



Trinity United Church

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WELCOME TO TRINITY 16.10.2011

8.00a.m.	<i>Worship Service</i>	Rev Ron
Robertson		
9.30a.m.	<i>Worship Service</i>	Rev Ron
Robertson		
6.30p.m.	<i>Worship Service(Communion)</i>	Mr Henry
Serfontein		

Sermon: “

Readings:

DIARY THIS WEEK:

TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER

7.00p.m. Disciple 2
7.30p.m. Y.A.C.C.

THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER

6.30pm Prayer & Healing
Service

WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER

9.00a.m. Praise & Teach ing
10.00a.m. Ladies Fellowship
7.00p.m. Disciple O.T.

SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER

9.30am Childrens Church
&
“Something Fresh” Youth

SAMARITAN FEEDING SCHEME

- *Toilet Rolls, tinned meat / vegs
& packets of Soup. **Thank you all!***

ARE YOU WEARING YOUR PARTY CLOTHES?

Ever found yourself over or under dressed for an important occasion? As parents of the Grade 7 year we were invited to a yearend function and the invite said ‘Formal Dress’. So I hauled out my Tux and bow tie, Dot got out a long dress and off we went. However once there we discovered that everyone else had ‘collar and tie’ and short dresses. Boy did we feel a little over dressed!!

The readings from Matthew’s Gospel this year have been quite instructive about the way the early church coped with its transition from being a loose association of Jesus Followers to being a Community of Believers (the Church of Christ) in a pagan world. This passage today speaks again into this dilemma for the early Christians.

The passage we read here in fact has two parables in it. The one is about the Wedding Feast, the other is set in the middle of it – the person who is found not wearing wedding clothes, i.e. not dressed for the occasion! And because he isn’t properly dressed he gets thrown out, bound and gagged! The story initially is quite shocking, how could Jesus even suggest such violence against someone like this?

I would like to try and unpack this story today, as it has great relevance for us today as we try to be faithful followers of Jesus in an often difficult and hostile world.

Here are some pointers to keep in mind as we read it through: The Wedding Feast is coming of the Kingdom, the host is God the Father, the groom is Jesus, the guests are all who respond to the invitation. Who’s the under dressed guest? Is he there just for the food? Read John 6:25-26; Col 3:12.



