

**Psalm 139:1-18**

14-16. I praise you because you are to be feared; all you do is strange and wonderful. I know it with all my heart. When my bones were being formed, carefully put together in my mother's womb, when I was growing there in secret, you knew that I was there--- you saw me before I was born.....

The Psalter is a collection of collections and represents the final stage in a process that spanned centuries. It was put into its final form by post-exilic temple personnel, who completed it probably in the third century b.c. But was probably started during the reign of King David. When Israel demanded from Samuel a king, his first response was one of anger, for by demanding a king to rule them they were turning their backs on God, they were breaking a promise that they made, through Moses, on the slopes of Mount Sinai.

David's beginnings were even more humble than that of Saul's, David was son number 8. That meant there were 6 other backups before he would get a chance of any inheritance, even his lineage wasn't that grand, his great grandmother was Ruth the Moabite, while his great, great Grandmother was Rahab the prostitute.

Psalm 139 can be looked at as covering the highs and lows of David's life, underlying is the surety David has in the knowledge, that God is inescapable, the fear he lived with was the loss of God's Spirit that was with him. That message is even more relevant to us living in the day of the New Covenant, Christ death and resurrection, opens the way for us to live a life in relationship with God through the Spirit, without the fear of loss because of the forgiveness available through Christ.

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# St James Church



**WEEKLY**

**BULLETIN**

5th September, 2010

**Welcome to Worship  
(10am-11.20ish)**

**Crèche available in lounge  
Dynamite Bay (5yrs+)**

Tea & Coffee available  
before and after church

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**TODAY :**

**9.15am** Prayer in Vestry. Tea, coffee and fellowship in the Lounge.

**10am Morning Worship with Quarterly Communion  
Dynamite and Rainbow Bays  
Tea, coffee and fellowship to follow.**



1pm Samoan Service.

2.30pm Afternoon Communion is now on  
12th Sept.

**AGM is 19th Sept** after church in the Hall. Lunch will be provided.

*Please pray for the Parish of Bell Block*

*\* for their co-operating Parish with Waitara and Inglewood*

*\* for their new Minister, the new ministry and the team type approach*



**This Week**

**Mon 6th Sept. 1.30pm-3.30 Writer's Group.**

7.15pm **Indoor Bowls in the Hall**

7pm **Youth Band Practise.**

**Tues 7th. 2.00pm KYB at Joan Sole's.**

**Wed 8th 9am Caring Committee meet**

1.30pm **APW. Marilyn's holiday.....**

**Thurs 9th 10.30am Exercises to Music in Hall.**

6pm **Home Group at Mark and Joy's.**

7.00pm **Youth Bible Study**

**Fri 10th Prayer at noon.**



**Sat 18th September 2.30-4.30pm**

**Blended Family Seminar at Park**

**City Church.**

See noticeboard



A big **“Thank You”**

to all who helped to

make the Fun Fair Day

a great success. **THANK YOU**  
Suzanne, Joan and team.....