**“What can we do in order to do what God wants us to do?” Jesus answered “What God wants you to do is to believe in the one he sent”** (John 6.28f)

Bread is great, especially fresh & straight from the oven.
Give us this day our daily bread – bread represents what we need to live.

To get daily bread I use a breadmaker about every 3 days. Spiritually it is not too different.
What is our bread, representing what we need to live? Let us step back from this. TEXTa.

Question asked of Jesus. What answer were they expecting? T o obey the Law? It had worked in the past.

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We have a similar problem. How many here want to know what God wants us to do? Of course we do!

What answer do we expect? Better outreach? More relevant services? Stronger pastoral care system?
As individuals: more prayer, bible study, giving. Maybe: get a diet, sort out marriage, do the bucket list.

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Good news for Jesus’ hearers: All you have to do is trust Jesus, you do not have to DO anything. This was radical, and hard to accept.

Our good news is equally hard to accept. We like to do stuff that can be measured. More money in the collection plate, more bums on seats, bigger takings at the Affordables shop. Many commercial church programmes on offer go for the measurable – more house groups, larger membership rolls, yet another outreach initiative.

We become anxious as we see key members failing and dying, forgetting those who have taken their place. We become worried when budgets leave shortfalls, regular meetings cease.

It is not that these things are not happening. Or that they are not important. It is that we have overcomplicated our spiritual lives, forgotten *the* most imp. What do we *really* need? What is our bread?

One idea looked at during Lent was what would happen if church building totally destroyed? Imagine having to start all over again. In the process we would discover what was most important. For us, it is not what we do, but what God has done in Jesus and so trust him. If we forget this, all the programmes in the world will not help. If we remember, we relax, let go and let God.

This is the bread we crave – give us this day our daily bread.