

Welcome to



**18 JAN
2026**

"Repent, because the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Matthew 3:2

TODAY'S SONGS

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Calling All Sinners

All Creatures of Our God and King

Lo He Comes

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

BIBLE READING – 2 Kings 5:1-19 (pg 321)

SERMON – Matthew 3:1-12 (pg 857) | Martin Smith

NEXT WEEK – Matthew 3:13-17 | Martin Smith

PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for those who spoke truth to us and so made us ready for the Kingdom.
- Pray that, as a church, we would continue to bear fruit in keeping with repentance, living out the promise of our baptism together, to be dead to sin and alive to God.
- Pray for John-like clarity as we share our gospel message, calling people to repent, believe the good news and be baptised.
- Pray that, like John, we would be blessed by seeing many come in repentance and faith for the first time this year.

SPACE FOR YOUR NOTES ON MATTHEW 3:1-12

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. The Pharisees were inclined to look to their religious ancestry for security before God. What are some of the insufficient things that a) we might look to? b) those we are sharing the gospel with might look to?
2. Where do you continue to act like you aren't under the reign of heaven's King? What might repentance look like in these areas of your thinking and living?
3. That Jesus has been prepared to take an axe even to fruitless descendants of Abraham is meant to have an effect on us. Read Romans 11:17-24 and consider the impact Matthew 3 should have on us as those who have been ingrafted through repentance and faith.
4. John's message is simple, and he shares it plainly. How should his example help us fulfil our commission for the King who has now come (see Mathew 28:18-20).