

***This week in Christian History***

1492

**In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue  
Christopher Columbus discovers the New World**

Columbus waited for six years to be granted sponsorship by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain before setting sail on the ocean blue.

His dream was to find the East or Asia by sailing west. He was a very determined man and a devout Catholic whose name meant Christ-bearer. He diligently searched the Scriptures and thought he found assurance for a call to sail to the far reaches of the globe with the Christian message. Zechariah 9:10 said that 'he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea event to sea , and from the river even to the ends of the earth.' And Psalm 107:23-24 promised that "They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; these see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.'

He was particularly concerned with the power of the Ottoman Turks who controlled the eastern Mediterranean and were threatening Europe. If a way could be found of reaching India by sailing west, the Turks could be attacked from behind and perhaps the Holy Land itself could be rescued from their hands. Yes, Columbus was interested in trade and riches, but Christian concern also lay behind his plans. When he sighted land in 1492 he named the land San Salvador which means Holy Saviour

In keeping with Christian motive, Columbus at first showed great concern for how Natives were treated. All the same, Columbus' concern for the salvation of these people was coupled with an attitude of superiority which saw nothing wrong in forcibly capturing the people and making them slaves of the Europeans. While the missionary drive was prominent in his first voyage, in later voyages it became subordinate to a love of wealth and position. Unfortunately he was not the first or the last to lose sight of his spiritual goals when tempted with wealth and power.



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NEWSLETTER  
MOSS VALE UNITING CHURCH

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UNITING ALL

**Welcome to all who join with us in  
worship today:  
Sunday 15 October, 2017**

**Service led by Rev Kathryn Wyndham**



**LECTIONARY READINGS**

**Week ending 15 October 2017**

Ex 32:1-4  
Ps 106:1-6, 19-23  
Phil 4:1-9  
Mt 22:1-14

**Week ending 22 October 2017**

Ex 33:12-33  
Ps 99  
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Mt 22:15-22

**Audio Hearing Loop is installed in this church**  
Use 'T' switch. Portable listening devices also available.

## Your Church Diary

### THIS WEEK

- Sun 15 Oct** Service led by Rev Kathryn Wyndham at 9:30am
- Tue 17 Oct** **Prayer Time** for the life of our church at 8:00am  
**Playgroup** from 9:30am to 11:30am  
**Bible Study** at 2:00pm at the Manse.
- Wed 18 Oct** **Robertson Coffee Crawl** at Robertson Cheese Factory. 10am—12 noon
- Thur 19 Oct** **Bundanoon Service** commencing at 12:30pm

### NEXT WEEK

- Sun 22 Oct** Service led by Rev Kathryn Wyndham at 9:30am
- Tue 24 Oct** **Prayer Time** for the life of our church at 8:00am  
**Playgroup** from 9:30am to 11:30am  
**Bible Study** at 2:00pm at the Manse.
- Thur 26 Oct** **Bundanoon Service** commencing at 12:30pm

### Coming Events

- Sat 4 Nov** **Trivia Night at MV Uniting Church**



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#### Trivia Night—

#### Saturday 4 November

We are aiming to have a good evening of fun and fellowship with a trivia theme. We hope you can support this evening by joining a table or making up your own table. Starts at 7:00pm, \$10.00 per person includes supper.

### Thank you

To all who worked so hard leading up to the Biggest Ever Little Plant Sale and on the day. What a massive effort! Thank you to you all!

Rev Kathryn

### Thank you

Owen and Edwin, all of Marie Hodgson's family and myself would like to thank our Church family for all your prayers, phonecalls and cards. We would like to make a special thank you to all those who helped at Mum's funeral. It was really appreciated as it made the day so special.

Many thanks  
Anne

### Elders and Church Councillors

Nomination forms for both Elders and Church Councillors are now available in the porch. Nominations will close on 22 October. Please give prayerful consideration to nominating for one or both of these positions. If you would like to be part of these vital roles in our church ask someone to nominate you and have your nomination seconded. We would love to have you on board.

### PA System Upgrade

We would welcome and be most grateful for any financial contributions to the upgrade of the PA system. Could you please place the contribution in an envelope marked 'PA'. *Thank you.*



A belated happy birthday to Maritha Stokes and Lucy Donkin for the 12 of October

Many happy returns!