



Live More. Love More. Learn More

**Albury Seventh Day Adventist Church
is CLOSED Until at least the middle of
May due to COVID-19 log in to ZOOM for
the Church Service.**

Bulletin for the 18th of April

Zoom Sabbath School—starts at 10am log in to

<https://zoom.us/j/411176871>

Zoom Service—starts at 11:00am log in to

<https://zoom.us/j/411176871>

Sunset tonight will be at 7:01 pm

Dear church family,

I would like to share concepts that came out of 2 Corinthians 4:7-12, that may encourage you during this time of lockdown and isolation. I suggest you stop and read the passage before you continue on reading this letter.

Paul compares the gospel minister to a piece of Palestinian pottery. Jars of clay

refers to a vessel serving a specific purpose, such as a jug, cup or pot. When used of people, it often carries the sense of 'instrument.' To be God's vessel, is to be His instrument in carrying out a specific service—in this case, the gospel ministry. Therefore, according to Paul, it is God's plan to make this weak vessel the recipient and retainer of the greatest of treasures. The gospel ministers and believers (Eph 2:10) are declared to be jars of clay for the supreme purpose of containing God's great treasure. Perhaps Paul is thinking of the ancient practice of storing treasure in jars of clay for safekeeping. God uses what is fragile and yet serviceable so that there might be no mistaking the origin of the gospel minister's and believers' power.

To develop this comparison of the gospel ministers and Christians to the common clay pot, Paul employs an ancient literary form of his day called 'cataloguing of deeds.' Much like a school curriculum, it highlighted a person's activities and accomplishments. Paul highlights four exploits that would not by any stretch of the imagination be considered impressive or desirable either in his day or in ours. All four point to the hardships and trials that confront us as jars of clay who have been entrusted to preserve the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. On the one side they illustrate the frailty of the earthen vessel, and on the other, the excellency of the power of God despite this frailty.

Hard pressed (to squeeze the life out of a person), perplexed (utterly loss about how to proceed), persecuted (tracking a prey or enemy) and struck down. Paul summed up these troubles in the phrase, 'we always carry around in our body the death of Jesus (v. 10).' When we think of the death of Jesus, we immediately think of the cross. Paul, however, has in mind the hardships, troubles and frustrations that Jesus faced during His three-year ministry—the loneliness, the disappointments with His disciples, the exhaustion, the constant harassment by opponents, the crowd's continuous demands, the scepticism of His family, the mocking and jeers of His foes, the flight of His friends, the hours on the cross, the thirst and then the end. "I die daily" expresses the same thought (1 Cor 15:31). Paul is acknowledging the wearing effect that the gospel ministry had on Jesus mentally, emotionally and physically. Jesus taught his followers that if anyone would come after Him, "he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me" Luke 9:23.

As followers of Jesus, we found ourselves in the midst of a great battle, the age-long warfare between Christ and Satan. It may be in a small scale right now, but the Bible teaches that there comes a time when it will escalate to a more intense level. The line would be drawn clearly on the sand, and everyone will be prompted to choose and please note, there is no room on the fence for anyone to

sit on. At this point in time, there is no room for indecision, you either serve God or side with the devil. I pray that we will all have the same determination Joshua had when he announced his decision in front of everyone in his community. "choose today whom you will serve... But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

Hi Family,

Albury Seventh-day Adventist Church building complex is closed until at least the end of April 2020 due to COVID-19 Coronavirus.

While our building and facilities are closed **OUR HEARTS ARE STILL OPEN**. We are meeting virtually so please engage and join us in worship online.

Weekly Services will be online through Zoom. Please use the below link:

<https://zoom.us/j/411176871>

Prayer Meetings at 6:30am each week day morning are also online through Zoom Please use the below link:

<https://zoom.us/j/902339803>

You can also interact with us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/AlburySeventhDayAdventistChurch/>

By email:

email@alburyadventist.church

Or on our website:

<https://alburyadventist.church>

Finally, if you cannot get online please call one of the below numbers:

Pr. Tony Moala: 0430 041 116

Steve Greenham: 0407 078 535

Damian Cox: 0414 548 058

Regular updates will be communicated by email and Facebook. If you are not on the church email list please signup at our website:

<https://alburyadventist.church>

Please scroll down to the bottom of our homepage and signup there.

Sabbath School Pamphlet: These can now be paid for via e-giving, please don't make them as an anonymous payment as no-one will know who has paid if you do. A category called 'Pamphlet Payments' has been included in e-giving for this.

Dear Friend

SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH WITH YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS DURING COVID-19

We are certainly living in unprecedented times with each day changing the way we are accustomed to the way we have lived, shopped, worked and worshiped. COVID-19 has changed so much yet in the midst of all the turmoil and change we have seen amazing ways in which people are connecting with each other. Our church buildings maybe closed but our church remains open within the hearts of our members.

Over the past few years our conference has borne the brunt of severe drought, wildfires and floods, now we face a pandemic. Through all of this our South New South Wales Conference members have remained faithful to their Saviour. Now is not the time to be disheartened, we are blessed to have a God that we can rely on to sustain us and guide us through these uncertain days. Two bible verses come to mind at this time.

Philippians 4:19

And this same God who takes care of me will supply **all your needs** from His glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

Psalms 91:14

The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love **me**. I will protect those who **trust in** my name.

Isn't it wonderful that we have a faith base that provides us with comfort in these rapidly changing days?

Over the past few weeks I have received a number of questions from members asking, how can we continue to return our tithes and offerings to God's storehouse. With the changes outlined by the Government over recent days I thought I should update you on where we are now at.

Previously I had suggested that those who were not familiar with eGiving could still return their offerings by cash. This could be done through ministers visiting with their members or members going to a designated point and dropping off their tithes and offerings. I need to make it clear now that this is no longer an option that we can continue due to the restrictions now placed on non-essential travel.

I would therefore encourage our members to remain faithful at this time and to consider one of the following options.

1. eGiving - eGiving is our most preferred option as it is easy to use as a one-off transaction or for setting up regular gifts. It is also easier for our local church

treasurers. Our treasury staff are willing to support our members if they require help with their set up. eGiving.org.au

2. Direct Deposit – Members can direct deposit tithe directly into the conference bank account. The challenge here is in respect to local church budget or offering of the day. The details of the conference account are as follows.

BSB 032-719

Account Number 273575

Account Name Seventh-day Adventist Church (South New South Wales Conference) Ltd

Description Tithe (name of donor)

3. Credit Card – Members can phone **Kaylene Kosmeier** on **(02) 6103 6112** or email

kaylenekosmeier@adventist.org.au. Provide Credit Card details, payment amount and how they would like it disbursed – Tithe, Offering of the day (which includes Local Church Budget), Sabbath School etc. Where funds are received for Local Church Budget or Stewardship our office will transfer these funds to the Local Church Cash Management Fund (CMF) or their local bank account in the event the church does not operate a CMF Account.

4. Cheque – Members can prepare a cheque and post it to their local treasurer or to the Conference directly at Seventh-day Adventist Church (South New South Wales Conference) Ltd, PO Box 800, Canberra, ACT 2601

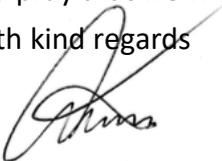
5. Cash – While not ideal members can store their tithes and offerings at home until such time as our churches re-open.

At the end of this letter I have included the offering of the week schedule for your information.

While our office is closed our team are still available to support you as we navigate through daily changes.

Our prayers and thoughts are with each of you. We thank you for your faithfulness and pray that we will all come out of this stronger.

With kind regards



Gavin Howie

Chief Financial Officer

Offering of the Week

To continue supporting your Local Church, Conference and World Church log onto eGiving.org.au or contact the SNSW Conference office to set up direct payments.

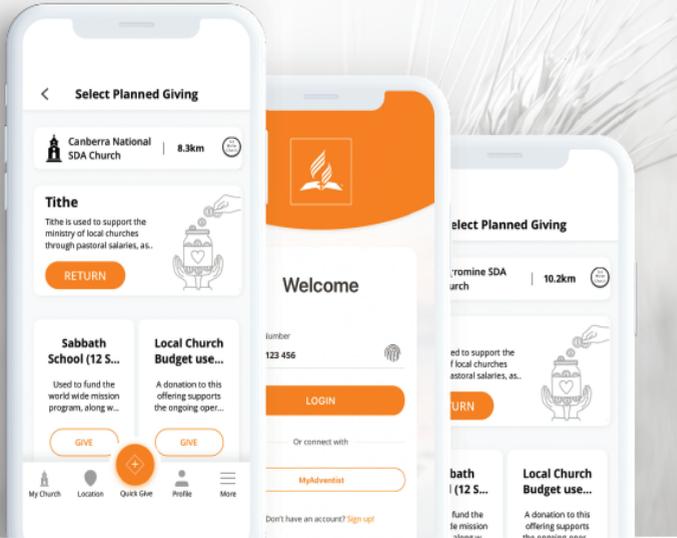
Month	Date	Offering Designation
	18	Local
	25	Local
May	2	South Pacific Record
	9	Local
	16	SPD Strategy: Comprehensive Health Ministry
	23	Local
	30	Border Christian College
June	6	Avondale College
	13	Local
	20	Local
	27	SNSW Special Projects Offering (SNSW Strategic Direction)
July	4	Local
	11	World Mission
	18	Local
	25	Union Global Partnership Project

Shane Hefren is out of work at the moment. However, he is a mechanic who has a mobile van, who can service or fix cars at people's home. If anyone is in need of a good, reliable and honest motor mechanic, You can contact him on 0411 736 244, he would welcome the work especially during this challenging time.

RETURNING TITHE & OFFERINGS MADE EASY

Download app now and set up in 3 minutes

Returning tithes and offerings is a blessing because it means God has provided for you first. "You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth..." *Deuteronomy 8:18 ESV*



FEATURES



Please remember in your Prayers:

* Jess & Family

* Pr. Tony Moala

* Pam Haysom

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Church website

<http://alburyadventist.church>

Giving Totals for Last Week the 11th of April

Church Expenses	\$798.20
Main Church Offering	\$49.00
Sabbath School Offering	\$117.10
Church Building Fund	\$144.00
Border Christian College	\$70.00
Local Church Offering	\$7.00

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Sunset Times

*Friday 24th April 5:35pm

*Saturday 25th April 5:34pm

Wanted: A hardcover of Patriarchs and Prophets by Ellen White. Please contact Fiona 0413 205 515.

PRAYER WORKS
prayerworks@alburyadventist.church

PRAYER RESPONSE GROUP – to submit prayer requests or join, Text: 0405 645 016;

Email: prayerworks@alburyadventist.church

ZOOM PRAYER - each Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri, 6.30 am

UNITED PRAYER ON ZOOM - Wed 6.30 am & 6.30 pm (excluding school holidays).

ZOOM LINK <https://zoom.us/j/902339803> or download the Zoom app.

Emergency Relief Committee: A committee has been selected to look after the special needs in relation to fire/flood/quarantine or other special circumstances. Please contact Janice or Michael if you would like to help or are in need of help.

ADRA News: ADRA Op Shop is closed until at least the middle of May due to COVID-19. We will update as more information comes to hand.



Fundraising

Support your Pathfinders by recycling 10c bottles at the Return and Earn Recycling Collection Points.

Scan below barcode when you return bottles for money to go straight to the Pathfinder account.

