

Sunday 10am Bible Classes
11am Worship
6pm Devotional
Wed 7.00pm Bible Study - Morningside



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9am Service

Lesson: Gerald Lange

All other acts of worship
will be led by the men
present.

11am Service

Song Leader

Trevor Timoti

Lord's Supper

Justis Sandwell

Sermon

John Staiger

"Just a passing through."

Lot lost the lot.

Sodom was sin city. And where sin is bought and sold, money
abounds.

When Lot, the nephew of Abraham, "pitched his tent toward
Sodom (Gen.13:12), he thought himself set for life. In his mind,
Uncle Abraham had given him the Market Edge by letting him
choose his place of business. The future was never brighter.

Abraham's three visitors told him that God was going to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen.18:20-21). It is likely that Lot never knew that his godly uncle 'who missed out on the deal of a lifetime' was the one who interceded for his and every other life in the twin cities.

Why didn't Lot flee the city after having to be miraculously saved from the immoral and wicked men of Sodom and Gomorrah? The simple answer is that, despite Lot being "tormented in his righteous soul" (2Pet.2:8), he had invested everything he had and was not willing to leave it behind for anything.

Tragically, he ended up losing all his worldly possessions, his wife, and his family dignity (Genesis 19).

Today, the average man would not see himself as having "pitched his tent toward Sodom." Like Lot, he may not appreciate the excesses of the wantonness that surrounds him, but he is not about to abandon it either.

Lot's "sons-in-law thought he was joking" when he warned them to flee the coming destruction (Gen.19:14). Should we then be surprised when our neighbours "think we are joking" when we warn them of the coming destruction for those outside of Christ?

They may have taken him more seriously if he had abandoned his 'S&G Holdings' after Uncle Abraham had rescued him back in chapter fourteen.

If we expect those to whom we speak to take our invitation to Glory seriously, they may first have to be convinced that we are "just a passing through."
(John Staiger)

Today: *6 o'clock Devotional at Morningside.

A Note to the Men Serving:

Thank you, men, for the good work you do in



leading our minds and hearts in worship each week. Also, let me express appreciation for your willingness to 'step up' at the last minute as we have negotiated these Covid times. Please be sure to stand in the pulpit when speaking or leading singing. Our present sound

system does not process the sound properly online unless you are speaking/singing in front of the microphone.



Ladies Coffee group every Wednesday - 10.30 at Cocobean cafe - at the entrance to the St Luke's Megacentre (opposite St Luke's shopping centre). Phone Jean 8467213.



1. Please be vigilant in your prayers for those suffering in Ukraine. Let us pray that everyone seeks lasting harmony in The Prince of Peace. "Lord, transform the hearts of all."
2. UPDATE (6/3/21) – Lynda Staiger's dad (Al Horne): "Lynda's dad, is out of hospital and the ulcer wound is looking so much better! Thank you for your prayers!!! 🙏 → Please keep praying for Al. His hip pain is debilitating and he is not allowed to use any painkillers except one that was approved of at the

hospital, because of the shape his kidneys are in. This means he is struggling with his hip pain. Please pray for the Lord to send relief! → Please continue to pray for Lynda's mom, Donna Horne, who is frail and needs the Lord's strength and healing. → Please pray that their house will sell and that they make it to the States. 🙏🙏 Thank you for your prayers!!! 🙏🙏

3. Update (5/3/21) Heather Taylor (Greerton church): Heather is learning to cope with lung cancer. "She is doing well, just more scans and tests, I they will keep monitoring her." (Shane Taylor)
4. Please continue praying for Laurie Bailey and her family.
5. Those who are suffering physically.
6. Those having spiritual struggles.
7. That we are all back—in person—together at worship again soon.



Food prices continue to rise, and some families have lots of mouths to feed.

Please bring food, e.g. canned food, peanut butter, milk products, etc...



BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH

MARCH

18	Mata Tavita
19	Canaan Martin
25	Lucia Hodgman
28	Mary Lehauli
30	Lynda Staiger

*Please Email all news and information to me at johnstaiger1@gmail.com or phone/text me on 0204031989

Two Services at Morningside

9am Service—Please note, the 9am service all attendees must scan in using the NZ Covid Tracer App and must also have a "My Vaccine Pass" which will be verified by scanning it as everyone enters the building.

11am Service—Our "mixed gathering" (vaccinated and unvaccinated combined) service continues as per normal.