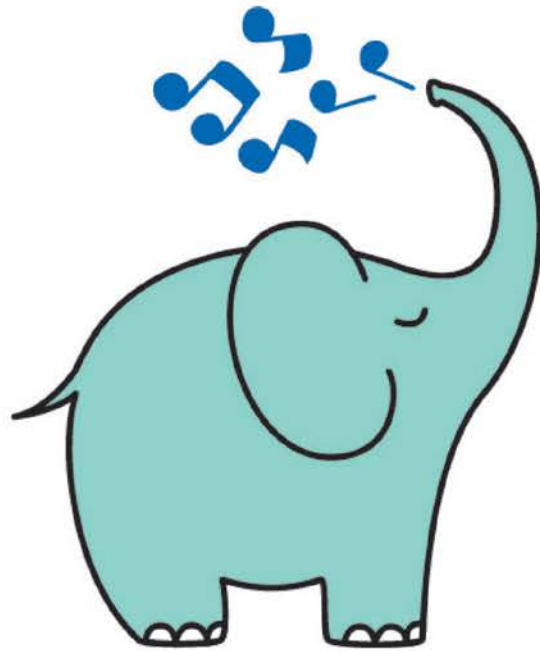


# ANGLICAN CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

## Newsletter



## August 2017



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**WEDNESDAY'S**

**10:30 am to 11:30 am**

**(During school term Time)**

**For Parents &  
Young Children**

**\$7.00 per family**

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<http://www.perth.anglican.org/who-are-we/diocesan-bulletin/>

**Cover:** Rainbow Over Rottnest  
looking south across  
Thompson's Bay,  
Rottnest Island.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> August 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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## How Do People Encounter God?

Human beings from ancient days have looked to the skies in a state of wonder, and attributed the scope and beauty of what they see to a Creator. For those who believe in God, that sense of wonder has increased in recent years as science has made us increasingly aware of how very unlikely it has been that life of any kind happened.

Like many people, Christians look at nature and marvel. In it they find powerful evidence for the existence of God. It speaks of the character of God – powerful, eternal and with a special place for humans in His purposes. However, it also poses unsettling questions about God, because nature is a place in which catastrophes can overtake men and women in a way that seems meaningless and entirely unfair.

Deep down in human nature is a curiosity that leads us again and again to speculate that there may be a God. These encounters take place in circumstances in which we confront something that money cannot buy.

Sometimes it is a shock that leads to these questions – the loss of a job, a friend or health. Sometimes it is joy – such as the birth of children and the longing to give them a future full of hope.

Sometimes it is disappointment that the activities of life do not make us feel fulfilled. Occasionally people encounter God through supernatural experiences that they cannot explain.

There are many circumstances in which people find their attention grabbed by the possibility that God might be making Himself known to them. However, Christians have always recognised that the most significant way that God has made Himself known is through a specific event in history. God has lived in a human body. At the start of the first century AD, God inhabited human flesh, and walked and talked on this planet - Jesus, the founder of the Christian faith.

When a child asks, 'What is God like?' a good answer would be, 'He is like Jesus.' Christians study Jesus' life and teaching because they appear to answer some of the questions they have about God.

## **Acts for Everyone**

With over 3,000 people becoming Christians at Pentecost, the early Church was established in Jerusalem (Acts 2: 42-47). This new community is a yardstick for what church can be like in every age, including our own.

### **A learning community:**

*'They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching.'* (42). The new Christians were eager to learn from the apostles about their new faith. They were a community that was always learning. Is this true for us: ourselves, in groups and as a church family?

### **A loving community:**

They had *'everything in common'* (44) and gave *'to anyone as he had need'* (45). This was an expression of the *'fellowship'* (42) they enjoyed with one another. This doesn't mean that normal Christian community has no private ownership, but the church is to offer a radically different community to the world around. It reflects the loving relationship found in God himself. Is this true of our church life?

### **A worshipping community:**

*'Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God.'* (46, 47). They met both in the temple, and in homes to worship. It was a heartfelt response to all that Jesus had done in their lives. Is such worship the basis of the whole of their lives, not just what we do on Sunday?

### **A witnessing community:**

This community shone out with God's love, resulting in them *'enjoying the favour of all the people.'* (47). The impact of this resulted in *'the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.'* (47). Can we say this of our own church? *'we need to humble ourselves before His sovereign authority... not to quench Him but to allow Him His freedom'* (John Stott).

## **Annual Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

The Annual Meeting of Enrolled Members (AM) was held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June after the 09:30 am service.

The Revd. Graeme Varvel opened the meeting with a reading from Ephesians Chapter 2 followed by a short homily on the reading and prayer.

The reports to the Meeting were presented and a copy is available online from the Church's website.

One of the most important functions of the AM is to elect the members of the Parish Council.

The AM agreed that there should be eight members of Council and they are:

Jill Bowman: Warden  
Sue Saunders: Secretary  
Peter Bowman: Treasurer  
Emma Charlton: Councillor  
Sheri McCarthy: Councillor  
Tom Berg: Councillor  
David Dawson: Councillor  
David Joachim: Councillor

## **Treasurer' Report**

Following is a summary of the income and expenses for the first two months of the financial year (May & June 2017).

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$</b>
Giving	7,922.70
Facilities Hire	2,414.55
Other	726.86
<b>Expenses</b>	
Clergy	5,019.60
Synod Asment	1,450.00
Maintenance	880.00
Utilities	675.96
Other	1,478.50
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>935.39</b>





Please join us for happy hour this August. It's International Sons and Daughters Day so bring along your family.

**When:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August  
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

**Where:** Anglican Church of  
The holy Cross  
56 McLean Street  
Melville

**BYO:** Drinks & Nibbles

## Baby Massage

Learn what your baby is telling you! Cue-based infant massage uses gentle, safe massage strokes and loving verbal communication to deepen the relationship between YOU and your BABY.

Course 14 Aug – 11 Sept is fully booked for more information call Sue 0437613648



## Mainly Music & Kids Plus

Mainly music is in full swing & Kid Plus has started again for this term (3 Aug – 7 September) .

Please pass on the word we would love to see more little people benefiting from the programs.

Volunteers for both programs are needed. If you would like to join the teams or know of anyone else who would please let Graeme or Jill know.

## Seeds of Hope

### Grace Academy Choir

Sue Sherwin, Betty Rushforth's daughter who lives in Exmouth, has been involved with the Seeds of Hope Charity, in particular the Grace Academy a School and home for orphans living in Zambia. A team of people including people from the Exmouth Anglican Church has been organising a trip to Australia for 10 members of the Academies Choir. They are visiting Sydney, Perth and the Pilbara. These young people are aged between 12 and 18 years and have faced many struggles in their young life's.

Holy Cross has been approached to help out with the trip by supplying accommodation at the church, some meals and showers. The parish council would like your support to show these young Christians some great Western Australian Christian hospitality.

They will be flying in from Sydney on the 18th August on their way to Exmouth. Following their tour of Exmouth and the surrounding areas they will be returning to Perth before they leave for home. We will be hosting them on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> August and Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> September.

On Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> September an event is being held at Holy Cross with the Choir performing (please see the flyer). The tickets will be \$10 per person (children Free) all the money raised will be going directly to the visitors. A great opportunity to invite friends for a fun event.

The following is a list of items the Academy is in great need of.

- School Back packs
- Underwear and socks for boys and girls of all ages
- Bras and bracelets
- Shoes and runners.

If you feel you would like to contribute please bring the items to the church by the 1<sup>st</sup> of September.



## Census 2016 & Religion

The religious makeup of Australia has changed gradually over the past 50 years. In 1966, Christianity (88 per cent) was the main religion. By 1991, this figure had fallen to 74 per cent, and further to the 2016 figure. Catholicism is the largest Christian grouping in Australia, accounting for almost a quarter (22.6 per cent) of the Australian population.

Australia is increasingly a story of religious diversity, with Hinduism, Sikhism, Islam, and Buddhism all increasingly common religious beliefs. Hinduism had the most significant growth between 2006 and 2016, driven by immigration from South Asia.

The growing percentage of Australia's population reporting no religion has been a trend for decades, and is accelerating. Those reporting no religion increased noticeably from 19 per cent in 2006 to 30 per cent in 2016. The largest change was between 2011 (22 per cent) and 2016, when an additional 2.2 million people reported having no religion.

How likely a person was to identify as religious in 2016 had a lot to do with their age. Young adults aged 18-34 were more likely to be affiliated with religions other than Christianity (12 per cent) and to report not having a religion (39 per cent) than other adult age groups. Older age groups, particularly those aged 65 years and over, were more likely to report Christianity.

### Australian Religion Top 20 (2016)

No Religion	30.1%
Catholic	22.6%
Anglican	13.3%
Uniting Church	3.7%
Christian (Not defined)	2.6%
Islam	2.6%
Buddhism	2.4%
Eastern Orthodox	2.1%
Hindu	1.9%
Baptist	1.5%
Pentecostal	1.1%
Lutheran	0.7%
Sikhism	0.5%
Other Protestant	0.5%
Judaism	0.4%
Jehovahs Witness	0.4%
7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist	0.3%
Latter Day Saints	0.3%
Oriental Orthodox	0.2%

## Census 2016 & Religion

After Australia abolished the White Australia Policy in 1966, migration grew from non-European countries where religions other than Christianity were common. The proportion of people reporting to be affiliated with a religion other than Christianity had increased to 2.6% in 1991 but increased more rapidly in the last 25 years to 8.2% in 2016.

In the 10 years from 2006 to 2016, the proportion of people reporting a religion other than Christianity in the Census increased from 5.6% in 2006 to 8.2% in 2016. Although the increase was spread across most of the non-Christian religions, the top two were Hinduism (0.7% in 2006 to 1.9% in 2016) and Islam (1.7% to 2.6%).

The proportion of people reporting a religion or stating they had no religion varied between the States and Territories in 2016.

Victoria had the highest proportion reporting an affiliation with a religion other than Christianity and Tasmania reported the lowest.

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Older people, particularly those aged 65 years and over, were most likely to report Christianity (70%).

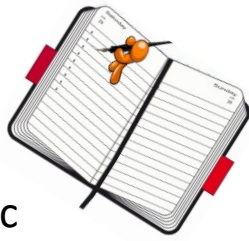
Men were less likely than women to report being Christian in 2016 (50% and 55% respectively). However there was little difference in the proportion reporting a religion other than Christianity (8.3% of men and 8.1 % of women).

Men (32%) were more likely than women (28%) to say they had no religion.

In 2016, nearly half (47%) of those born overseas reported an affiliation with a Christian religion, compared with 58% of the Australian-born population.

The overseas-born are less likely to report that they did not have a religion (27%) than the Australian-born (34%).

## For Your Diary



### Wed 2 August

10:30 am Mainly Music

### Wed 9 August

10:30 am Mainly Music

### Thu 10 August

04:30 pm Kids Plus

### Wed 16 August

10:30 am Mainly Music

### Thu 17 August

04:30 pm Kids Plus

### Fri 18 August

06:00 pm Happy Hour  
International Sons &  
Daughters Day –  
bring your family along.  
Sleepover –  
**Grace Academy Choir**

### Wed 23 August

10:30 am Mainly Music

### Thu 24 August

04:30 pm Kids Plus

### Sat 26 August

Deaf Awareness Training  
(Tentative & times to be confirmed)

### Wed 30 August

10:30 am Mainly Music

### Thu 31 August

04:30 pm Kids Plus

### Fri 1 September

07:30 pm **Grace Academy Choir**  
from Zambia return for  
another sleep over and  
this time a concert. See  
the flyer, spread the  
word this will be a great  
fun event – everyone  
welcome.  
See the ad on back page

### Wed 6 September

10:30 am Mainly Music

### Thu 7 September

04:30 pm Kids Plus

### Wed 13 September

10:30 am Mainly Music

### Wed 20 September

10:30 am Mainly Music

### Wed 27 September

No Mainly Music (School Holidays)

### Wed 4 October

No Mainly Music (School Holidays)

# Bible Bite

## A short story from the Bible

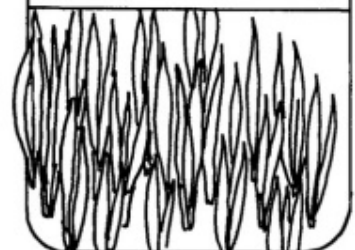
It can be read in the Bible in  
Matthew chapter 13:24-30,36-43

Jesus told this story to help explain  
what his Kingdom, the Kingdom of  
Heaven, is like...

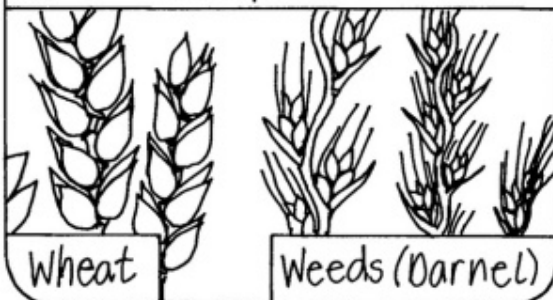
A farmer's workers sowed  
good wheat seed in his field.



When the seeds  
sprouted they  
looked the same



When the plants grew bigger  
the workers spotted the weeds



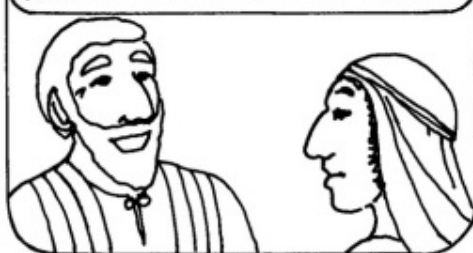
They asked the farmer



An enemy did this



No, you might pull up  
some wheat with them.  
Wait until harvest time



You will be able to sort them  
out, and put the wheat in the  
barn... and burn the weeds



People asked

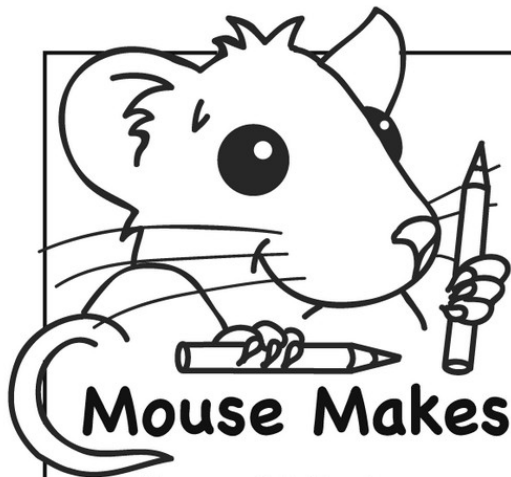


The field is the world  
and the good seeds are  
the good people



The angels will bring  
the good people to me  
in heaven.





## Mouse Makes

Where did God ask Jonah to go?

Read Jonah 1-4



What did Jesus tell his disciples *not* to take with them on their journey?

Read Matthew 10:9-10



Who spoke to Saul on his journey to Damascus?

Read Acts 9:3-8



What animal took Balaam to Moab?

Read Numbers 22:22



How did God guide the Israelites on their journey through the wilderness?

Read Exodus 13:21



Who did Abram take with him on his journey to Canaan?

and

Read Genesis 12:4-5



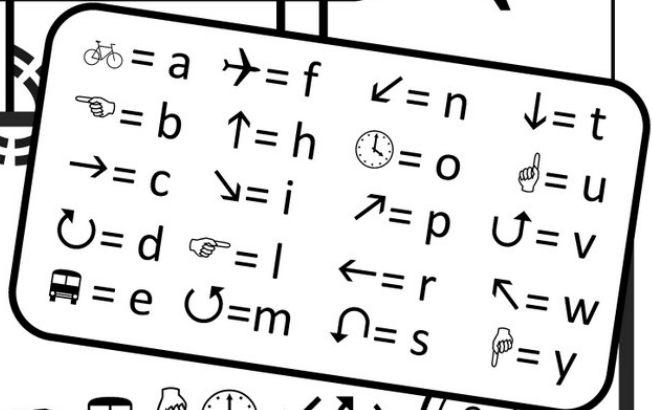
Have you ever been on a long journey?

Where did you go?

How long did it take you to get there?



The Bible reminds us that wherever we travel and wherever we go, God is with us!



Psalm 139: 9-10

Can you decipher the verse on the suitcase?

## Rosters: From Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017 to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Date	Media	Money	Reading	Prayers	LPM/LA	Altar	Welcome	Kitchen
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> August	Peter	Pat T David J	Norma T	Graeme	JJ	Sheri	Sheri Alice	Margaret Pat/Norma
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Mike	David D Tom B	David D	Jill	Adele	Sheri	Betty R Alice	Joy Frank
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Peter	Peter B Pat T	Jill B	Graeme	Jill B	Sheri	Hazel Alice	Adele Mike
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Mike	David D David J	Sue S	Beryl S	Beryl S	Sheri	Sheri Alice	Hazel Sheri
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Peter	Tom B David D	Beryl S	Jill B	Jill B	Carol JJ	Sheri Betty R	Margaret Pat/Norma
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Mike	Pat T David J	Peter B	Graeme	JJ Jill	Carol JJ	Betty R Alice	Adele Mike
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Peter	David D Tom B	David D	T.B.C.	Adele	Carol JJ	Alice Sheri	Hazel Sheri
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Mike	Peter B Pat T	Pat T	Jill B	Jill B	Carol JJ	Alice Margaret	Margaret Pat/Norma
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Peter	David D David J	Sue S	Graeme	Jill B	Carol JJ	Betty R Sheri	Joy Frank
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> October r	Mike	Tom B David D	Jill B Betty R	Jill B	JJ	Sheri	Betty R Alice	Adele Mike

**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.

## Service Times

### Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> August (Green)

09:30 am Morning Prayers  
Psalm 77.  
2 Samuel 11: 22 – 12:15.  
John 9: 1 – 17.

### Sun 6<sup>th</sup> August (Green)

09:00 am Service  
09:00 am Sunday Club  
Genesis 32: 22 – 31.  
Romans 9: 1 – 8, (9 – 16).  
Matthew 14: 13 – 21.

### Wed 9<sup>th</sup> August (Green)

09:30 am Morning Prayers  
Psalm 89: 39 – 53.  
2 Samuel 15: 7 – 23.  
John 11: 38 – 54.

### Sun 13<sup>th</sup> August (Green)

09:00 am Service  
Genesis 37: 1 – 4, 12 – 28.  
Psalm 105: 1 – 6, 16 – 22.  
Romans 10: 4 – 15.  
Matthew 14: 22 – 36.

### Wed 16<sup>th</sup> August (Green)

09:30 am Morning Prayers  
Psalm 105: 1 – 22.  
2 Samuel 18: 19 – 19: 8,  
Acts 16: 25 – 40.

### Sun 20<sup>th</sup> August (Green)

09:00 am Service  
Genesis 45: 1 – 15.  
Psalm 133.  
Romans 11: 13 – 32 (33 – 36).  
Matthew 15: (10 – 20), 21 – 28.

### Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> August (Green)

09:30 am Morning Prayers  
Psalms 124, 125, 126.  
2 Samuel 22: 1 – 16.  
Acts 19: 1 – 20.

### Sun 27<sup>th</sup> August (Green)

09:00 am Service  
Exodus 1: 8 – 2: 10.  
Psalm 124.  
Romans 12: 1 – 8.  
Matthew 16: 13 – 20.

### Wed 30<sup>th</sup> August (Green)

09:30 am Morning Prayers  
Psalms 148, 149.  
1 Kings 1: 1 – 31.  
Acts 21: 27 – 39.

### Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> September (Green)

09:00 am Service  
09:00 am Sunday Club  
Exodus 3: 1 – 15.  
Romans 12: 9 – 21.  
Matthew 16: 21 – 28.

### Wed 6<sup>th</sup> September (Green)

09:30 am Morning Prayers  
Psalms 18: 1 – 31.  
1 Kings 3: 16 – 28.  
Acts 24: 10 – 27.





# seeds of hope

HELPING ORPHANS AROUND THE WORLD



**FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**7.30PM**

Anglican Church of the Holy Cross  
56 McLean Street, Melville

*Join us to share the **Start of Spring**  
with sweets, singing and stories by the  
Zambian - Grace Academy Choir*

**Entry: \$10 (Children Free)**

All money collected will be given directly to our guests from Zambia

Contact: Jill 0417 178 688



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*The Grace Academy Students will be singing, dancing and sharing their own stories about life in Zambia*