting).

I was hoping to do some refreshment studies (Continuing Education for Ministry) in Melbourne, but sadly it sounds like I might be relegated to online studies again.

Please welcome our preachers Peter Hall, Dennis Harth, Philip Hulme and Liz Gaynor as they bring God's word to us. A warm word of welcome and thanks to them.

Thank you, too for the work of many volunteers that will ensure that the worship services, pastoral care, small group life and various ministries will be served.

#### **Some arrangements during my absence:**

- a. Rev Dr Peter Hall will be doing a 0,6 FTE supply till 17 October 2021. His mobile number is **0417 733 539** and he is available for pastoral emergencies for that period. He is also willing to provide such a service until 31 October 2021.
- b. Our worship leaders and musicians have agreed to step into the gaps created by our absence.
- c. Preaching will be led by Peter Hall, Dennis Harth, Philip Hulme and Liz Gaynor.
- d. Our Chair of Church Council, Jean Lendrum, will be available throughout my absence for any governance and management concerns.
- e. Our preaching themes for this period are:

#### **BY THE GRACE OF GOD**

**19 Sep I am saved by grace Eph 2: 1 – 10 (vs 8)**

**26 Sep I am secure by grace Rom 3: 21 - 26 (vs 24)**

**3 Oct I am strengthened by grace 2 Cor 12: 1 -10 (vs 9)**

**10 Oct I am supplied by grace Heb 4: 14 – 16 (vs 16)**

**17 Oct I am somebody by grace Eph 3: 7 – 13 (vs 7-8)**

**24 Oct I am satisfied by grace Eph 2: 1 – 10 (vs 7)**

**Looking Further ahead:**

**Date Claimer for our Christmas Events:**

***Christmas Lights switch-on 6:30 pm Sun 28 Nov (1 st Sunday in Advent)***

***Carol Service 6:30 pm on Fri 17 Dec 2021***

***Christmas Eve Service 6:30 pm Fri 24 Dec 2021***

***Christmas Day Services 7:00 am and 8:30 am Sat 25 Dec 2021***

Much love to you all.

Blessings

Schalk