

ANGLICAN CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

Newsletter April 2017



Holy Week Services at Holy Cross, Melville

Palm Sunday (9th April)

9:00 am

Visit of Bishop Kate Wilmot.

Procession of the Palms and Holy Communion.

Maundy Thursday (13th April)

6:00 pm

Foot Washing, Holy Communion and Meal
(cost \$10, registration essential).

Good Friday (14th April)

2:00 pm

Reflection on the Cross until the Death of Jesus.

Easter Day (16th April)

9:00 am

A Holy Communion Service.

Lighting of the Paschal Candle and
Celebrating the resurrection of Christ.



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Welcome to Holy Cross Church.

We hope that you find the worship uplifting and that your relationship with Jesus Christ is enriched through it.

Sunday Club: is held during school term on the first Sunday of the month at 9:00 am. Next Sunday Club is on Sunday 2nd April 2017.

Change table is in the disabled toilet.

Hard of Hearing: an AUDIO LOOP operates throughout the church area. Please use your “T” setting to make use of this.

Gluten Intolerant: gluten free wafers are available. If required, please speak to the service leader.

Morning Tea: 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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The Peace We Give

For those who did not grow up with the historic Christian liturgy, the passing of the peace before communion appears to be a fancy form of the “greet your neighbour” portion of the modern worship service. In evangelicalism, the purpose for greeting one’s neighbour is twofold:

1. make newcomers feel welcome and connected so that they return and eventually join the church; and,
2. give friends a time to say hello to each other.

In the historic liturgy, the offering of peace to each other does not come at the beginning of the worship service, but before the offering and the Eucharistic prayer. It comes after the reading of the scriptures and the preaching of the sermon. In other words, we offer our peace to each other in response to God’s word. Our peace is not the natural state of affairs; it exists only because it has been created by the word of God, and by what God has done for us in Jesus Christ.

When we offer peace to each other, it is an act of faith, believing that God has called and empowered us to do this.

As we greet one another we shake hands and if acceptable give a hug. We need to keep eye contact with the person we are giving the peace to and after according that brother/sister in Christ move to the next person to whom you are giving peace.

The greeting of “Peace” has its roots in the ancient Hebrew greeting of “Shalom.” The Hebrew word encompasses a wide variety of meanings: peace between people or nations, peace between God and human beings, human welfare or well-being, safety, or a quiet, restful state of mind. Shalom is “wholeness,” a life where things are as they should be. The church took over the greeting of peace from its Jewish forebears, and Islam carried it into Arabic. At its most basic, when people greet one another with the word “peace,” it means “you don’t have to be afraid of me and I wish for your well being.”

The Peace We Give (Cont'd)

“Peace” became a common Christian greeting very early in the New Testament era. The oldest Christian document in the New Testament is a letter (1 Thessalonians) in which Paul begins, *“Grace and peace to you.”* Peter, Jude and the author of Revelation also begin their letters with greetings of peace. Paul starts most of his letters this way, usually adding *“from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”*

While Christians share the greeting of “peace” with our Jewish kinfolk and our Muslim neighbours, we understand it in a way that they do not. Peace is a gift of God the Father given through the Lord Jesus Christ. The peace that we wish for another is rooted in the one who is himself our peace.

In fact, when we say “Peace be with you,” we are saying the very same words that the risen Jesus said when he greeted his disciples after the resurrection. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus once again speaks through us these words of blessing and comfort.

By using this ancient and biblical greeting in our worship, we are saying that we aren’t just any group of people who happen to be meeting together as friends. We are the church of Jesus Christ. Our unity – our peace – is not rooted in the fact that we happen to like playing golf together or our kids are on the same soccer team or even in our ordinary human friendships; we are together as brothers and sisters in worship because of and through Jesus Christ.

When we gather as the church to worship, even our greeting reminds us of the basis of our union with each other in this place.

The Peace We Give (Cont'd)

In fact, the greeting of peace moves us beyond ordinary human friendships. We give the same greeting of peace to those to whom we feel close, and to those we don't. Before we come to the communion table, we even offer the greeting of peace to those who might be our enemies. Jesus said, *"If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift."* (Matthew 5:23-24)

When we greet each other in peace before we share communion, we are fulfilling Jesus' command. We only offer our Eucharist – our offering of praise and thanksgiving – after we are reconciled to each other. The fellowship of the table is not only a sign of peace between God and his people, it is also a sign of peace among God's people. To come to the table without reconciling oneself with one's neighbour is a sham.

So sometimes "passing the peace" can be a little uncomfortable. It can remind us of how broken and incomplete our relationships with our brothers and sisters really are. We can and should offer peace to another, not based in our natural human emotions or affections, but in faith that Jesus has indeed established peace for us and among us. Faith drives us to live in that peace and claim that peace, even if we don't feel it and even if in our sinfulness we sometimes fall short of it. To greet one another in peace is an act of faith, and it should compel us to make that peace more real among us.

Finally, the peace is not just a greeting we share before we come to the table, it is a priestly blessing that we offer each other. In the liturgy, the sharing of peace not only precedes the offering of the Eucharist, it concludes the prayers of the people. In pronouncing peace upon each other we are, in effect, praying for each other.

The Peace We Give (Cont'd)

We are asking God to give peace, in all its fullness, to our brothers and sisters in Christ. "Peace be with you" is a blessing that we pronounce in the name and power of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. All of the baptized are members of a "royal priesthood," called and empowered by the Holy Spirit to offer the blessings of the risen Christ to the world.

Revd. Graeme

Order of St Luke

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

Date: Sunday 2nd April 2017

Time: 4:00 pm

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

Topic: Taking pain to the cross

All are welcome, especially the newly bereaved.

Please contact the chaplain on
0438 935 164 if you require further
information.

Passover Meal and Service

On Thursday April 13th at 6:00 pm
there will be a service for Maundy
Thursday.

The evening will consist of a service
remembering the Passover and
includes foot washing.

The night will be followed by a
meal and then will finishing in the
church where the adornments are
removed.

The cost is \$10.00 and registration
is essential for catering purposes.

All welcome

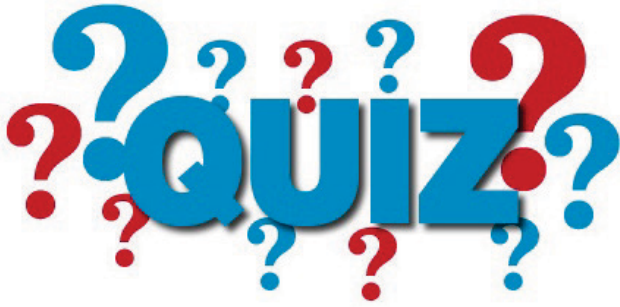
Note:

Good Friday Service is at 2.00 pm

Gardening

The gardens need weeding – on the
western boarder of the carpark and
the two main gardens, paths need
a sweep especially the entry to the
church – this needs to be done
before April 9th - no busy bee just
do it as you can.

Jill



Our Quiz Night is on again.
Organise yourself and five friends
to make up a table of six.
There will be door prizes and a
raffle for a Gourmet Hamper (raffle
\$2 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5)

- Where:** Anglican Church
of the Holy Cross
When: Friday April 2017
6:30 pm for a
7:00 pm start
Cost: \$20 per person
(maximum 6 per table)
Covers entrance and all
competitions.
Note: Bring your own drinks &
nibbles
Bookings: Contact Jill on
0417 178 688

Note

Items are required for the Gourmet
Hamper. Your assistance with this
would be greatly appreciated.

Child Protection Training

*Holy Cross organised & hosted a 4 hour
'Child Protection Training Course' on
Sunday 26th March.*

Thanks to the Diocese in particular
Tracie Chambers Clarke, the City of
Melville and Andrea Musulin the
presenter for a very successful
education session on Protective
Behaviours for Children.

Organising and hosting this event
was a great way for Holy Cross to
develop relationships with the
wider community.

A big thank you to those who
assisted on the day, the afternoon
tea was very much appreciated.
The following comments are from
people who attended:-

'Brilliant – Thank you.'

*'Probably the most important
education I have ever received –
Thank you.'*

*'Thank you for a wonderful
afternoon tea! Thank you for
presenting this to the community.'*

*'I feel much more prepared to
protect my 3 girls – THANK YOU.'*

*'Many thanks to Andrea and Holy
Cross.'*

Vale – Cecily Sinclair Smith

4th June 1920 – 14th March 2017

The following is from the Order of Service used at Cecily's funeral held at the Anglican Church of the Holy Cross, Melville on 23rd March 2017.



In 1941 Cecily enlisted in the Army as a member of the Voluntary Aid Detachment [VAD], and ultimately became a member of the Australian Army Medical Women's Service at its inception a year or so later, serving in Western Australia and New South Wales as an Assistant Nurse, Medical Clerk and Radiographer.

This was followed by a posting to New Britain in 1945, just after VJ Day. She was eventually discharged in 1946, in the rank of Sergeant.

A working holiday overseas in New Guinea, the United Kingdom and East Africa occupied the next 5 years following her discharge. Cecily then returned to Western Australia to commence her General Nursing Training at Royal Perth Hospital in 1953. She remained on the staff of RPH until commencement of her Midwifery Training at St Margaret's Hospital for Women in Sydney, in 1958.

Always inclined toward Army Nursing, Cecily joined the Reserve of Officers on completion of her general training in 1956 and was appointed a Lieutenant in the RAANC ACMF in July 1957, and posted to 11 RAANC Training Company.

Cecily Sinclair Smith (cont'd)

In March 1959, she was appointed to the ARA and posted firstly to 3 Camp Hospital Puckapunyal, then to the British Military Hospital, Kamunting in Malaya in September of the following year.

Following her return to Australia in 1961, she was posted to various hospitals and medical centres throughout the country until November 1966 when she was posted to the 1st Battalion Pacific Island Regiment, in Port Moresby and remained there for two years.

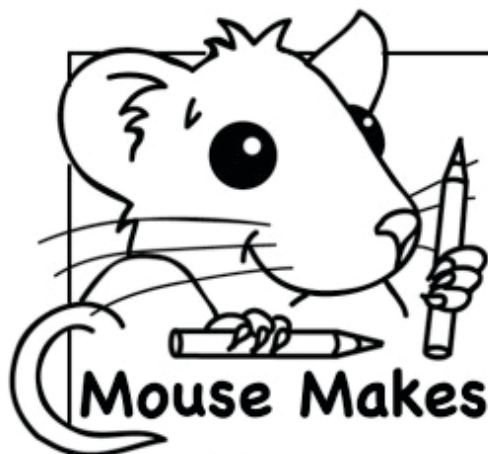
Further posting in Australia occurred from 1969 to 1971. Cecily was then promoted the Lieutenant Colonel and posted to Singapore as the Matron of the ANZUK Military Hospital at Changi, a position she held until 1973 when she was posted back to Australia as Matron of 1 Military Hospital Yeronga, in Queensland.

She was appointed Matron-In-Chief and Director Army Nursing in 4th March 1974 and Queen's Honorary Nursing Sister in August 1974.

She was awarded the "Royal Red Cross" in January 1977 and, the "National Medal" in May 1978.

On 4th June 1976, Cecily retired from the RAANC and succeeded Brigadier McCarthy as Honorary Colonel and Representative Honorary Colonel on 28th May 1981 until 1986.





Colour in the cross, cut out and glue onto card to make an Easter card.



HAPPY EASTER

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JESUS IS ALIVE!

Read the Easter story in Luke 22-24



"God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in Him may not be lost, but have eternal life."

John 3:16



+ **THE CROSS** +
is a symbol of
DEATH

It reminds us how God's Son, Jesus, was put to death by being nailed to a cross.

+ **THE CROSS** +
is a symbol of
LIFE

It reminds us that Jesus has risen from the dead and is alive with God in heaven.



+ **THE CROSS** +
is a symbol of
LOVE

It reminds us God loves us so much that through His Son Jesus we can become God's children too.

+ **THE CROSS** +
is a symbol of
HOPE

It reminds us that as God's children we will one day be with God in heaven.

Rosters: From Sunday 2nd April 2017 to Sunday 7th May

Date	Media	Money	Reading	Prayers	Communion	Altar	Welcome	Kitchen
Sun 2 nd April	Peter	Peter Tom	JJ	Jill	JJ	Ida	Margaret Alice	Adele Mike
Palm Sunday 9 th April	Mike	Pat Tom	David D	Jill	Jill	Ida	Margaret Alice	Hazel Sheri
Good Friday 14 th April								
Easter Sunday 16 th April	Peter	David D Tom	Norma	Graeme	JJ	Ida	Margaret Alice	Margaret Ida
Sun 23 th April	Mike	David J David D	Pat	Beryl	Beryl	Ida	Margaret Alice	Joy Frank
Sun 30 th April	Peter	Peter David J	David D	Jill	Adele	Ida	Margaret Alice	Adele Mike
Sun 7 th May	Peter	Peter David D	Jill	Graeme	Jill	Carol	Ida Alice	Hazel Sheri
Sun 14 th May	Mike	David J Pat	Pat	Jill	Adele	Carol	Ida Alice	Margaret Ida
Sun 21 st May	Peter	Peter David D	Beryl	Graeme	Jill	Carol	Ida Alice	Joy Frank

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.

For Your Diary



Wed 5 April

10:30 am Mainly Music

Thu 6 April

04:00 pm Kids Plus

(Last session this term)

Sun 9 April

Palm Sunday

09:00 am Service with visit from
Bishop Kate Wilmot

Wed 12 April

10:30 am NO Mainly Music
(School Holidays)

07:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Thu 13 April

Maundy Thursday

06:00 pm Passover Service and
Evening Meal
(cost \$10.00)

Wed 19 April

10:30 am NO Mainly Music
(School Holidays)

Wed 26 April

10:30 am Mainly Music

Fri 28 April

06:30 pm Quiz Night

Thu 11 May

04:00 pm Kids Plus

(first session for Term II)

How To Stop Church Gossip

Lucy, the church gossip and self-appointed monitor of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business. Several members did not approve of her activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence.

She made a mistake, however, when she accused Stan, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old pickup parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon.

She emphatically told Stan (and several others) that everyone seeing it there would know what he was doing!

Stan, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just turned and walked away. He didn't explain, defend, or deny. He said nothing.

Later that evening, Stan quietly parked his pickup in front of Lucy's house walked home and left it there all night.

Service Times

Sun 2nd April (Violet)

09:00 am Service

09:00 am Sunday Club

Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14.

Romans 8: 6 – 11.

John 11: 1 – 45.

04:00 pm Order of St Luke

Wed 5th April (Violet)

09:30 am Morning Prayers

Psalm 82.

Exodus 8: 20 – 9: 12.

Luke 20: 27 – 47.

Sun 9th April (Red)

Palm Sunday

09:00 am Service

Isaiah 50: 4 – 9.

Psalm 31: 9 – 18.

Philippians 2: 5 – 11.

Matthew 26: 14 – 27: 66.

Wed 12th April (Violet)

No Morning Prayers (School Holidays)

Thu 13th April (White/Violet/Red)

Maundy Thursday

06:00 pm Service & Passover Meal

Exodus 12: 1 – 14.

Psalm 116: 1 – 2, 11 – 18.

1 Corinthians 11: 23 – 26.

John 13: 1 – 17, 31 – 35.

Fri 14th April (Red)

Good Friday

02:00 pm Service

Isaiah 52: 13 – 53: 12.

Psalm 22.

1 Corinthians 1: 18 – 31.

John 18: 1 – 19: 42.

Sun 16th April (White)

Easter Day

09:00 am Service

Acts 10: 34 – 43.

Psalm 118: 1 – 2, 14 – 24.

Colossians 3: 1 – 4.

Matthew 28: 1 – 10.

Wed 19th April (White)

No Morning Prayers (School Holidays)

Sun 23rd April (White)

09:00 am Service

Acts 2: 14, 22 – 32.

Psalm 16.

1 Peter 1: 1 – 12.

John 20: 19 – 31.

Wed 26th April (White)

09:30 am Morning Prayers

Psalm 103.

Exodus 16: 1 – 21.

Luke 24: 1 – 12.

Sun 30th April (White)

09:00 am Service

Acts 2: 14, 36 – 41.

Psalm 116: 1 – 4, 11 – 18.

1 Peter 1: 13 – 25.

Luke 24: 13 – 35.

Wed 3rd April (Red)

09:30 am Morning Prayers

Psalm 27.

Job 23: 1 – 12.

Acts 2: 37 – 47.

Community **Fun** SUPPORT **LOVE** **Smile** Family **Share** ENJOY **Not just 4 Sundays!**
welcome join in HAPPY

KidsPlus+

A fun church group for children
aged from 4 years with games,
crafts, stories & and much more.

A 6 week program

Starting on

Thursday 11th May 2017 at 4:00 pm



Holy Cross Church 56 McLean Street Melville 6156
For more details contact Jill: 0417 178 688



Quiz Night



Where: Anglican Church of the Holy Cross
56 McLean Street, MELVILLE 6156



When: Friday 28th April 2017
6:30 pm for a 7:00 pm start



Cost: \$20 per person (max of 6 per table)
Covers entrance and all competitions



Raffle: Gourmet Hamper
\$2 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5



Note: Bring your own drinks and nibbles

Bookings: Telephone Jill on 0417 178 688