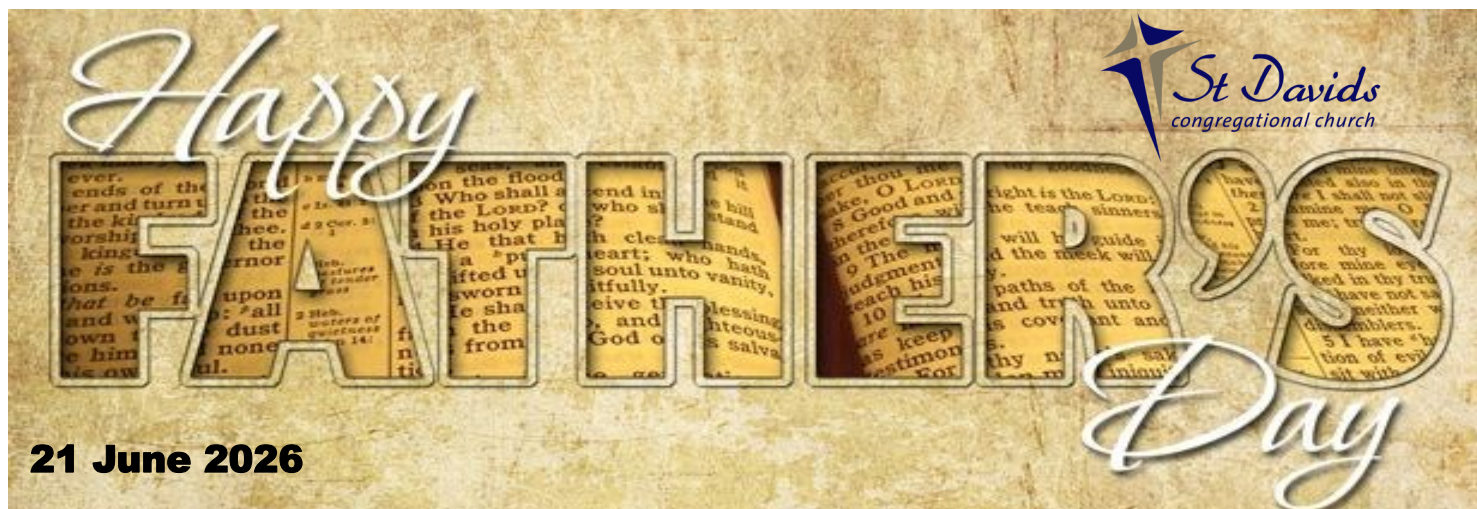




21 June 2026

THE FATHER'S LOVE

by Dr Bruce Woolard

It is an understatement "that the world is a mess". One of the reasons for this condition is absent fathers. Without the balance of firm authority and a fatherly love in the home, children are deprived of understanding love in relation to authority.

A simple example of this concept is found in the opening chapters of the first book of the Bible. Adam and Eve were evicted by God from the beauty of Eden and tasted His wrath, discipline and authority. They also experienced His love and provision of a sacrifice to atone for their sin. Without His authority they could not know the meaning of His love

In the traditional family structure of both a strong father and compassionate mother lies the secret to a balanced family dynamic that is sadly absent in today's society. Boys learn how to treat people through observing their fathers treatment of others. The best gift we can give our children is to love their

mother. A child's sense of value and worth is often established in the foundational years of development. If mom and dad fail to love and care for each other children carry this failure into their own lives and may feel inadequate when becoming adults. This problem manifests in our society.

A father's love is a giving love. The most well known Bible text is John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave...". It illustrates a fathers love as a giving love

On this special day let us encourage fathers to be good fathers and let them know we need them to be strong. Loving and uncompromising.



N.B. - IN RECESS

The following *departments are in recess for the long mid-year June* school holidays:

Sunday School, Study & Teen Church, Thursday morning Bible Study.

We shall advertise start up dates in the bulletin at a later date.

Join us!

ST DAVIDS NEW MEMBER INTAKE COMING UP!

Remember that all Christians belong to the one true church, the Body of Christ, Christianity. Local church membership, for good order sake, is registering your interest and support to a local body of believers who reflect your beliefs and conviction. **No transfer of membership from one local church to another is necessary as long as you confess Christ as Saviour.**

New Member Intake date will be announced in the bulletin in due course.

Should you wish to become an official member of St Davids please ask the Deacons for an application form **or** pop into the office and visit Elzunia on Wednesday mornings between 9:00am—12:00pm to collect a form, **or** send an email to info@stdavids.org.za and Elzunia will send you the New Membership form.

“So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”
Romans 12:5



OPEN BIBLE POLICY

Do remember to keep your Bible open in your home in a prominent place as a reminder to visitors and friends that you are a believer in the Word of God.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in ONE GOD, the TRINITY, FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT.

I believe that salvation is by GRACE through faith alone.

I believe in the Sacred Word of God, the BIBLE.

I believe that all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour are immersed into one body the church.

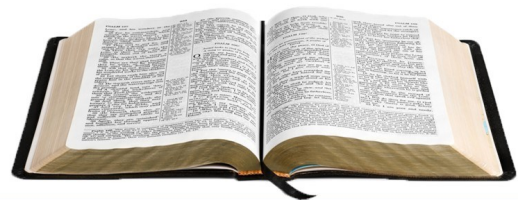
I believe in the HOLY SPIRIT who resides in all believers.

I believe in the unity of the Spirit in the bond of fellowship, peace and love.

I believe the Hope of all believers is the return of Christ our Lord.

I believe in the eternal promise of life everlasting.

I am a Christian and make this confession in the power of the Spirit of Truth.



TIME TO REFLECT BEFORE THE SERVICE

**Please observe silence
5 minutes before the
service in order to give
folks time for quiet
reflection.
Thank you.**



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Thank you for your faithfulness.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer Changes Things.

It is always a wonderful comfort to those in trials and tribulations to know others are praying for you. Please advise us should you wish to add a name to the prayer list.

Errol Adendorff, Susan Zerbst, Marcelle van der Merwe, Henry Dillon, Marie Fourie, Gary Elliott, Wena Matheson, Graham Smith, Robert, Riana Brown, Linda Seeger, Dee Richards, Vernon Ristow, Rita Hart, Daantjie, Rosa Dunn, Shiela van der Merwe, Mae Richards, Valerie Dunn, Michelle Deysel, Allan Stephens, Gloria Hogg, Laura Krause, Andy Wait, Peggy Kleve, Miranda Paulsen, Adele Endley, Sandra Wait, Julian Axon, Eileen & Peter Milton, Jenny & Clive Ladds, Lucy Dell, Baby Mason Terblanche, Una Hall, Alva Wenning, Rassie & Lynette Erasmus, Myrna Cherrington, Anamarie Burger, Esmarie Lindsay, Sandra Singer, Cecily Chase, Neil & Christa du Toit, Derek Gunston, Chantal Davidge, Cecelia & Jimmy Burton.

Kindly continue to keep the ministry of the Gospel of Christ in your prayers through the outreach of St Davids.



ST DAVIDS MISSION STATEMENT

Committed to presenting sound Godly information to achieve transformation of the soul.



Time to deep clean your linen cupboards—we are appealing for linen, bedding, blankets, curtains, towels, pillows, rugs, etc. for folks in dire need.



Please ask friends, family and colleagues to clean out their children's rooms.

We would gladly receive all superfluous children's toys, games, DVD's, puzzles, books, sports equipment, etc. that are gathering dust in cupboards, storerooms and garages.

The Secret

Excerpt of Bruce's message dated Sunday 14/06/2026

Reading: Romans 16:25-27

The book entitled "The Secret" by Rhonda Byrne was popularized by Oprah Winfrey. It hypothesizes that the law of attraction is a phenomenon that results from the attitude of the mind. It suggests that our thoughts possess the power to trigger a signal to the magnetic field of the earth that changes the frequency producing success or failure. This New Age concept is thwart with contradictions and is not always true of lived experience.

The Secret I wish to share with you is more revolutionary and lasting. God has unveiled **"The Secret" in the Bible** hidden for ages from many church leaders and believers. Our reading in Romans, notwithstanding several other Bible references, speaks of **"A Secret"** that past generations were unaware of.

1. Preceding the Revelation of The Secret.

In the ages preceding the revelation of the Secret, God separated the Hebrew people from all pagan nations. He prepared them to be a conduit of blessing and promised a Kingdom Programme where Israel would fulfill her purpose. As the Old Testament unfolds it tells us of the remarkable endurance of a persecuted people, their success, failures and stubbornness. The Old Testament contains a record of God's

dealing with Israel. The Prophets predicted a Messiah who would suffer and then reign righteously from David's throne in Jerusalem.

The Gospel account announced the pending Kingdom with Jesus as the Messiah. The Lord appointed twelve apostles to represent the twelve tribes of Israel to herald the Kingdom. Because the promise was conditional the Kingdom on earth was postponed by virtue of Israel's rejection of their Messiah. A kingdom needs a King.

2. The Proclaimed Revelation of The Secret.

The Lord rescued Saul of Tarsus from the Hebrew religion of rituals and sacrifices and ordained him to reveal **The Secret** of Christianity that was up to that point a mystery.

Today, based on your confession of Christ as Saviour, and without your works or human merits, God accepts you into His family. In Paul's letters to the churches from Romans to Philemon, we are introduced to a whole new creation, The Body of Christ, made up of believers, saved through the new birth and made citizen of heaven.

As Israel was God's earthly people so **"The Secret" asserts that we are God's Heavenly people.**

