



TOGETHER IN FAITH

We extend a warm welcome to everyone to worship today

'We are God's people: unconditionally loved by God. Following our calling, we seek to reflect God's love everywhere, in all that we are and in all that we do'

Lectionary Readings for Pentecost 8A, 2026 July 19

Theme: "Children of God."

Genesis 28:10-19a "'Surely the LORD is in this place--and I did not know it!'"(v.16)

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24 "Search me, O God, and know my heart;"(v.23)

Romans 8:12-25 "it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God."(v.16)

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 "the good seed are the children of the kingdom."(v.38)

In today's readings, I find one word standing out in my heart, That is "see." Let's begin with the parable of the weeds in Matthew 13. Following the parable of the sower, Jesus continues to use this analogy, but this time, not focusing on the sower and soil, but the weeds that grown with the wheat from the good seeds. People "see" the weeds and wanted to remove which will damage the good wheat in the process and Jesus advises "Let them grow together until the harvest"(v.30) and collect at the harvest time. The good seeds might grow with weeds around, but at the harvest, God "sees" the children of God and make them shine like the sun.

In Romans 8 tells us that we are children of God who live by the Spirit, not by the flesh. Once again contrasting like the good seeds and weeds and the Spirit "sees" us to be the witness. Even though we suffer with the whole creation, the Spirit gives us freedom as the children of God.

Psalms 139 confesses that the Lord searched me and known me. In the faith that God "sees" where we are going and knows our secret hearts, we can pray, "Search me, O God, and know my heart;"(v.23)

In Genesis, Jacob "sees" in his dream the stairway to heaven where angels ascending and defending. He names the place Bethel which means the house of God, which he didn't know at first. In his dream, however, God confirms his covenant with Abraham and your children will be blessed and spread abroad and more importantly, promises that "I will keep you wherever you go... and I will not leave you," which also means that God will watch over us always.

Question

1. The fact that God sees us even our secrets, does this make us glad or uneasy?
2. How can we see what God sees?

Next week: Pentecost 9A, 2026 July 26

Genesis 29:15-28

Psalms 105:1-11 or Psalm 128

Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



Worship Services Today

Wangaratta 9.30am
Rev. Hoon You

Wangaratta 5.00pm
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🏠 **Tuesday and Thursday**
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**Short Notices for the weekly
bulletin can be emailed to Christina
by 4pm Wednesday**

News

The Worship Planning Group will meet at approx. 11am today (after morning tea) in the Meeting Room. The purpose is to review worship over the last 3 months, to provide resources & support to our worship leaders, and to plan the worship leadership rosters for August, September, and October.

"The Mission Priority" survey paper is still available until the end of July. Please fill in and submit to Hoon.

Prayer cards are available on the table and also use "Try Praying" booklet to pray and search for God.

Pastoral Care committee meets on Tuesday 21st July 4pm

Church Council meets on Tuesday 21st July 5:30pm



Pastoral Care Worker, Wendy Toppin with her daughter Allison at the recent NAIDOC Week celebrations

Wangaratta Cluster Calendar

Monday 20 July
Mainly Music

Sunday 19th July
Worship Planning Meeting - 11am

Monday 20th July
SALT - Rowan St - 6pm

Tuesday 21st July
Pastoral Care Meeting - 4pm

Tuesday 21st July
Church Council Meeting - 5.30pm

Saturday 25th July
Church Knitting Group - 9am



Rosters for Sunday Worship

Wangaratta 9.30am	19 th July Pentecost 8	26 July Pentecost 9	2 August
Worship Leader	Rev. Hoon You	Glen Miles	TBC HC
Musician	H Miles	L Johnson	R McLay
Vestry	C Thomson	H Twitt	H James
Welcome and Offering	A & H Twitt	A Twitt & A Turnbull (?)	E Lovett
Bible Reader	F Smith	T Wickham	R Steele
Morning Tea	L Bertuch & J Johnston	TBC	L & K Craig
5 pm	John van Riet	John Emmett	TBC
Eldorado 10am	Rev. Hoon You 2pm	No Service	TBC
Greta/Moyhu 10am	No Service	Greta Congregation	TBC

*Also helps with Vestry for HC

If you are unable to fulfil your rostered duty, please arrange to swap with someone else. A heartfelt thanks to you all - our priceless volunteers!