

ANGLICAN CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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Cover: "Re:Generation"

by Artist Sonia Payes (2016)

This sculpture is located in the north west corner of Robert Street Park at the corner of Leach Highway and North Lake Road, Winthrop.

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 6th 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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Acts for Everyone

What gives us courage?

‘Unschoolled, ordinary men’ (Acts 4:13). That is how Peter and John were described by the authorities, having healed the cripple man at the Beautiful Gate. They were disturbed that the apostles were proclaiming that Jesus was alive and healing in His name. Their aim was the silence Peter and John (4:17), but they refused! What gave them the courage to stand for Jesus and how can we learn from this ourselves?

The authorities could not argue against the evidence of a changed life. The crippled man stood before them completely healed for the first time in 40 years (10). A powerful apologetic for the Christian Faith is the testimony of a changed life, for the authorities could say nothing (14). The story of our faith journey may not be as dramatic, but God can use it powerfully.

Peter also points to the authority of Jesus Christ, as the only name under heaven by which we can be saved (12). By raising Jesus from the dead, God marked him out as uniquely the Lord and Saviour of mankind. Christianity is not just another variety of religious experience, but a life changing relationship with Jesus, to which we can point others.

Finally, we are told that Peter is filled with the Spirit (8), as on the Day of Pentecost. The Spirit will give us the words and authority to speak and act in the name of Jesus. He enables to communicate the message in a way that people can understand and respond to.

The authorities were alarmed by the growth of the Church. However, they could not stop the apostles from talking about what they had seen and heard (4:20). It is still true today that Christianity will only grow when it talks; stop it talking and you stop it growing!

The Blame Game

‘It’s her fault!’ That, along with ‘it’s not fair!’ is among the first sentences most children learn. Something’s been broken, someone’s in tears, and the Blame Game has begun. The awful truth is, we don’t grow out of it. Look at any newspaper or watch daytime television and you’ll see it played out endlessly.

Years ago, a battle-hardened journalist told me that ‘in news there are no accidents’. Of course, in fact there are. But after every well-publicised incident the media and aggrieved parties ensure that the endless hunt for someone – anyone – to blame and punish goes on, even if it takes years.

When the tower in Siloam fell, the crowds didn’t ask Jesus who was to blame (they simply assumed it was an ‘act of God’). They wanted to know if the 18 victims were particular sinners, to suffer such a fate. No, he said, they weren’t – though they should all amend their ways.

The crowd weren’t concerned with blame, but consequence. It sometimes seems we’ve reversed that, in the modern world, and replaced consequence with blame. Somehow it will all be better if someone is punished – or is made to pay heavy compensation.

Every time we say the Lord’s Prayer we ask for forgiveness, but add ‘as we forgive those who sin against us’. It may well be their fault, but we are not seeking a penalty for it. That seems a healthy, if radical, alternative to the Blame Game.



The vicar's scheme to make the church more appealing to men seemed to be having a degree of success

Why Do Christians Pray?

Jesus taught his followers to talk to God in the same way that He did – like a child speaks to an adoring father. When they pray, Christians sense that they are in the presence of God. They are seeking to come close to the maker and shaper of the world's destiny. Christians lay open to God their deepest hope, happiness and anxiety. And they open themselves to God directing and changing them.

Those who take prayer to heart do not see it simply as a series of requests that God will change the world in the way they personally want. Rather it is an active way of participating in the working out of God's plan for the world. Prayer can involve words, silence, reading, responding to art, or listening.

Christians look for answers to their prayers in a change to their own actions and attitudes, and are overjoyed when the result is something that they recognise to be a miraculous intervention by God.

But despite that, God undoubtedly registers and responds in some way to all kinds of prayer – even the desperate cry in an emergency of someone who has barely even thought about whether He exists.

A conversation with God of this kind takes many forms:

- **Praising**

This involves a human being putting himself or herself in a place of appropriate humility in front of the God who is utterly holy, loving and just.

- **Thanking**

This is a way of recognising that everything that gives value or joy to life is the gift of a Creator, not merely good fortune.

- **Asking**

Prayers of this kind can be personal (such as begging for healing for a sick relative) or immense in scale (such as longing for the end of a war).

Why Do Christians Pray? (cont'd)

- **Seeking forgiveness**

This involves confession of something wrong (either personal or as part of a worldwide injustice) and a recognition that God has mercy on those who regret what they have done and seek to change.

- **Looking for guidance**

Prayer frequently asks God for direction, or seeks understanding in the face of the mysteries involved in being alive.



Holy Cross Day (14th Sept)

The sign of the Cross has been used by Christians since early times.

What is its significance? Well, people often put their initials or some sort of personal mark on something to show that it belongs to them. The Cross is the personal mark of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we mark it on ourselves as a sign that we belong to him. Even in the book of Revelation, we read that the servants of God are 'sealed' or 'marked' on their foreheads as a sign that they are His.

A preacher once put it this way: if you were explaining to someone how to make a cross, you would say: "Draw an I." That is you standing before the Lord, saying, 'here I am'. Then cancel that vertical stroke with a horizontal stroke – as if to say: "Lord, I abandon my self-will and make you the centre of my life instead. I abandon myself to your love and service."

On Holy Cross Day, we recall Jesus' wonderful promise: "And when I am lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32)



The Right Reverend Kate Wilmot
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Dear Brothers and Sisters

NEW ARCHBISHOP OF PERTH ELECTED

I write to share with you the highly anticipated announcement of the election of the eighth Archbishop of Perth.

After an extensive eight-month selection process involving a committee of 10 lay people and 10 priests, which was open to nominations from around the worldwide Anglican Communion, the Archbishop Election Committee elected a candidate who has served with distinction for almost a decade as a Bishop in the Australian Church.

The Right Reverend Kay Goldsworthy AO, currently Bishop of Gippsland, has been elected Archbishop of Perth and is looking forward to working with the people of the Diocese of Perth and the wider Western Australian community.

The Archbishop-elect has fulfilled her ministry for more than three decades in three Australian Dioceses and brings a breadth and depth of wisdom and an ability to collaborate with diverse members of the Church community.

Bishop Kay was one of the first women ordained to the priesthood in St George's Cathedral in 1992 by Archbishop Peter Carnley, and in 2008 she was consecrated as the first Bishop who was a woman in The Anglican Church of Australia by Archbishop Roger Herft.

Bishop Kay has a wealth of diocesan, national and international experience, including being a long-standing member of General Synod and a member of international Anglican Consultative Council and is also the first woman elected to the role of Archbishop in Australia.

Bishop Kay is well known in Perth and has displayed excellent leadership and hospitality across the Perth community. The Diocese is very much looking forward to welcoming Bishop Kay and her husband Jeri James.

Elected Bishop of Gippsland in 2014, Bishop Kay is now widely welcomed as a grounded leader and healer, able to work constructively and creatively with everyone in the Anglican community and beyond.

Bishop Kay's installation as the eighth Archbishop of Perth, and Metropolitan of the Province of Western Australia will take place in St George's Cathedral, Perth, on Saturday 10 February 2018.

We look forward to extending the hand of friendship and a warm welcome to the Archbishop-elect.

In Christ

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Archbishop-elect

Kay Goldsworthy will be Australia's first female archbishop.

The diocese of Perth yesterday named Kay Goldsworthy to lead the church in WA, making her the most senior female Anglican in the nation. She will replace Roger Herft, who stood aside last year after admitting he let down survivors of child sexual abuse in the wake of royal commission hearings.

Archbishop-elect Goldsworthy is now serving as Bishop of Gippsland in Victoria, and was previously an Assistant Bishop of Perth. She was among the first women in Australia to be ordained a priest and the first woman to be consecrated as a bishop in 2008.

Speaking to the West Australian, Archbishop-elect Goldsworthy signalled she was a supporter of gay marriage, but said her views were not those of the church as an institution.

"I think the diocese of Perth has been understood to be fairly inclusive on this particular topic and matter but that would not be the same for everybody in the diocese of Perth," she said.

"Personally, I am on the more inclusive end of this discussion and this issue in our lives."

Raised in Melbourne, Archbishop-elect Goldsworthy is married and has twin adult sons.

The ordination of female priests remains controversial in some wings of the Anglican Church. Even when holding the top rank in Perth, Archbishop-elect Goldsworthy will be restricted in performing certain religious duties in the conservative Sydney and northern WA dioceses.

Archbishop-elect Goldsworthy said her nomination for the top job was a significant moment in the life of the Church. When she was ordained in the early 1990's, female priests face a Supreme Court challenge.

Archbishop-elect (continued)

The Anglican Church in Perth has been without a leader since December when Archbishop Herft went into early retirement amid pressure over his handling of historic abuse cases in the Newcastle diocese, where he was bishop between 1993 and 2005.

Archbishop-elect Goldsworthy said the Church faced challenges in repairing its image and ensuring those who had been abused were properly cared for.

“I guess that we can reconsider our place as a place of welcome and safety for vulnerable people. That’s the picture of the gospel,” she said.

Locum

The Church Council has been informed by The Venerable Lionel Snell, Archdeacon of Perth that The Reverend Graeme Varvel’s term as locum at the Parish of Melville has been extended to the 28th February 2018.

Heaven

An elderly Anglican Archbishop and an elderly Roman Catholic Cardinal died within minutes of each other. They arrived at the Pearly Gates together and St Peter ushered them into a waiting room.

An hour or so later, they heard someone else arrive at the gates, and looked out to see a very young man wander in, looking rather surprised. But St Peter welcomed him with open arms, and ushered him straight on through into Heaven. When the Archbishop and Cardinal protested that they should have precedence, St Peter explained, ‘That young man has only been driving for six months, but in that short time he has put the fear of God into more people than both of your Graces have, in your whole lives.’

Treasurer' Report

The following Income and Expense report is for the first four months of this financial year (from May 17 to July 2017). The net result is we have a small surplus year to date of \$849.

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$	\$	\$
Giving	10,653.80	8,300.00	2,353.80
Grants	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Other	4,666.82	5,848.00	-1,181.18
Total Income	18,320.62	14,148.00	4,172.62
Total Expenses	17,471.85	14,831.00	2,640.85
Surplus	848.77	-683.00	1,531.77

Note

There was an unexpected expense in the purchase of a new refrigerator for the kitchen. The old one required repairs and it was more economical to purchase a new one that have the repairs done.

We received a grant from the Diocese of Perth to assist with the cost of some necessary maintenance to the church buildings.

We also received a grant from the City of Melville to offset the cost of putting on the Protective Behaviours course.

And of special note is, we have received an amount of \$30,000 from the estate of Cecily Smith to be used for the mission of the Church. This amount does not show in the figures above.

For Your Diary



Wed 6 September

10:30 am Mainly Music

Thu 7 September

04:30 pm Kids Plus

Wed 13 September

10:30 am Mainly Music

Thu 14 September

07:00 pm Parish Council Meeting

Wed 20 September

10:30 am Mainly Music

Wed 27 September

No Mainly Music (School Holidays)

Wed 4 October

No Mainly Music (School Holidays)

Wed 11 October

10:30 am Mainly Music

Sat 14 October

02:00 pm Fairy Garden Party
(see inside front cover
for details).

Telephone to Glory

Using your mobile during church is usually not condoned but Paul Sanyangore of Victory World International Ministries, Zimbabwe says he has God's private number, and was filmed in conversation with the God in front of his congregation.

Not only did Sanyangore swear he would share the number with the world, he delivered on this promise. And so, South Africa's East Coast Radio host Darren Maule dialled God but the call went through to voicemail.

The automated mailbox did offer an itemised list of options that callers could request from God, including:

- forgiveness,
- lost love,
- winning lottery numbers,
- world peace and
- the tempting option to "press 5 to smite someone".



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Genesis chs. 37:1-36, 39:1-20

Jacob had 12 sons but his favourite was Joseph, his beloved Rachel's son. He even gave him special clothes to wear...





Mouse Makes

Can you find these harvest words in the hay bales?

HARVEST
THANKSGIVING
PRAISE • GOD • BLESSED
SEEDS • SOW • LAND
PLOUGH • SCATTER
SOIL • GROW
CROPS • REAP



WHEAT SW P I C K C
A P P L E R A I N R O K
U R G P P T P E A R S
T O R L B L E S S E D U
U B O U R O R Y E P O G
M O W M O U S E P T A
N U T S S G R A P E S R
O G O D E H S C R O P S

OLIVES • GRAPES • PIPS
PEARS • PLUMS • APPLE
BERRIES • NUTS • VINE
FIGS • BEANS • PEAS
POTATOES • FLOUR
ONIONS
PARSNIPS
RICE • SUGAR



May all the peoples praise you, O God,
may all the peoples praise you!
The land has produced its harvest,
God, our God has blessed us.
God has blessed us, may all people
everywhere honour him.

Psalm 67:5-7



B A L E L B E R R I E S
O L T H A R V E S T G L
S C A T T E R E A P R A
U A T L O A F S O W A N
N O A T S D V I R I D
T H A N K S G I V I N G
S O I L C O R N K C D M
O I S E E D S E S E U L

WATER • RAIN • SUN
AUTUMN • GATHER
PICK • REAP • BALE
TRACTOR • BARN • CART
HAYSTACK • FOOD
MOUSE • BREAD • LOAF
GRAIN • CORN
WHEAT • OATS
RYE • BARLEY



G H A Y S T A C K E R P
A F C A R T R A C T O R
T O N I O N S F I G S A
H O P O T A T O E S B I
E D E I F L O U R A S
R P A R S N I P S O R E
T O S B E A N S U N R
B A R L E Y O L I V E S

Rosters: From Sunday 3rd September 2017 to Sunday 5th November 2017

Date	Media	Money	Reading	Prayers	LPM/LA	Altar	Welcome	Kitchen
Sun 3 rd September	Peter	Tom B David D	Betty R Jill B	Jill B	Jill B	Carol JJ	Sheri Betty R	Margaret Pat/Norma
Sun 10 th September	Mike	Pat T David J	Peter B	Graeme	JJ Jill	Carol JJ	Betty R Alice	Adele Mike
Sun 17 th September	Peter	David D Tom B	TBC	T.B.C.	Jill	Carol JJ	Alice Sheri	Hazel Sheri
Sun 24 th September	Mike	Peter B Pat T	Pat T	Jill B	Adele	Carol JJ	Alice Margaret	Margaret Pat/Norma
Sun 1 st October	Peter	David D David J	Sue S	Graeme	Jill B	Carol JJ	Betty R Sheri	Joy Frank
Sun 8 th October r	Peter	Tom B David D	Jill B Betty R	Jill B	Jill	Sheri	Betty R Sheri	Adele Mike
Sun 15 th October	Peter	Peter B Pat T	Norma T	Graeme	Adele	Sheri	Margaret Betty R	Hazel Sheri
Sun 22 nd October	Peter	David J David D	Sue S	Graeme	JJ	Sheri	Alice Betty R	Joy Frank
Sun 29 th October	Mike	Pat T David J	David D	Jill	Adele	Sheri	Alice	Margaret Pat, Norma
Sun 5 th November	Peter	Tom B David D	Pat T	Jill	Jill JJ	Carol JJ	Betty R Sher	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

Sun 3rd September (Green)

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

Wed 6th September (Green)

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

Sun 10th September (Green)

09:00 am Service (Baptism)
Exodus 12: 1 – 14.
Romans 13: 1 – 10.
Matthew 18: 10 – 20.

Wed 13th September (Green)

09:30 am Morning Prayers
Psalm 35: 1 – 17.
1 Kings 8: 37 – 53.
Acts 27: 13 – 32.

Sun 17th September (Green)

09:00 am Service
Exodus 14: 19 – 31.
Psalm 114.
Romans 14: 1 – 14.
Matthew 18: 21 – 35.

Wed 20th September (Green)

09:30 am Morning Prayers
Psalm 48.
1 Kings 11: 1 – 25.
Matthew 5: 13 – 26.

Sun 24th September (Green)

09:00 am Service
Exodus 16: 2 – 15.
Psalm 105: 1 – 6, 37 – 45.
Philipians 1.
Matthew 20: 1 – 6.

Wed 30th September (Green)

No Morning Prayers
(School Holidays)

Sun 1st October (Green)

09:00 am Service
09:00 am Sunday Club
Exodus 17: 1 – 7.
Philipians 2.
Matthew 21: 23 – 32.

Wed 4th October (Green)

No Morning Prayers
(School Holidays)

Sun 8th October (Green)

09:00 am Service
09:00 am Sunday Club
Exodus 20: 1 – 4, 7 – 9, 12 – 20.
Psalm 19
Philipians 3.
Matthew 21: 33 – 46.

Wed 11th October (Green)

09:30 am Morning Prayers
Psalms 95 & 96.
1 Kings 21.
Matthew 11: 25 – 12: 8.