

Sunday, February 21, 2021

9:30 am & 6:00 pm

Servants of the Gospel

Colossians 1:24-29

Phil Lui

Welcome to Hoxton Park Anglican Church

Many people in the world cannot figure out what the point of church is. Perhaps you have been asked by people who genuinely cannot figure out why you would 'waste your time' and come to church.

Our passage today answers this question. Perhaps not in words that immediately make sense to a skeptic, but words that remind us of our Christian priorities.

Firstly we are told the purpose in Colossians 1 verse 25 'to present to you the word of God in it's fullness'. Then we are told the intended goal in verse 28 'that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ'. So whether you are invited to join a Bible study, or urged to read the Bible regularly, or asked to serve in a ministry or reminded to financially support God's work, all these things are not just facilitating the running of church, they actually serve the deeper purpose of you growing in Christian maturity. At times it is uncomfortable. Sometimes it is hard work. But on the last day as we stand before the Lord Jesus and give an account for our life, nothing else will matter as much as this.

Bible Reading

Psalms 36

¹ I have a message from God in my heart concerning the sinfulness of the wicked: There is no fear of God before their eyes. ² In their own eyes they flatter themselves too much to detect or hate their sin. ³ The words of their mouths are wicked and deceitful; they fail to act wisely or do good. ⁴ Even on their beds they plot evil; they commit themselves to a sinful course and do not reject what is wrong. ⁵ Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. ⁶ Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, LORD, preserve both people and animals. ⁷ How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings. ⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. ⁹ For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. ¹⁰ Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart. ¹¹ May the foot of the proud not come against me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away. ¹² See how the evildoers lie fallen— thrown down, not able to rise!

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²⁴ Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— ²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸ He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. ²⁹ To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

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Notices

Annual General Meeting

We are holding our church's AGM on Sunday 28th February 2021 at 11am. At this meeting we appoint Wardens, Finance + Property Team and Nominators. Our synod representatives were elected last year for a 3 year term. Nomination forms are available to be filled in. Please see David for any questions.

Bible Study Groups - Have you found a Bible study group to join this year? A wide range of groups are available. See Phil with any questions.

Women's Thai Dinner - All women welcome including Highschoolers. Saturday, March 8 - 6:30 pm - \$10. At the Clarke's Home, Maximum 30 people. See Janine for details.

Coming up this year:

Mission to Hillston Saturday 10th to Thursday 15th April

IMPACT youth camp Monday 28th June to Friday 2nd July

Holiday Kids Club Wednesday 22nd - Friday 24th, Sunday 26th September

Prayer Points

- Pray that we will long to be mature in Christ and strive to apply God's word completely to our life. Pray that we will listen intently to what God has to teach us through his word.
- Pray for those who teach God's word and that we will be a church where his word is always faithfully taught in our childrens and youth ministries, in our Bible study groups and in our Sunday gatherings.
- Pray for our SRE teachers who begin for this year to teach children about Jesus in 6 local public schools. Pray for diligence in preparation, clear communication, and for the Holy Spirit to work in the lives of everyone in the classes.

Financial Support

Our church is funded by the generous donations of our members.

If you would like to contribute you can do so via electronic funds transfer.

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