



**What's on this week** 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**We hope you have a Happy and Blessed New Year...** 1<sup>st</sup> Edition

*Over the Christmas and New Year period there is a reduced programme*

<b>Sunday</b>	30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Evening Meeting</b>	
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Church Business Meeting	7 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Breaking of Bread Service - NO SonSeekers</b>	10.30 am
		<b>Good News Service</b>	6:30 pm
		Refreshments afterwards	

*Rotas Information correct as of 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018*

	Welcoming	Refreshments Sun pm	Serving Communion	Crèche
<b>Today</b>	am ONLY Veronica Waterworth	No evening meeting	Enid Brooks & Joan Hulse	Facilities available in the rear hall
6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	am & pm Jim Townson	Stephen Robinson	Barbara & Lilian	
<b>Cleaning</b>				
<b>This Week</b>	Les & Michael	7 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Joan Hulse & Barbara Heald	



*Take .....the sword of the Spirit,*

**Profit from a Prophet: Part 16 - Malachi - The Lord knows our short cuts**

*"On the day when I act," says the Lord Almighty, "they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him. And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not."*

**Malachi 3:17,18 NIV**

The prophet Malachi in the book named after him rebukes the people of Israel for cheating on God, and taking short cuts in worship. The problem is that cheating on God is like the cheating card player who hides cards where his opponent can see them. In fact our God not only sees all we do he knows the thoughts and motives behind them.

The reasons why we meet to worship him may be varied, habit, fear of letting people down, attempting to atone for wrong doing, it feels good, keeping up appearances and many others. Actually, the only true reason for worshipping God is to please him out of love in response to the love he has shown us.

He cannot and will not be cheated because eventually we will be brought to judgement concerning these things unless through Christ we make peace with him beforehand. In knowing that peace through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, we are aware of his his great love for us and also, as Malachi promises, that we are our God's treasured possession.

**Urgently needed: two teachers for SonSeekers. Please see our minister Martin Speed or Alison Wells if you can assist in any way with this ministry.**

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