

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH


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27/09/2026

Checkmate

Excerpt of Bruce's message
dated Sunday 20/09/2026

Reading: **1 Kings 18:36-40**

Most chess players understand that Checkmate means that the king is neutralized and there is no chance of victory.

In very much the same way you maybe facing impossible odds. A relationship has soured, bankruptcy, you are anxious and filled with doubt. The devil seems to have cornered you.

Our Bible reading narrative tells of the shocking state of Israel. King Ahab's wife Jezebel influenced him to serve the pagan god Baal. There seemed to be no chance of recovery. Elijah challenged the monarch to a battle on Mount Carmel to determine who was the true God of Israel. Baal's prophets of 450 men faced Elijah. The god who

answered with fire would be declared the true god. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel) showed up and Baal was defeated.



In the Louvre museum in Paris hangs a painting called "Checkmate". The artist depicts a game of chess between Lucifer and a young man. The game is over, the devil seems to have won and the man has lost his soul.

A master chess player on viewing the piece on the chess board exclaimed that there was a maneuver that would turn the game around because the king had one last move.

Perhaps you've come to the end of your tether, all seems lost, but our Lord, Saviour and King has the last move. He is able to make a way of escape from your circumstances, just trust Him to make the right call.

SERMON TOPIC:

Don't Compromise

Reading: Galatians 2:1-16

What We Teach at St Davids

One God the Father

One Lord, Jesus Christ

One Spirit, the Holy Spirit

One Faith and Doctrine

One Body, the Christian Church

One Baptism, Uniting All Believers

One Hope, The Return of Christ Jesus

Eph 4:1-7

*"....But to each one of us grace has been given
as Christ apportioned it."*

**We love God, His Word
& His People**



ADVICE WHEN FACING STORMS

by Bruce Woolard

Anxiety is a common ill that plagues the life of so many people. It's a destructive force that robs one of the joys of life and the comfort of peace. Society's foundations are rapidly eroding and in the words of the Bible *"...men's hearts are failing them because of fear for the things coming upon the earth...."* (Luke 21:26).

It's worth noting that the letter "I" is



IN RECESS

Please be advised that the following church activities are in recess for the school holidays (*we follow the St Marks School holiday calendar*):

Thursday morning BIBLE STUDY—Start up date to be announced in October.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & TEEN CHURCH— Start up date to be announced in October.

We look forward to seeing you all in the new term. Wishing all our learners a restful and enjoyable school holiday as they prepare for the final term for 2026.

at the very center of the word "anxiety". The I or self or ego is what makes a person less God-conscious and more self-aware of what may happen with a foreboding fear of the unknown. Faith in God drives away the despair despite the howling storm and treacherous future. Faith leaves the navigation to God to help us sail through the stormy seas with the assurance that we will reach our destination safely.

*"Be still and know that I am God"
Psalm 46:10*