

“HUME'S HAPPENINGS”

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Greetings brethren ,

Thank you for your support , it is very much appreciated . Following is my report for **May 2019** .

BROTHER - IN - LAW'S FUNERAL .

This month my wife's (Jackie) brother visited me and informed us that he had been diagnosed with cancer and that he had been given two months to live . He asked me if I would conduct his funeral and I agreed to do so .

He died just two weeks later , with 185 people present at the funeral service . It was especially difficult for Jackie and I because he was not a believer . Our prayer is that those who attended will have cause to consider their destinies and seek Christ .

PREACHED AT LINDISFARNE .

This month Jackie and I drove the 200 plus kilometres to our Capital City (Hobart) for me to preach for the Lindisfarne congregation .

As per usual, we stayed overnight Saturday evening with brethren and returned to Launceston on Sunday afternoon. My lesson was appreciated with brethren requesting additional copies of my bound booklets to hand out to their contacts.

I am scheduled to preach there next on the **25th August**.

PREACHING BOOKINGS

The Ulverstone congregation in North West Tasmania has requested that I preach for them on Sundays the **23rd June**, **11th August**, and **13th October**. They are 120 kilometres from my home, and always look forward to visits by Jackie and I.

REQUEST FOR MATERIAL (QUEENSLAND)

A sister in Christ from Brisbane (state of Queensland) this month requested material for her personal Bible study. She regularly makes this request re various subjects, and often orders bulk copies of my bound lesson booklets to hand out in her community.

REQUEST FOR MATERIAL (VICTORIA)

A leading man in the church in Melbourne has been studying with a man who gave him a DVD to look at. The subject in this DVD is one that he not heard of before, thus he sent me a copy and requested that I look at it and advise him how to answer it.

I have not had the time to look at it yet, but suspect it may cost me numerous hours compiling a reply. I receive such requests for material on a monthly basis, and while I am

happy to accommodate them it takes a lot of hours away from my specific work with the Eastside church . I guess it is all part of serving the Lord wherever .

KEEP ME IN YOUR PRAYERS .

The reason I am a week late submitting my report is because I have been laid up for two weeks with an illness . It began with a "super bug" infection requiring the strongest antibiotics available , then these in turn caused my entire body to be overtaken with thrush .

The strongest thrush medication led to nausea and vomiting every day , lack of appetite (I have hardly eaten for the past week) , and total lethargy . I have lost over a stone in weight (which I needed to) in this time . My doctor has ordered intensive blood tests and we are waiting for the results of these right now .

I have made several attempts to get a full report sent to you in the past week , but have had to continually quit and lie down . I apologise for this report being so short , please keep me in your prayers .

LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN MAY .

Most of my Bible class and sermon subjects take several weeks to cover due to the nature of the Eastside members who need constant repetition , detailed explanations , and mutual discussions among brethren re personal applications of Biblical principles in their lives .

Also , I encourage members to ask questions re anything they do not understand or even something that is a side issue to what we are actually studying at the time . Thus it is very rare for me to ever complete a lesson in one Bible class .

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS .

- May 5 - *"Soldiers of Christ"* .
- 12 - *"Soldiers of Christ"* .
- 19 - *"Can I find refuge in Christ" ?*
- 27 - I preached at [Lindisfarne](#) .

SUNDAY SERMONS .

- May 5 - *"Personal evangelism"* .
- 12 - *"In the world , but not of the world"* .
- 19 - *"Covetousness"* .
- 26 - I preached at [Lindisfarne](#) .

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

- May 7 - Viktor taught *"Jeremiah 13 - 14"* .
- 14 - Viktor taught *"Jeremiah 15 - 16"* .
- 21 - Viktor taught *"Jeremiah 17 - 18"* .
- 28 - Viktor taught *"Jeremiah 19 - 20"* .

Following is a repeat of the items that form the basis of my activities each month .

REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES .

Set up school on Friday afternoons at 4pm for Eastside's Sunday meetings .
(it takes Jackie and I about one hour to clear out the classroom and set up our "church auditorium").

"Friend day" lunch at our house for brethren and visitors after Sunday worship on the second or third Sunday in the month .

Midweek Bible Class : Continues to be at my house .

Study periods : Preparing sermons and Bible classes for Eastside's meetings .

Lesson booklets : Ongoing typing , photocopying , stapling , and binding of new and replacement booklets for requests , and for display at our church meetings .

Study packs : Ongoing photocopying , stapling , and packaging of these as time permits .

Letterboxing : Jackie and I make every effort to continue this project on a weekly basis , but often a lack of time does not allow this to happen .

Thank you once again for your wonderful support , please visit us if you ever get the opportunity to do so ,

Yours in Christ ,

Barry Hume .