

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS NEWSLETTER



August 2016

Happy Hour

Following are pictures taken at the Happy Hour, Friday 1st July 2016.



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Welcome To Holy Cross

Welcome to Holy Cross Church. We hope that you find the worship uplifting and that your relationship with Jesus Christ is enriched through it.

Front Cover: An avenue of Illawarra Flame Trees (*Brachychiton acerifolius*) on Stack Avenue, Fremantle Cemetery.

Sunday Club is held on the first Sunday of the month at 9:00 am and crèche facilities are available at the rear of the church. A change table is in the disabled toilet.

For those hard of hearing an AUDIO LOOP operates throughout the church area. Please use your “T” setting to make use of this.

Gluten free wafers are available. If you require these please speak to the service leader.

We invite you to stay for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat in the hall after the service.

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From the Administrator Diocese of Perth

Dear Sisters and Brothers

You may have seen, or been made aware of, the ABC 7.30 Report regarding allegations of clergy sexual abuse and predatory behaviour in the Anglican Church, particularly in the Diocese of Newcastle. The story deals with complex matters which continue to be formally examined by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

As a Diocese we have welcomed the Royal Commission and we will do everything in our power to co-operate with the Commission and its relevant findings, as you will see from the Archbishop's and Diocesan websites. We continue to implement every change possible to prevent such abuse from happening again. This expresses our mandate as God's people to protect the vulnerable and support the rights of survivors.

This evening Archbishop Roger was mentioned by name in the programme aired on the ABC. As Bishop of Newcastle from May 1993 to April 2005 he has been summoned to appear before the Royal Commission on 2-12 August 2016. The Archbishop has been advised by his legal counsel not to make public statements before giving evidence at the Commission.

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Our ongoing concern as a Diocesan faith community remains the pastoral care of all who work and worship with us. These disturbing reports may trigger complex responses from some members of our own community, and from some of those with whom we come into contact. The shattering stories will no doubt have shocked many of us and left us feeling betrayed, helpless and confused. At this time we will be asked to justify the existence of the Church and our faith. Yet our compassion and support for survivors must fuel our best responses as we struggle to comprehend this situation. We must hear the dreadful truth so that we can work together to make sure future generations never experience the suffering of so many among us.

If any of you have suffered abuse, or know of anyone who has suffered, I encourage you to make contact with the Director of Professional Standards, Ms Tracie Chambers-Clark, or the police.

The Archbishop is currently recovering from surgery, but remains vigilant in his prayers for survivors and for all for whom he has pastoral responsibility.

Bishop Jeremy, Bishop Kate, Ms Tracie Chambers-Clark, Archdeacons Lionel Snell, Kathy Barrett-Lennard and Onesimo Yugusuk, or myself, are available should you need to discuss any concerns you may have as a consequence of these reports (Tel: 9325 7455).

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Please continue to pray for those whom we have let down, the abused and their families, and all affected by this dark stain on the Church.

We pray for all who suffer that God's peace and hope will shine through the darkness. May we be conduits of that Light. In the words of a Taize chant "Within our darkest night, You kindle the fire that never dies away".

Your brother in Christ
Braden Short
Administrator
The Anglican Diocese of Perth

Order of St Luke

Order of St Luke the Physician Healing Ministries, Perth Melville Chapter:

Healing Service

Date: Sunday 7th August

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Church of the Holy Cross
56 McLean Street
Melville WA 6156

Topic: Doubt Faith and Healing

All are welcome, especially the newly bereaved.

For further information: Call Chaplain
M: 0438 935 164

Ponderings

This month sees the start of the Rio de Janeiro Olympics. A number of New Testament letters make reference to Olympic sport including Hebrews:

'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith' (Hebrews 12:1-2).

During the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, the British athlete Derek Redmond was running in the semi-finals of the 400 metres. About 250 metres from the finish his hamstring tore. However, Redmond wanted to finish the race and so he started hopping toward the finishing line.

Suddenly Jim Redmond, Derek's father, ran out of the stands towards him. 'You don't have to do this,' he told his son. 'Yes, I do,' said Derek, to which his father said, 'We're going to finish this together.' They completed the lap with Derek leaning on his father's shoulder. As they crossed the finish line, the spectators rose to give Derek a standing ovation. Although he didn't win an Olympic medal, Derek Redmond finished the race with his father at his side.

In our Christian race we have a great crowd of witnesses to cheer us on. We also have a heavenly Father who loves us and a Saviour who has run the race before us. Let's keep our eyes fixed on Him, to ensure we finish the race!

New Church Council & Office Bearers

At the Annual Meeting on 29th May 2016, or at subsequent meeting of the Church Council, the following people have been elected.

Warden: Jill Bowman (elected by the people).

Parish Councillors: Jill Bowman, Pat Tebbutt, David Joachim, David Dawson, Sheri McCarthy, Sue Saunders, Emma Charlton, Peter Bowman

Synod Reps: Jill Bowman (continuing) Peter Bowman (appointed by Church Council)

Synod Alternatives: Tom Berg and Beryl Shooter

Auditor: the position remains vacant

Nominators of Clergy: Emma Charlton, Beryl Shooter and Leanne Avar

Treasurer: Peter Bowman

Secretary: Emma Charlton

Happy Hour

It was a cold night on Friday 1st of July. But some good company and a glass of red soon had people warmed up (as you can see from the pictures on the inside cover of the newsletter and if you look closely you will see their tiara's).

Wardens Wish List

The following is a list of tasks/jobs that have been done or need to be done around the church. As you can see, the warden has been very busy with maintenance work on the grounds and buildings.



Job	Status
Exit Signs	Completed
Safety Lights	Completed
Tennis Courts – Marking	Completed
Car Park – Marking	Completed
Car Park Bollards: Making them more visible	Painting completed. Reflectors to be done.
Key Cupboard	In Progress
Vestry Ceiling	In Progress
Kitchen Ceiling	In Progress
Exterior door lock – meeting room.	Repaired
Storm water entry to storage room	Fixed (we hope).
Tiling (wet areas)	Quotes being obtained.

If you see anything that needs attention please contact the Warden. If you can help with any of these jobs please contact the Warden – she will jump for joy

Remembering Holy Cross

The Worrall Family started worship at Holy Cross in 1963 when they moved to Melville.

When we shifted across to the new hall/Church we took our turn in cleaning and setting up for Sunday Services. A hall became a Church. It took some time cleaning and putting out chairs and rolling out the carpet down the centre and bringing forth the altar and then finishing off with the flower arrangements, the old church (now hall) also had to be cleaned.

Sons Alan and Trevor joined the Boys Club and spent many happy hours there along with several others. They also became Atlar Boys.

Daughters Sharon and Nicole joined CEGS. They loved dressing up in the smart uniform. They also participated in the Swimming and Athletic Carnivals. The first year Nicole ran up at Perry Lakes Stadium she won her race but afterwards came up to the stand where we were, her disc showed she was placed last. I stormed out to the centre of the stadium and fronted the Officials claiming my daughter had indeed passed the post in first place and referred across to John Smith-Gander who was an Official at the finishing line, he attested to Nicole winning. So Nicole was then happy and Melville has also gained maximum points. Competition was fierce. When I stormed out onto the stadium I had a scarf over the curlers in my hair (Frank and I were going out that night). I must have looked at sight!!

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Over the years we have been involved in the entertainment side and often worked with Neville and Isobel Muggeridge, they were good times.

Another very fruitful and enjoyable time was working with Les Waters who set up the Weekly Giving, we worked for several weeks in the old Church Hall.

Holy Cross is a great Church and has wonderful Parishioners.

Joy Worrall

Mainly Music

Mainly music is back from its short break for the School Holidays.

Our first session for the new term was Wednesday 20th July 2016. Welcome back to all of our children, parents and volunteers.

Car Park – New Markings

New lines delineating car parks have been painted on the car park. The old ones were very faint.

Also, there is now a “no parking” area in front of the main walkway into the church.

The concrete bollards in front of the church have also been painted a bright yellow to make them more visible.

Attend Church, Live Longer

Going to church can help you live longer. That is the finding of a recent analysis of the lives of more than 74,000 women over a 16 year-period. The more regular churchgoers were 33 per cent less likely to die during that time than those who never attended services. Even those who go to church occasionally had better survival rates.

The researchers at the TH Chan School of Public Health at Harvard suggested that the reasons might be that churchgoers smoked less, were less lonely and felt more optimistic about life.

Trump 'antithesis' of Christian Values

With Donald Trump set to become the Republican presidential candidate, a number of senior American church leaders including the Revd. Jim Wallis and the Revd. Brian McLaren have signed an open letter in which they describe him as 'vulgar'.

The letter, which has been published online, says: 'Trump's highly visible and vulgar racial and religious demagoguery presents a danger but also an opportunity to publicly expose and resist the worst of American values'.

Donald Trump's message and the way he communicates it is the antithesis of Christian values, and it is time for faith leaders to say so."

For the full letter, go to:
<http://www.calledtoresist.org/>

Preachers Told: Content Over Comedy

A recent survey by Christian Research of 1,800 church-goers has discovered that almost nine out of 10 of us (88 per cent) disagree or strongly disagree that the idea of a sermon being preached in church each week is outdated.

But when asked what they wanted to see most in a sermon, men in particular (49 per cent) most wanted to hear biblical exposition (women 39 per cent). Women wanted to hear even more practical application (44 per cent) than men (36 per cent). A sense of humour is only perceived as important by two per cent and personal anecdotes by one per cent.

The age of the rambling sermon is over, too. The most common sermon lasts between 10 and 20 minutes (44 per cent). Only 15 per cent of sermons last more than 30 minutes and only one in 10 think a sermon should last any longer than that.

Mary Sumner

Founder of the Mothers' Union

This month the Mothers' Union celebrates its 140th anniversary. It has a lot to celebrate, what with four million members doing good work in 83 countries. That is a far cry from the modest circle of prayer for mothers who cared about family life, which is how it all began with a rector's wife, Mary Sumner.

Mary was born in late 1828 in Swinton, near Manchester. When she was four, her family moved to Herfordshire. Mary's father, Thomas Heywood, was a banker and historian. Her mother has been described as a woman of "faith, charm and sympathy" – qualities which Mary certainly inherited. Mrs Heywood also held informal 'mothers' meetings' at her home, to encourage local women. Those meetings may well have inspired Mary's later work.

Mary was educated at home, spoke three foreign languages, and sang well. While in her late teens, on a visit to Rome she met George Sumner, a son of the Bishop of Winchester. It was a well-connected family: George's uncle became Archbishop of Canterbury, and his second cousin was William Wilberforce. Mary and George married in July 1848, soon after his ordination. They moved to Old Alresford in 1851 and had three children: Margaret, Louise and George. Mary dedicated herself to raising her children and supporting her husband's ministry by providing music and Bible classes.

When in 1876 Mary's eldest daughter Margaret, gave birth, Mary was reminded how difficult she had found the burden of motherhood. Soon she decided to hold a meeting to which she invited the local women not only of her own class, but also all the village mothers. Her aim was to find out if women could be brought together to offer each other prayer and mutual support in their roles as wives and mothers. That meeting at Old Alresford Rectory was the inaugural meeting of the Mothers' Union.

For 11 years, the Mothers' Union was limited to Old Alresford. Then in 1885 the Bishop of Newcastle invited Mary to address the women churchgoers of the Portsmouth Church Congress, some 20 miles away. Mary gave a passionate speech about the poor state of national morality, and the vital need for women to use their vocation as mothers to change the nation for the better. A number of the women present went back to their parishes to found mothers' meetings on Sumner's pattern. Soon, the Mothers' Union spread to the dioceses of Ely, Exeter, Hereford, Lichfield and Newcastle. By 1892, there were already 60,000 members in 28 dioceses, and by 1900 there were 169,000 members. By the time Mary died in 1921, she had seen MU cross the seas and become an international organisation of prayer and good purpose.

Rosters: From Sunday 7th August to Sunday 25th September 2016

Date	Media	Money	Reading	Prayers	Communion	Altar	Welcome	Kitchen
Sun 7 th Aug	Peter B	David D & Tom B	David D	Jill B	Jill B	Carol & JJ	Ida & Alice	Margaret & Ida
Sun 14 th Aug	Mike A	Peter B & David J	Jill B	Beryl	Beryl	Carol & JJ	Ida & Alice	Joy & Frank
Sun 21 st Aug	Peter B	Pat & Betty S	Norma T	Priest	Adele	Carol & JJ	Ida & Alice	Adele & Mike
Sun 28 th Aug	Mike A	David D & Tom B	Pat T	Beryl	Beryl	Carol & JJ	Ida & Alice	Hazel & Sheri
Sun 4 th Sep	Peter B	Peter B & David J	Beryl S	Jill	Jill	Sheri	Hazel & Alice	Margaret & Ida
Sun 11 th Sep	Mike A	Pat & David D	Jill B	Priest	Adele	Sheri	Hazel & Alice	Joy & Frank
Sun 18 th Sep	Peter B	Peter B & Tom B	Pat T	Jill B	Jill B	Sheri	Hazel & Alice	Adele & Mike
Sun 25 th Sep	Mike A	Tom B & David J	David D	Beryl	Beryl	Sheri	Hazel & Alice	Hazel & Sheri

Note:

If you are unable to fulfil your roster duty on your rostered day, please try to find someone to swap with and let the Locum Priest or Jill know. If you cannot find anyone, please contact Jill.

THE BIG CATCH OF FISH

The disciples had spent all night out on the lake fishing.

As the sun rose a man on the shore asked them,

"Have you caught anything?" They answered,

"Not a thing". He said to them

"Throw your net out on the right side of the boat and you will catch some."

So they threw the net out and could not pull it back in because they had caught so many fish.

Then John recognised the man and said, "It is the Lord"

When they reached the shore there was a fire burning and some bread.

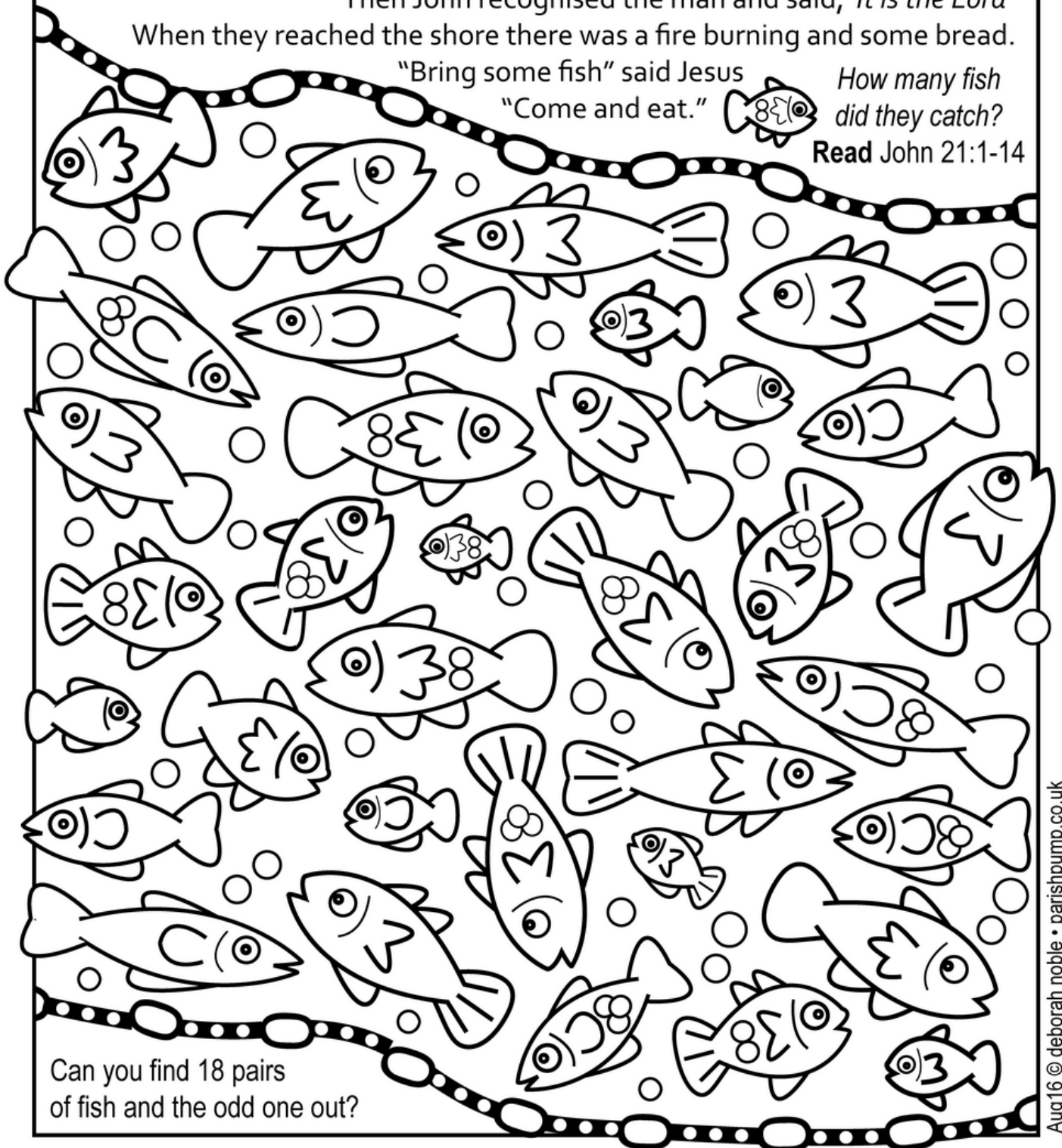
"Bring some fish" said Jesus

"Come and eat."

How many fish
did they catch?

Read John 21:1-14

Mouse Makes



Can you find 18 pairs
of fish and the odd one out?

Service Times

Wed 3rd August (Green)

09:30 am Morning Prayers

Sun 7th August (Green)

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

09:00 am Service

09:00 am Sunday Club

Wed 10th August (Green)

09:30 am Morning Prayers

Sun 14th August (Green)

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

09:00 am Service

Wed 17th August (Green)

09:30 am Morning Prayers

Sun 21st August (Green)

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

09:00 am Service

Wed 24th August (Green)

09:30 am Morning Prayers

Sun 28th August (Green)

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

09:00 am Service

Wed 31st August (Green)

09:30 am Morning Prayers

Sun 4th September (Green)

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

09:00 am Service

09:00 am Sunday Club

Wed 7th September (Green)

09:30 am Morning Prayers

Sun 11th September (Green)

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

09:00 am Service

For Your Diary

Tue 2nd August

09:00 am Bible Study

Wed 3rd August

10:30 am Mainly Music

Thu 4th August

09:30 am Craft Group

03:00 pm Kids Plus

Tue 9th August

07:00 pm Church Council

Wed 10th August

10:30 am Mainly Music

Thu 11th August

03:00 pm Kids Plus

Tue 16th August

09:00 am Bible Study

Wed 17th August

10:30 am Mainly Music

Thu 18th August

09:30 am Craft Group

03:00 pm Kids Plus

Wed 24th August

10:30 am Mainly Music

Thu 25th August

09:30 am Craft Group

03:00 pm Kids Plus

