

**Home
Groups**

Groups meet at No 27 on Sunday evening @ 6.30pm, on Tuesday afternoon @ 1.30pm (during school term time) & also on Wednesday afternoon @ 2.30pm (studies continue in The Gospel According to John). For more details on our Home Groups speak to Sun Park.

Prayer

We meet to pray on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm: 5th July, 'Personal witness' (at Diane & Becky's, Geoff to lead).

12th July, 'Thanksgivings' (at Sun & Naomi's, Sun to lead). 19th July, 'World mission' (at Sue & Kebede's, Steve to lead).

Week commencing 23rd July, prayer triplets, based on 2 Corinthians 13:5 & Colossians 3:1-17.

Leaders

The elders meet to pray every Wednesday morning at 8am & for business on Tuesday 18th July at 9.30 am (at David's).

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**Dates for
the diary**

Church Outing to Temple Newsam, Saturday 15th July.
Church Picnic, Sunday August 20th (after the service).
Celebrating the Reformation, Saturday 28th October.
Keswick 2018, 20th-22nd April (provisional).

July 2017

July 2nd, 10.30 am,

Dave Stone will be preaching on
2 Chronicles 9:1-12.

July 9th, 10.30 am,

Andy Wood will be preaching on
2 Chronicles 9:13-31.
The service includes communion.

July 16th, 10.30 am,

Guest preacher Gordon Robertson.

July 23rd, 10.30 am,

Guest preacher Barry Strudwick.

July 30th, 10.30 am,

Andy Wood will be preaching on
'Sola Scriptura: Scripture Alone',
2 Corinthians 3:1-18

Communion & notices - David Scott/Geoff Wildsmith
Co-ordinator - Andy Wood.

Requests for intercessory prayer to be given to Andy Wood.

The Luther Seal: Summary of the Gospel

(<http://lutheranreformation.org/history/the-luther-seal-summary-of-the-gospel/>)

The most enduring symbol of the Lutheran Reformation is the seal that Luther himself designed to represent his theology. By the early 1520s, this seal begins to appear on the title page of Luther's works.

Here is how Luther himself explained its meaning:

First, there is a black cross in a heart that remains its natural colour. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural colour. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17). The heart should stand in the middle of a white rose. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the colour of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). This rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed. Around the field of blue is a golden ring to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.

(From: Letter from Martin Luther to Lazarus Spengler, July 8, 1530 [WA Br 5:445]; tr. P. T. McCain).

Following are various versions of the seal as it has appeared over time since the Reformation.

The first version was used in Luther's writings in the 1520s for the first time, and was in black and white, with Luther's initials.



A colour rendition of the seal began appearing as printers began to include colour images in Luther's works. Each one was laboriously painted by hand.



News received concerning Metropolitan Mission Pastor Paul Gandhi (our 'Indian Evangelist') on 1st June, 2017.

I am writing to let you know that I have heard from the Metropolitan Mission that the Pastor your church have so faithfully supported, Pastor Paul Gandhi has gone to be with the Lord.

Please pray for his family at this sad time, two of his daughters are married, the other two children, a boy and a girl are not yet married. The boy has completed his Bible training.

As yet I do not know who will be taking over as Pastor but I will let you know as soon as I hear.

Once again thank you so much for your faithful support of this dear man, God Bless, Judy

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July	Children's talk	Creche helper	Sunday School helper	Refreshments	Intercessory prayer
2nd	No talk	Elke	Jimmy	David/Jimmy	Steve
9th		Becky	Beth	Elke	Jimmy
16th	Jimmy	Michelle	Sue	Becky/Michelle	Beth
23rd		Elke	Kebede	Beth	Sue A.
30th		Becky	David	Sue A.	Sun