

Newsletter

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In this issue...

Forgiveness

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.



"Forgiveness is one of the most fundamental concepts in the Bible, central to understanding God's character. It's an ongoing journey of faith and maturity, reflecting our relationship with God. At its core, forgiveness is deeply tied to the essence of God's love, as God forgives willingly and completely, forgetting the sins once confessed." (SH)

This newsletter and website links feature a series of talks on [Forgiveness](#) by Bro Steve Hyndman given at a Christadelphian Study Weekend in 2022 in Auckland, NZ. Summaries of the talks are also provided in both transcript and audio formats. In addition, there are two articles providing practical perspectives on the topic. We do hope you find all this material helpful.

<https://www.adelphicare.org/pages/forgiveness.html>

Next Pastoral Visitor Program (PVP) offering

The next offering of PVP will be on the dates indicated below, God willing.

Introduction	Monday 7 October
Module 1	Monday 14 October
Module 2	Monday 21 October
Module 3	Monday 28 October
Module 4	Monday 4 November
Module 5	Monday 11 November
Module 6	Monday 18 November

Time of commencement on all dates will be 1830 Eastern Standard time - 1930 hours in NSW and Victoria, 1900 hours (earlier) in SA and 1630 in WA because day-light saving times will be in operation then. Module workshops will be 1.5 hours in length (not two hours) for each of Modules 1 through 6, and 1 hour only for the Introduction. The content and activities will be much the same as indicated in the adelphicare website,

although, as the first offering was in Pilot mode, there will be some changes - changes in questions and some shuffling of topics. Anyone wishing to get an idea of the PVP plan should look at the Handbook but I advise against printing it at this stage. Please use the following web page to express your interest in enrolling. (Closing date is Sunday 29 September.)

<https://www.adelphicare.org/visitor/index.html>

Carer's Corner – Being there for friends

How often do we judge someone for doing or not doing something we think is important?

How often do we wish people would understand our situation and not judge us for what we do or don't do? We have no idea what someone is going through unless they share with us and we need to be the sort of friend or bro and sis in Christ with whom someone will share. I am reminded of the parable of the log in the eye. I heard it interpreted that it is not that we don't try to help someone do better as James suggests, but the way we do it is as a fellow traveller who is going through the same hard issues of life and can empathise.

Until I was faced with having a disabled husband, I had no idea really about the issues involved with disability. Until we lose a partner, we really don't have the full understanding of what it means. My mother did remarkably well as a widow but would hate returning to an empty house alone at night. Or being a single mum whether in reality or by default – the buck stops with you! My neighbour remembers giving his single mum a Mother's and Father's day card in appreciation of her. 'Judge not that you be not judged, for with whatever judgement you use, it will be used on you.' Matt 7:1-3 There is an idiom that says, "Before you judge a man, walk a mile in his shoes." This idiom tries to teach that we cannot understand another person's experience until we are living their life. It is important to teach our children to be fair and understanding – to be aware of what their friends are going through – to be interested in what is happening to their friends and to be there for them.

"Do not act out of selfish ambition or conceit, but with humility think of others as being better than yourselves." Phil 2:3

[Helen Smallwood, Victorian Christadelphian Support Network](#)

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