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The Church is not a group of people who believe all the same things; the Church is a group of people caught up in the same story, with Jesus at the center.

RACHEL HELD EVANS

We are Church

A progressive, inclusive Christian faith community for <u>all</u> of God's people to be safe, seen and celebrated.

August 2023

Hi everyone,

Dates for your calendar

Here are some dates for your calendar for the rest of the year.

- · 10 September
- 24 September
- 8 October
- 22 October
- 12 November
- 26 November
- 10 December Carol Service
- · 24 December
- NO CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

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As I write this I am aware of so much worry and anxiety in our small community. Please continue to be praying for Anel and Lukie; Kevin; Lerato and NJ.

In August Jane preached a sermon entitled "Faith after Doubt" based on a book by author and speaker, Brian McLaren. Here is the link to that sermon: <u>https://youtu.be/FvtPdUI2QU4</u> This is MUST listening as it really does highlight what we are trying to achieve at We are Church.

Nigel spoke on the next Sunday in August. He tackled the very tricky passage about the Canaanite Woman and her faith. His over arching theme was the redemption of all and the amazing inclusive nature of the God we serve. Here is the link to that sermon: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u___MImNFQas</u>

We also learnt a new song this month, which has beautiful words, have a listen here: <u>https://youtu.be/X1phSh-9Bs0</u>

Finance Update

- · Our Investment account continues to grow.
- · We continue to give a set amount per month to 'Be True 2 Me' and 'Neighbours'.
- We give R500 to the teens to distribute to causes they deem important. This month they gave this money to food supplies for the homeless.

Banking details

If you would like to make a contribution to We are Church, here at the details:

FNB Current Account Account Name: We Are Church Account Number: 6302 7817 569

General Notices

If you would like to get involved by serving in the children's or teen's ministries, or to contribute to any of our services (reading, prayers, worship, preaching, teaching, etc) or by bringing snacks and drinks, please get in touch (jane@codrington.biz). Volunteers are more than welcome - we actually expect you to get involved.

Some helpful resources

If you would like to have a ready-made playlist of **worship** songs available to you, here is a something that you may enjoy.

https://music.apple.com/gb/playlist/we-are-church-worship/pl.u-vxy6k04C1oKo9b

This is the link to the "We are Church" **YouTube Channel**. This is where the recordings of our talks are kept. Please go there and subscribe. Once we have 100 subscribers we will be able to name it "We are Church".

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzK3t1lg1v-ADNAd3 rQ-zA

Some of you may want to follow the readings that I often refer to. Here is the **Lectionary** link: <u>https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/downloads/Year%20C%202021-2022.pdf</u>