

# **“HUME’S HAPPENINGS”**

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Greetings brethren ,

Thank you for your support , it is very much appreciated . Following is my report for **September 2021** .

My report is very short this month because of my total hip replacement , resulting in three admissions into hospital , two operations , and rehabilitation .

## **TOTAL HIP REPLACEMENT .**

I have attached a detailed report of my hip replacement saga .

## **HOBART PREACHERS .**

For all four Sundays in September , four men from two congregations in Hobart made the two hours plus drive to my city in order to preach at Eastside while I was out of action .

**David Underwood** , **Greg McPherson** , and **Barrie Morgan** from the **Eastern Shore** church and **Ray Harrison** from the **Lindisfarne** congregation graciously offered to fill in for me .

I am so appreciative of these men making the effort each Sunday when they learned that I would be unable to preach .

All of the members of my Eastside congregation have wonderful personal relationships with the Eastern Shore and Lindisfarne members . There is so much love felt and displayed by all three churches toward each other .

Two of our Eastside men ( Brett Anderson and Viktor Koskovic ) regularly engage in long bushwalking treks with men from these two Hobart churches . Brett and Viktor tell me of the chatter about spiritual matters that occurs during these walks , and the hymn singing around the campfire at night .

## **SUMMING UP THIS MONTH.**

I was not able to do much this month re the Lord's work or my personal life . My normally spick and span , uncluttered office looks like a war zone right now .

There are piles of letters and emails to be answered , requests from around the world for study material , church records for September to be processed , and many personal items to be dealt with , such as numerous monthly bills to be paid like petrol , electricity , water , phone , and Officeworks etc .

All my accounts are paid by cheque so my accountant has a

record for taxation purposes . Prior to entering hospital the first time I phoned a number of companies and told them I may be late sending cheques for their September accounts . All of them told me not to worry about it and to pay whenever I can .

## **LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN SEPTEMBER .**

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 .**

September 5 - **Viktor Koskovic** taught this class in my place .

12 - *"Diligence"* .

19 - **Viktor Koskovic** taught this class in my place .

26 - *"Diligence"* .

## SUNDAY SERMONS .

- September 5 - **Ray Harrison** ( Lindisfarne )  
Preached in my place .
- 12 - **David Underwood** ( Eastern Shore )  
Preached in my place .
- 19 - **Greg McPherson** ( Eastern Shore )  
Preached in my place .
- 26 - **Barrie Morgan** ( Eastern Shore )  
Preached in my place .

## MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

- September 7 - Viktor taught **Matthew 9** .
- 14 - Viktor taught **Matthew 10** .
- 21 - Viktor taught **Matthew 11** .
- 28 - Viktor taught **Revelation 12** .

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 carry all our chairs , presiding tables , lectern , speaker's stands , audio sound equipment , hymn books , Sunday School items , power point projector , etc from our storeroom 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 ,

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