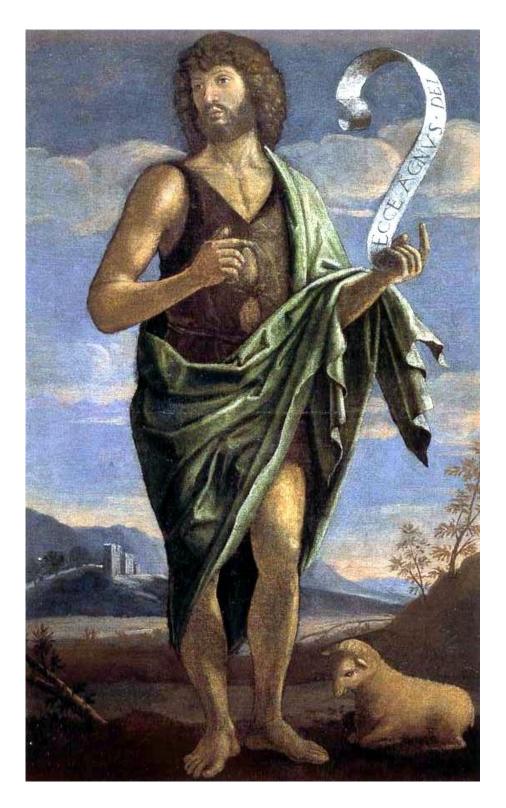
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Welcome To Holy Cross

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: John the Baptist by Bartolomeo Veneto, 16th century

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.

If you would like information about events and news within the Diocese that may not be mentioned in this news letter, follow the link below to the Perth Diocesan Bulletin.

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Reflections from Revd. Julie

Having shared Christmas 2014 with Holy Cross, and another service with you on 3 May, I am now officially settled in as your Locum Priest until the end of November. Thank you for the warm welcome I have received. Thank you especially to Jill and Peter who have helped me enormously to negotiate my way around the various bits and pieces required in starting a new position. I am very grateful to them.

My Locum position is for two days a week. I appreciate one cannot do much in two days but I am open to a little flexibility with that time as need arises. My official days are Thursday and Sunday. Given how much happens at Holy Cross during the week it was inevitable that whatever week day I chose would mean missing something on other days. Obviously I need to work Sundays! At this stage there will be two Sundays in July when I cannot come to Holy Cross as some months ago I committed to a small Locum with Amana Living that included two Sunday mornings. Apparently it is very difficult to find someone else who could do that Locum so in fairness to them I will remain committed to it unless someone else is forthcoming.

It is my intention to be around the Church as much as possible on the Thursday. However, I would also like to visit as many parishioners as possible so there may well be times when I'm out and about. I am quite happy to receive emails at any time (see below). For urgent matters please continue to contact Jill and if need be she will be able to refer the matter to me.

A Locum Priest has all the rights and responsibilities of a Parish Priest – although my style is to work closely with Parish Council, Wardens and Lay Pastoral Ministers. I am not permitted to make any major changes – and certainly not any that can't be started and completed during my tenure. However, in consultation with the aforementioned persons there may be a few different things creep in from time to time!

Some of you are already aware that I am available for this Locum because I retired from full time ministry in May last year. Prior to that I was 5-1/2 years at St Edward's Hilton. That was a wonderful time with God seeing us through many challenges and changes. It was (mostly) all very exciting and as a community we felt incredibly blessed by God's constant provision to us. The only reason I felt it was time to leave was because my years are ticking by and I wanted time and space for other things.

Reflections (cont'd)

This is obviously a transition time for Holy Cross – which isn't always necessarily a negative thing. Certainly it isn't if as a faith community we remain united and support one another. I was impressed to discover there is a prayer group that meets of a Monday to pray specifically for the way forward for Holy Cross. I can only encourage the parish in this vital contribution to seeking what God next has in mind for this faith community.

So what are some important things you need to know about me??!! Well - I am married to Ric who is the Parish Priest at St Christopher's Bicton/Attadale. We have Monday as our day off and apart from urgent matters we honour that faithfully. I am vegetarian and prefer not to eat sweet things. There are some ingredients I can't eat – and some I simply prefer not to. So if I come to visit you I am more than happy with simply a cuppa. I do my best to keep fit and healthy by walking and lap swimming. Apart from being a wife - I am a stepmum, sister, aunty and great aunty – all of which bring me great joy.

As your Locum Priest I hope we too can build healthy, strong and mutually satisfying relationships together.

God's abundant blessings and peace to you all.

Revd Julie julieblennard@gmail.com

Annual Meeting of Enrolled Members

The Annual Meeting of Enrolled Members (AM) of Parishioners with be held on Sunday 7 June 2015 following the 9:00 am service.

Prior to our AM we are inviting nominations for people to serve as:-

- Church Warden
- Members of Church Council
- Auditor
- Synod Representatives
- Nominators of Clergy

If you would like to nominate someone (with their permission) or would like to be nominated yourself please complete a form which can be found in the entrance hall and return the completed nomination form to Jill.

Any items of business for consideration at the AM need to be submitted to Jill, in writing, no later than Sunday 31st May 2015.

Electoral Roll

All church members are required to complete a new enrolment form to become official members of the parish. If you have not already completed an enrolment please make sure you do so. Make sure you are an enrolled member of the parish so that you can vote at the upcoming Annual Meeting of Enrolled Members.

Order of St Luke

Our next meeting will be:

When:	Sunday 7 th May 2015
	4:00 pm
Venue:	Holy Cross Church
	56 McLean Street
	Melville WA 6156

Topic: Dancing Relationships and Healing

Followed by a bring & share supper

Further information Beryl T: 0438 935 164

Happy Hour

When:	Friday 26 th June 22015
	6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Where:	Holy Cross Church Hall
	56 McLean Street, Melville
Who:	Parishioners, Hall Users &
	Tennis Players
Bring:	BYO drinks &
	Nibble to share
Cost:	FREE!

A Meeting for Prayer for the Diocese

A fifth meeting for all interested in praying for the Diocese will be held on Saturday 6 June 2015, 8.00am-9.30am at the Church on the Rise Anglican Church, 2 Wilson Street, Bassendean. All welcome - lay and ordained. RSVP not required

Wardens Wish List



Each month the Church Warden intends to present a list of tasks/jobs that have been done or need to be done around the church.

Area	Task	Status
Foyer & Hall	Reshuffle of storage (underway)	
Garden	Rear Garden needs clearing & dead shrubs removed (underway)	•
Garden	Garden Hose on Western Wall needs replacing	
Toilets	Cracked toilet seat in women's toilet	
Hall Church	Heaters on western side of building need repair.	
Church	Air conditioner – needs servicing	
Storage	Sort & price books in preparation for next sale	

If you know of any jobs that need attention, let Jill know so that she can add it to the list.

Mothers Union News

Our theme this year is: Sowing/Sewing a future together

At our April meeting we were given a packet of holly hock seeds, then we all took a Bible reading from a blessing box, found the text in our bibles and read and discussed them.

In order for us to sow seeds of blessing for those we seek to serve, our lives need to be rooted in Christ, then we will grow good fruit with an abundance of seeds to sow in the world.

Fruitful God, plant your seeds of love and inspiration, that together we may sow a future for the growth of your Kingdom on Earth. Amen.

Next meeting: Monday 8th June at 01:00 pm. Love you to join us.

Betty Rushforth

Quiz Night

The quiz night was a great success. It is primarily a fundraiser for our church and to this end we raised just over \$2,000 (this includes approx. \$370 from the raffle held on the night).

As a social event, the night was also a success. There were a number of people who came up at the end of the evening wanting to know when we are having our next quiz night.

Thanks to all involved, especially to Betty and Kate.

Prayer Group

The Way Forward Prayer group is meeting every Monday at 4pm.

Each week there are a few people gathering specifically to prayerfully discern Gods plan for Holy Cross.

We are praying very specifically for – a coordinator for Kids Plus+, members for a leadership team (including unchurched people) to assist developing Fresh Expressions of Church.

If you can't make it please still pray at 4pm on Mondays. Come whenever you can it does not matter if you can't come every week just come when you can.

Ordination of Priests

On Monday 25th the Revd. Ros Fairless and the Revd. Lisa Perkins were ordained as Priests in the Church of God at St George's Cathedral. Revd. Ros will continue for now at the Church of the Resurrection, Mt Claremont-Swanbourne, and Revd. Lisa in her role as Chaplain at Guildford Grammar School.

Prayer Vigil for Refugees

Sunday 14th June 2015, 4:00pm-7:00pm at St Hilda's Anglican Church, 15 View Street North Perth. All welcome.

Appointment of Revd. Canon Kate Wilmot as Bishop

The Archbishop of Perth, The Most Reverend Roger Herft, has announced the appointment of a new Assistant Bishop of Perth, The Reverend Canon Kate Wilmot.

The Rector of the Parish of Bayswater and the Co-ordinating Chaplain of 13 Brigade, Kate brings to the role of Bishop extensive experience in ministry. She has served in the Parishes of Northam, Ballajura and Kingsley, and as an Army Reserve Chaplain since 2004. She is a serving Canon of St George's Cathedral.

Kate was born in Darwin, and educated at Northam Senior High School. She obtained a BA (Hons) from the University of Western Australia and a BD (Hons) in Systematic Theology from Murdoch University. Kate has worked as a computer typesetter in two print companies.

Kate follows Bishop Kay Goldsworthy, the first woman Bishop appointed in the Anglican Church of Australia in 2008. Bishop Kay was elected Bishop of Gippsland in December 2014 and took up appointment in March 2015. The appointment of Canon Wilmot continues the Anglican Church's commitment to enhancing the role of women in every aspect of diocesan life.

Kate will be consecrated on Thursday 6 August 2015 at 6:30pm in St George's Cathedral.

Ideas to Become More Creative

- Join a choir
- Learn a musical instrument
- Help out at a community garden
- Visit a men's shed and become a shedder
- Buy an artist's pad and start drawing
- Attend a community college class
- Choose something that you enjoy doing
- Try a new recipe that challenges you
- Start a journal or keep a diary
- Take a dance or movement class
- Repair rather than buy something new
- Use your smart phone and tablet to take photos
- Turn off the TV
- Increase your social connections
- Keep physically active
- Do a new or different activity
- Set aside time each day to be creative
- Be realistic and set goals
- Limit the self-criticism

Extinguishing the Paschal Candle

You have probably noticed that we are no longer lighting the Paschal (Easter) Candle. Certainly in the Anglican tradition – although also in others -Pentecost is usually the last Sunday on which the Paschal (Easter) Candle burns throughout a regular service. Some argue that the candle should be extinguished on Ascension Day (40 days after Easter) to

announce that Jesus has ascended into heaven. That he is no longer with his disciples in a physical sense. However, extinguishing the candle can also signify the fact that Jesus would still be with the disciples but now through his Spirit – the Paraclete.

So for me there is good reason to keep the Paschal Candle burning until Pentecost. What this means for us today is that now the Easter Candle has been extinguished – now that Christ has returned to be with his Father – we are the visible signs of Christ's light in the world. It is of course quite appropriate to light the Paschal (Easter) Candle at baptisms to both signify the light of Christ in the world – and to remind us of our identification with Christ through his death and resurrection. In a number of Christian traditions - a small candle is lit from the Paschal Candle and given to the newly baptised. The words used in the Anglican Church are "God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father" (based on Matthew 5:16).

The Paschal candle may also be lit and placed near the casket during funeral services to signify the hope of the resurrection into which Christians are baptised.

There may be one or two other occasions when it is appropriate to light the Paschal Candle. But in general it will now not be lit on a Sunday until we light the new one Easter morn 2016.

Revd Julie

Parish Council Report

Parish Council Report from meeting held on Sunday 17th May.

Business Arising:

Fundraising-

- Quiz Night 22nd May, Planning well underway
- Open Mic Night, Planned for September

Good News Box, Contribution growing to be read out fortnightly

AGM, date change for AGM from 14th June to 7th June -planning underway

The Way Forward – Fresh Expressions:

- Presence in Church Building Relationships. A list to be drawn up of hall users to make is easier for parishioners to select a time to come along and interact with hall users. Parish council encourages parishioners to spend time at the church to build relationships with hall and tennis court users – have a human presence to welcome community members as often as can be. (If you want to discuss this please talk with PC members)
- Feedback regarding shared meal with Uniting church - it was very good and even exceeded expectations with 45 people attending
- Build a leadership team to grow fresh expressions of church. The team is to consist of churched and unchurched people first meeting scheduled for June/July

- Craft Church
- The idea for our first 'Fresh Expression' starting in June.
- The intention of the group is; Lyn Ferguson has offered her experience with craft groups. We support people who are experiencing grief. We practice reciprocity by making things for people in need. The group is not just another craft group – it has a Christian intent behind it.
- Holy Cross Diamond Jubilee 2016

 -a Working Party be formed comprising past and present members to develop a plan for the event.
- Melville Aged Care We have been asked to conduct a service for them once a month.

General Business:

- Locum Revd Julie Barrett Lennard appointed
- Spring Harvest Mini Market -To be held 5th September and will be advertised in 'Mosaic'.
- Internet Connection for office to be installed
- Cross in Hall suggestion a cross could be placed in hall – to be considered in due course.
- Gift for people who have been bereaved - a small rose plant and card for parishioners who experience a bereavement.

Parish Council Report (cont'd)

 It has been brought to the PC's attention that it was agreed at Synod approx. 10 years ago that a plaque recognising Aboriginal custodianship of the land be placed in all churches within the diocese. Enquiries to be made how to procure a plaque for display.

Treasurers Report

- Financial figures for the last financial year were distributed and showed a significant improvement on forecast figure. The Auditor has the figures for auditing.
- Motion -we keep making regular payments to the Diocese and a further \$2,500 be paid off the Stipend arrears.
- following adjustments to coming financial year's budget :
- Increase the amount for grounds and gardens
- An amount for Building Maintenance of \$1,500 to be allowed
- An amount for Internet Connection to be allowed

Wardens Report

- Storage within the church is undergoing a reorganisation – a work in progress
- gardening -the trees badly need trimming and hedges need cutting on the eastern side of the tennis court – engage contractor

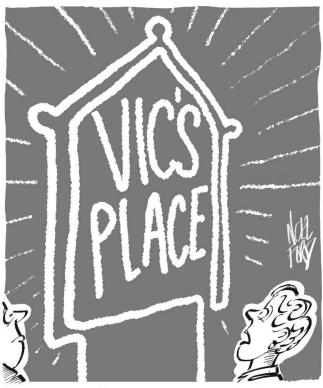
Children's ministry

- an advertisement in the 'Mosaic' magazine for a "Come and Try" for Mainly Music.
- Mainly Music 5 year's old in July. An event to be held on a Sunday for past and present members plus Dads

AOB

- Next door neighbours to be given guidelines for steel fences together with a memo.
- Sign for Holy Cross at the end of McLean street missing –City of Melville to be contacted.

If you have any question with regard to this report please speak with the Warden or members of PC



"It may well attract more young folk to join the congregation but I still prefer the old church notice board"

Dates For Your Diary

Mon 1 Jun

Prayer Group(Way Forward) 04:00 pm

Wed 3 Jun

10:30 am Mainly music

Thu 4 Jun 04:00 pm

Kids Plus

Sat 6 Jun

Prayer for the Diocese 08:00 am Church on the Rise Bassendean

Sun 7 Jun

09:00 am Sunday Club 10:30 am **Annual General Meeting** Order of St Luke 04:00 pm

Mon 8 Jun

01:00 pm **Mothers Union** 04:00 pm Prayer Group(Way Forward)

Tue 9 Jun 09:00 am **Bible Study**

Wed 10 Jun 10:30 am Mainly music

Thu 11 Jun 04:00 pm **Kids Plus**



04:00 pm **Prayer Vigil for refugees** St Hilda's Anglican Church

Mon 15 Jun 04:00 pm Prayer Group(Way Forward)

Wed 17 Jun 10:30 am Mainly music

Thu 18 Jun **NO Kids Plus**

Mon 22 Jun 04:00 pm Prayer Group(Way Forward)

Tue 23 Jun 09:00 am **Bible Study**

Wed 24 Jun 10:30 am Mainly music

Thu 25 Jun **NO Kids Plus**

Fri 26 Jun

06:00 pm Happy Hour for Parishioners, Hall Users & Tennis Players. BYO

Mon 29 Jun

Prayer Group(Way Forward) 04:00 pm

Request

A clergyman phoned his archdeacon.

"I regret to have to inform you that my wife has just died. Could you please send me a substitute for the weekend?"

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist (or Birth of John the Baptist, or Nativity of the Forerunner) is a Christian feast day celebrating the birth of John the Baptist, a prophet who foretold the coming of the Messiah in the person of Jesus, whom he later baptised.

Christians have long interpreted the life of John the Baptist as a preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ, and the circumstances of his birth, as recorded in the New Testament, are miraculous. John's pivotal place in the gospel is seen in the emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus.

The sole biblical account of the birth of John the Baptist comes from the Gospel of Luke. John's parents, Zechariah or Zachary — a Jewish priest — and Elizabeth, were without children and both were beyond the age of childbearing. During Zechariah's rotation to serve in the Temple in Jerusalem, he was chosen by lot to offer incense at the Golden Altar in the Holy Place. The Archangel Gabriel appeared to him and announced that he and his wife would give birth to a child, and that they should name him John. However, because Zechariah did not believe the message of Gabriel, he was rendered speechless until the time of John's birth.

At that time, his relatives wanted to name the child after his father, and Zechariah wrote, "His name is John", whereupon he recovered his ability to speak (Luke 1:5-25; 1:57-66). Following Zechariah's obedience to the command of God, he was given the gift of prophecy, and foretold the future ministry of John (Luke 1:67-79), this prophecy forming the text of the Benedictus canticle.



Birth of St. John the Baptist, depicting Zechariah writing, "His name is John".

St. James The Least Of All

On what security cameras in church will tell you

My dear Nephew Darren

Much against my better judgement, after a recent series of small thefts, we have installed security cameras here at St. James the Least. At least the suggestion for trip wires that opened the gate to Mrs Poppleroy's garden next door, thereby setting loose her deranged Pekingese, were narrowly defeated – though I had to use my casting vote.

So now we have a complete record of everything that goes on when no one is about. It makes such interesting viewing that I have cancelled my television licence and spend every evening watching the antics of my parishioners. I wonder if there is some niche television channel which would be interested; it could help the tower restoration fund no end.

Miss Margison seems to imagine she is now part of some theatrical performance every time she cleans the church; her body language as she wields a feather duster is of operatic proportions, as is her final bow to the cameras as she leaves.

I have at last found the several hiding places where Mr Prentice secretes his bottle of whisky every week when he comes to wind the tower clock.

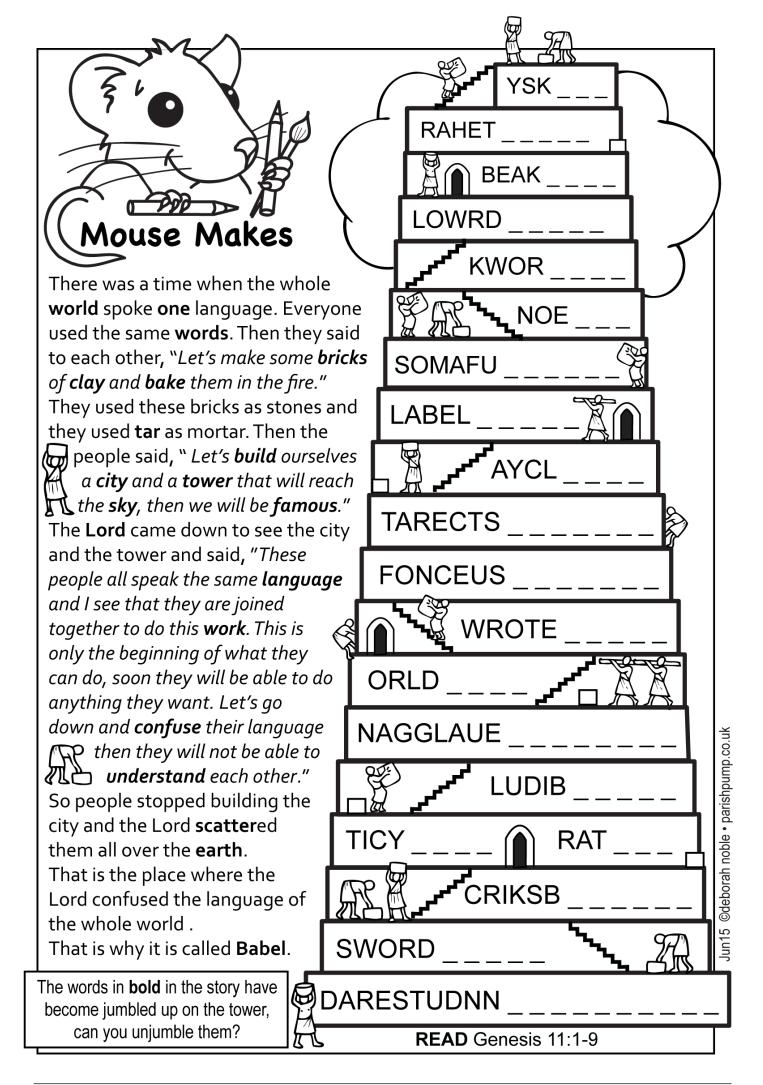
Colonel Wainwright, who served for some time in the security services, is now worried that pictures of him cleaning the brass will be circulated in Russia. He fails to appreciate that his disguise as a French onion seller, with striped jersey, beret and waxed moustache does tend to make his presence rather more interesting than he imagines – to us, if not to the KGB.

The flower arrangers seem to imagine that we are recording sound as well as pictures and so whenever they are in church together, all gossip is written down and passed round by hand as they work in total silence. So far, they have remembered to take their pieces of paper home with them. One slip and I shall probably learn more about my parishioners in five minutes than I have done in the last five years.

The cameras have also solved the mystery of who has been pilfering the items - and even the nest where they have hidden it. If only I could teach the magpies to extract money from pockets and place it on the collection plate.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

Date	Media	Money	Reading	Prayers	Communion	Altar	Flowers	Morning Tea
Sun 7 th Jun	Mike A	Betty SG & Pat	Pat T	Jill	Jill	Carol & JJ	Joy	Joy & Frank
Sun 14 th Jun	Mike A	Betty SG & Pat	David	Julie BL	Betty R	Carol & JJ	Betty R	Marg & Ida
Sun 21 st Jun	Peter B	Betty SG & Pat	Beryl	Beryl	Beryl	Carol & JJ	Adele	Mike & Adele
Sun 28 th Jun	Mike A	Betty SG & Pat	Norma T	Betty R	Adele	Carol & JJ	Joy	Joy & Frank
Sun 5 th Jul	Peter B	Betty SG & Pat	Jill	Jill	Jill	Sheri	Betty R	Betty R & Hazel
Sun 12 th Jul	Mike A	Betty SG & Pat	David	Julie BL	Betty R	Sheri	Adele	Mike & Adele
Sun 19 th Jul	Peter B	Betty SG & Pat	Mike	Jill	Adele	Sheri	Joy	
Sun 26 Jul	Mike A	Betty SG & Pat	Beryl	Beryl	Beryl	Sheri	Betty R	Marg & Ida



Service Times

Wed 3 June (Green)

09:30 am Prayers Ps 78: 16-38, 1 Samuel 2: 12-26, Acts 4: 35 – 5:11

Sun 7 June (Green)

Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Service 1 Samuel 8: 4-20 2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5: 5, Mark 3: 20-35 09:00 am Sunday Club

Wed 10 June (Green)

09:30 am Prayers Ps 92; 93, 1 Samuel 13: 1-18, Acts 8: 26-40

Sun 14 June (Green)

Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Service 1 Samuel 15: 34 – 16:13 2 Corinthians 5: 6-17, Mark 4: 26-34

Wed 17 June (Green)

09:30 am Prayers Ps 106: 1-24, 1 Samuel 16, Acts 10: 17-23

Sun 21 June (Green) Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Service 1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13, Mark 4: 35-41

Wed 24 June (White)

Birth of John the Baptist 09:30 am Prayers Ps 50: 1-15, Judges 13: 2-7, 21-25 Luke 12: 49-59

Sun 28 June (Green)

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Service

00 am Service 2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27 2 Corinthians 8: (1-6) 7-15, Mark 5: 21-43

Wed 1 July (Green)

09:30 am Prayers Pss 1; 2, 1 Samuel 23: 1-18 Acts 14: 19-28

Sun 5 July (Green)

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Service
2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10
2 Corinthians 12: 2-10,
Mark 6: 1-13