

Cranbourne Uniting Church

"We are a multicultural church, called to provide Christ's living bread in physical and spiritual ways to the Cranbourne Region."

Matthew 25: 35 - 40

THE GOOD NEWS

Pentecost 10

Colour GREEN

Sunday 2nd August 9.30am

Presider Rev Charles Sundaresan (retired minister)



Wrestling with God

One of the most mystical portions of Scriptures is the account in Genesis 32:22-31 where Jacob the trickster wrestles with a mysterious character and comes away changed, with a new name and a limp. In the end Jacob, now Israel reckons he had a tussle with The Divine. ***"I have seen God face-to-face, and I am still alive"***

There is so much in this story. It's a conversion story. It's a story for all of us about our wrestling with God. Any conversion leads to change. And not only are we wrestling with God, we are also wrestling with ourselves. The God part of us wrestles with our own ego. An ego that often is resistant to change, resistant to God. We want our life to be on our terms. And so, we resist.

Jacob /Israel, as he comes to close quarter with the Divine, comes away a kinder, wiser man ready to face the things that he has done in the past and ready to lead his people to a future that eventually leads to the birth of the Christ Child who always offers us a way to change. So keep wrestling so you can become closer to the Divine.



Sunday's Readings

Genesis 32: 22 – 31 *Focus Text*

Psalm 17: 1 – 7, 15

Romans 9: 1 - 5

Matthew 14: 13 - 21



A Prayer for this week

Psalm 17: 1-7, 15

Listen while I build my case, God, the most honest prayer you'll ever hear.
Show the world I'm innocent - in your heart you know I am.

Go ahead, examine me from inside out, surprise me in the middle of the night - You'll find I'm just what I say I am. My words don't run loose.

I'm not trying to get my way in the world's way. I'm trying to get your way, your Word's way.

I'm staying on your trail; I'm putting one foot in front of the other. I'm not giving up.

I call to you, God, because I'm sure of an answer. So - answer! bend your ear! listen sharp!

Paint grace-graffiti on the fences; take in your frightened children who Are running from the neighbourhood bullies straight to you.

And me? I plan on looking you full in the face. When I get up, I'll see your full stature and live heaven on earth.



Giving We appreciate your support and dedication to Cranbourne
UCA
In **July 2026** our giving was \$4,254.35
and our expenses were \$6,310.46
Balance **-\$2,056.11**



MULTICULTURAL MORNING TEA

After church on Sunday 30th August
Celebrating our cultural diversity
Bring a plate of food to share from your home culture.

August F.U.N.
Saturday 15th August, Cost \$7,
doors open at 7pm



Lions Recycle for Sight
Cranbourne Lions Club recycles used spectacles. Drop off your unwanted spectacles in the boxes located in the church foyer.

AUGUST Food Truck Wish List
We are collecting **Jam, Cup-A-Soup and Tinned Vegetables**



Roster

DUTY ROSTER	Sunday 2 nd August Charles Sundaresan	Sunday 9 th August Chang-bae Byng
Liturgist	Robyn Tomkins	Tony Duncan
Music	Elizabeth Hunt	Sharon Start Trevor Anderson
Readers	Cath Taylor Chris Compaan	Paul Martin Ally Mohan
Sunday School	Paul Martin	Phill Start
Door	Peter Pryn	Karen Anderson
Steward	Phil Young	Tony Duncan
Cleaners	Taylor / Young	Neil Walsh

