

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

NEWSLETTER



JULY 2015

Mini Market

5th September 2015



The mini market is our next big fundraiser. The mini market will include:

- produce based stalls including jams, pickles, plants
- bric a brac and books,
- jumble with a retro flavour
- a delicious cake stall
- activities for the kids
- sausage sizzle

We need to start preparing now. So, could you all please start making jams, pickles or other preserves. If you are able pot up some plants. What is really needed are any items from the 50's, 60's and 70's that you may have that you no longer want. There is a big market for "retro items" it might be an old vase, canisters, china or small furniture items e.g. stools, coffee tables etc.

We still require some traditional jumble, books as well.

However, please let us know what you have for jumble but if you can keep it at home until the week before, it would be appreciated, as you know storage is an issue.

Thank you for your support

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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: The Incredulity of Saint Thomas by Caravaggio c. 1601–1602. St Thomas the Apostle is remembered on 3rd July. Refer to the article on page 9.

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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New Office Bearers

At the Annual Meeting on 7th June 2015 the following people were elected:

Warden (elected by the people):

Jill Bowman

Warden (appointed by the Rector):

Still to be appointed

Parish Councillors

Adele Arnold, Tom Berg,
Peter Bowman, David Dawson,
Sheri McCarthy, Pat Tebbutt
Revd. Julie to appoint two further people.

Synod Reps

Jill Bowman.

One position still to be filled by Parish Council

Synod Alternates

Tom Berg, Beryl Shooter

Parish Nominators

Jill Bowman, Leanne Avar, Emma Charlton

One position still to be filled by Parish Council

Auditor

Betty Smith-Gander

At the Parish Council meeting following the Annual Meeting, the following were elected:

Parish Secretary

To be filled. Jenny Stone will remain as Minute Secretary for Parish Council meetings.

Parish Treasurer

Peter Bowman

Episcopal Visit

We have been advised that Bishop-Elect Kate Wilmot will be visiting Holy Cross on Sunday 30th August 2015 for our regular Sunday service. Canon Kate will of course be Bishop by then with her consecration at St George's Cathedral on Saturday 6th August at 10:00 am. The Bishop's visit is an opportunity to be Confirmed (possible from aged 16 if already baptised) – Baptised and Confirmed if an adult and not previously baptised – and an opportunity to be Received into the Anglican Church if someone has come to us from another tradition. Preparation is required so please have a word with Revd. Julie if you are interested in any of these options.

Order of St Luke

Our next meeting will be:

When: Sunday 5th July 2015
4:00 pm

Venue: Holy Cross Church
56 McLean Street
Melville WA 6156

Topic: Answering God's Call
to the Healing Ministry

Followed by a bring & share supper.
Further information

Beryl
T: 0438 935 164

Baptism at Holy Cross

On Sunday 2nd August we will be baptising Amalia and Imogen Cann during our regular service. Please pray for these young people as they learn about baptism – and for parents Selina and Andrew – and Amalia and Imogen's sponsors/godparents.

Energise Equip: Multiplying Disciples

Next Steps with Tim Scheur

When: Friday 7th August 2015,
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm
Saturday 8th August 2015,
9:00 am to 3:30 pm
Sunday 9 August 2015,
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Times may vary slightly once the programme is finalised.

Location: St Peter & Emmaus Church,
56 Green Street, Joondanna.

Cost: \$50.

All welcome. Even if you did not attend the first session with Tim Scheuer you can still come along and catch up. This is a great opportunity to gather some simple tools to go out, share the good news, and multiply disciples.

For further details visit:

www.energise.org.au

Congratulations

Congratulations to Archbishop Roger who recently celebrated 10 years as Archbishop of Perth. We give thanks for his loyalty and commitment to us – and let's keep praying for him and all the Bishops in the many and varied roles they have and the demands placed upon them.

Revd Julie Away

As advised in the June Newsletter, Revd. Julie will not be taking the services on July 12th and 19th due to a prior small Locum commitment with Amana Living. Archdeacon Lionel Snell will be taking these services so it will be good to welcome him back to Holy Cross. Revd. Julie will still be available during the week even though not here on the Sundays.

Host Families

Como Secondary College is hosting a group of 20 Japanese female high school students in term 3 (2-13 August) and are inviting families to register their interest to host a student. The family's responsibilities are to involve the student into their routine, including getting them to and from school and to provide breakfast, lunch and dinner. Host families will receive \$350 to cover costs. If you are interested in hosting a student please contact Sarah Burrows from Gold Intercultural Learning at homestay@goldil.com.au

Knowing Yourself with The Enneagram:

An Introductory Workshop led by Tess Milne

When: Saturday 25 July 2015,
9.30am to 3.00pm

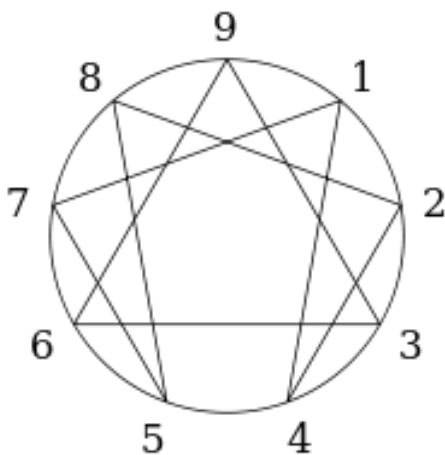
Where: Wollaston College
Mt Claremont.

Cost: \$50 (concession \$40)
includes lunch.

The Enneagram is an ancient yet modern tool for self-understanding and transformation. It identifies the key driving force of our personality and how this energy is paradoxically both our gift and our stumbling block to our wholeness and vitality as people. The workshop will provide an overview of the 9 personality types of The Enneagram.

For registration please contact

The Venerable Michael Pennington,
28 Stoddart Way, Bateman, WA 6150.
E: mpenn@q-net.net.au or
M: 0409 372 029.



New Liturgy

In 2009 the Litmus (liturgical and music) Commission of the Australian Anglican Church prepared what is called The Alternate Liturgy for Holy Communion for use in Anglican Churches. The Alternate Liturgy is an attempt to provide fresh wording to some of our regular liturgy whilst at the same time retaining the essence of our Anglican worship. Hence the Confession, Gloria, Creed all remain – and of course the Eucharistic prayers – but where possible with new wording. At its meeting on 7th June, Parish Council passed a motion to trial the Alternate Liturgy on a monthly basis. It was felt the first Sunday of the month would be a good time to use this liturgy. However, the first time may be another Sunday in July – and it won't be used on the first Sunday of August because we will have a baptism that day and we need to use the baptism service. To use the Alternate Liturgy requires approval from the Archbishop and that permission was sought and has subsequently been granted. It is important to note that it is an alternate liturgy and therefore cannot be used as the regular Sunday liturgy. Once we have trialled it feedback would be most welcome. Please have a word with Revd Julie, Warden Jill or any Parish Council member.

Fresh Expressions



Our first attempt at a fresh expression of church is beginning on Thursday 2nd July in the form of craft group.

At this stage the sessions will be held on the 1st and 3rd weeks of each month from 9:30 am till 11: 30 pm.

The reason why we as practicing Christians at Holy Cross should and can support a Fresh Expression of church is:

- God does mission through community
- Witnessing communities connect the church to people
- It will re-energise our church
- It will support everyday discipleship
- It will serve other people
- It is practical for us ordinary Christians
- Mission is a first step for God and should be for us.

Our hope for the group is that it will foster spiritual depth for the participants and it will plant seeds of loving service and of the gospel and ultimately bring change and growth to our small worshipping community.

The intention of the group is as follows:

- build relationships and community
- have Christian intent behind it, an opportunity for participants to have discussions on life's issues in relation to the stories of the bible.
- Support for people who are experiencing grief
- Practice reciprocity by making things for people in need
- All ages are invited, including parents of young children.

The craft group is not specifically for church people but for people who may like to become part of a parish family, while learning skills or completing their own craft projects. It is a way we as witnessing Christians can support those in our community who may not yet know the love of God or find the traditional church services irrelevant. Existing and new expressions of church should work together in mutual encouragement and support. One type of church is not better than another: they are different ministries. The group will be supported by Lyn Ferguson who with her wealth of knowledge has offered her experience and skills. If you know anyone who might enjoy this group please invite them to attend – you might like to attend with them for a few sessions or perhaps you might like to bake a cake or drop in for a chat at some of the sessions. If you have any question please chat with Jill or other Parish council members.

Parish Council Report

from meeting held on
Sunday 7th June 2015 (after AGM)

Business Arising:

AGM-

- Successful AGM with a full Parish Council Elected.
- No one nominated for secretary – Jenny Stone volunteered to keep taking minutes.

General Business:

- \$200 out of the proceeds of our recent Quiz Night to the Nepal Earthquake Appeal. Donation to be made through the Anglican Board of Mission
- An electrical fault in the Church hall resulted in the hall users calling out the fire brigade. An electrician identified repairs amounting to about \$600 the work to be carried asap
- A new copy of the most recent Book of Statutes to be purchased
- An Alternate Liturgy that had been prepared by the LITMUS (music and liturgy) Commission of the Anglican Church is to be used once a month (or when appropriate). Revd. Julie will seek permission from the Archbishop to use this form of service.
- It was agreed that the best time for the monthly meetings would continue to be immediately after Church on the second Sunday of the month, with the exception that the next meeting would be the first Sunday of July (5th July) due to Revd Julie having a prior commitment on the 12th July.

Sewing Volunteers

Amana Living graciously requests for people with sewing experience to assist in making new altar linen for their Chapels in their Centres. All material will be provided. If you or your sewing group can assist please contact Chaplaincy Office:
jdevries@amanaliving.com.au

Holy Cross

Diamond Jubilee 2016 –

The Parish Council will be inviting people to become part of a Working Party to plan and develop ideas for the Jubilee celebration next year. If you are interested or would like to nominate present or past parishioners for a position on the working party please advise Parish Council. All invitations to be part of the working party will be extended via Parish Council.



Children & Holy Communion

Children from about age 7 are welcome to receive Holy Communion if they have been baptised and regularly attend Church. To prepare children for this very important step they are invited to work through a little booklet that helps them to understand Holy Communion and how significant it is both for themselves and for the Anglican Church. Once this preparation is complete there is a little Service of Welcome that is held during a regular Sunday service. If any family has a child or children who have begun to enquire about receiving Communion.

Questions? –speak to Revd. Julie.



Ways to Enrich Our Worship

- Endeavour to get to Church with sufficient time to sit quietly and/or pray before worship begins.
- Try and allow others to sit quietly before worship begins!
- Say the liturgy more slowly to enable the words to have more meaning. Saying things week after week can get a bit “rote” so try and approach each week with fresh eyes and a heart open for renewed insight into what we are saying.
- Many of us probably know the Prayer of Preparation, the Confession and the Lord’s Prayer off by heart. Perhaps pray and confess without looking at the screen so the words are more prayerful and confessional rather than words simply read. If you don’t know the words, perhaps begin to learn them to enable you to be free of reading them.
- During the Thanksgiving Prayer try and focus more on what the Priest is doing rather than on the screen – thus engaging more with the meaning of words as the Priest recounts the great saving acts of God in Christ. The Priest will normally give a cue when a response is required so there would be time to check the screen for what that response is.

The Greeting of Peace!

What Are We Doing?

Sharing the peace has developed in all sorts of different ways over the years – with some Churches using it as a great social occasion – or a big huggy time – to a very formal handshake with the person next to us. I'm also aware it is one of the things that cause new people great anxiety – especially if they are unfamiliar with Church services and Church people. I can recall being very threatened by it when I returned to the Church in my early 30s.

The greeting though can be traced back to the earliest days of Christianity:

- Romans (16:16a), 1 Corinthians (16:20b) and 2 Corinthians (13:12a): *"Greet one another with a holy kiss"*
- 1 Thessalonians (5:26): *"Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss."*
- 1 Peter (5:14a): *"Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ."*

Not that greeting each other with a kiss on the cheek was anything new – it was the normal way that men in the ancient western Mediterranean would greet one another. However, the New Testament's emphasis is on it being a holy kiss – given in love – Christ's love. Ancient greeting with a kiss – even the New Testament holy kiss – did not mean a great big smooch.

Today it still symbolises a holy greeting – a blessing – given to each other usually in the context of worship. We perhaps more commonly greet with a handshake – although some embrace because of a particular relationship that has developed. But the purpose of the Greeting of Peace is really to offer the other person God's peace – no matter the relationship between us. Sharing the peace can in fact be a catalyst for healing in relationship. Sometimes we can get a bit stubborn in our desire to mend a rift with someone – but to reach out with the desire that they know God's peace can somehow mysteriously help to dissolve some of the angst that might be there.

Finally, the sharing of the Peace is meant to be a simple greeting and not an opportunity for other conversation. It is also not always possible to greet everyone on one occasion otherwise the time taken would be too long.

So God's peace to you all!

Speak to God before Church
Listen to God during Church
Speak to others after Church

Revd Julie

St Thomas the Apostle

Thomas, one of Jesus' 12 apostles, was an impulsive, confused, honest sceptic. Jesus could understand and work with such a man. Thomas' impulsiveness was evident when Jesus prepared to visit Lazarus in Bethany. It was a dangerous trip to make, because of the Jews, but Thomas urged his fellow disciples: *"Let us also go, that we may die with him."* (John 11:16) Instead, Jesus brought Lazarus back to life.

Thomas' confusion is shown in later talks with Jesus. He was not really sure where Jesus was going long-term (John 14:5). But Jesus accepted this confused commitment, and began to untangle it, patiently explaining: *"I am going to my father"*, and *"No one comes unto the Father but by me."*

Finally, Thomas' honest scepticism is revealed after the Resurrection, which he flatly refused to believe - unless he could touch the wounds of the risen Jesus. Sure enough, Jesus appears - but instead of scolding him, shows him the wounds. Thomas responds: *"My Lord and my God"* (John 20:26ff).

Thus Doubting Thomas' honest doubts, turned to honest faith, have become a reassurance for thousands of men and women across the centuries, who also want to follow Jesus, but who require some proof of this amazing event - the Resurrection. In Doubting Thomas' complete affirmation of faith, after meeting the risen, crucified Christ, they can find support for their own faith.

Ancient legends tell how Thomas went on to India as a missionary. There are rumours that Thomas even built a palace for a king's daughter in India, and thus he is the patron saint of architects.

It is believed that he was martyred by a spear on 3 July, 72 AD in Mylapore, near Madras. 46 ancient churches in England were dedicated to him.



St. James The Least Of All

On why people complain to the vicar – and how to ignore them

My dear Nephew Darren

So, you have received your first letter of complaint. I am not wholly unsympathetic with your complainant, as attempting to marry the bride to the best man would have created havoc with the seating arrangements at the reception. However, you must learn that receiving letters of complaint is an integral part of the ordained ministry. After 50 years of parish life, the number of such letters I have received are now held in bound volumes.

The anonymous ones you will receive, invariably written in green ink on lined notepaper, can be safely consigned to your waste paper basket, along with all mail, from whatever source, labelled "Urgent". You will receive letters complaining that you did not pray for someone who was in hospital, regardless of the fact that you knew nothing of it. Probably by the next post, you will receive a letter complaining that you did pray for someone in hospital – when they had wanted to keep their cosmetic surgery secret.

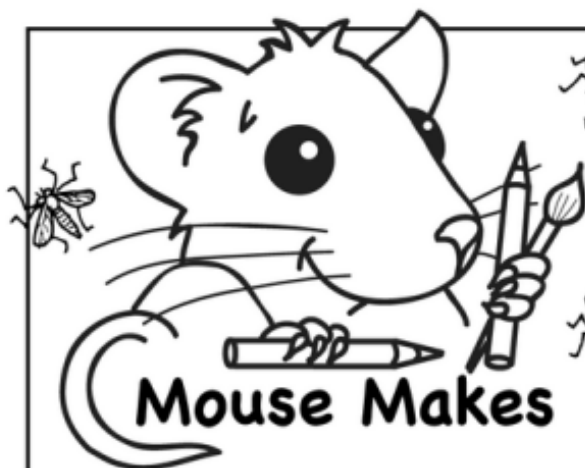
Those who regard themselves as guardians of doctrinal purity will write complaining of the heresies contained in the previous Sunday's sermon. These can be filed with those letters that complain that your sermons are too short, along with those who complain that they are too long. The hourly striking of the church clock is a perennial favourite for complaints. I usually reply by saying that we are currently exploring the possibility of getting it to strike the quarters too.

Letters of complaint will arrive in November, complaining that the church is too cold, so making prayer impossible. Others will drop on the doormat in April saying that it is too hot, so making prayer impossible. In Spring, some will write that the churchyard should be mown more often, while others will complain that it is mown too often and ruins it as a habitat for wildlife. The annual Summer procession of witness generates complaints that the brass band ruined the slumbers of parishioners having a Sunday lie-in. Then come Harvest, there will be the letters complaining that they did not receive a Harvest gift, which was particularly unforgivable, as their grandmother had once sung in the choir. Thus the annual round is accompanied by reams of notepaper.

The only letter of complaint I have really treasured came from the bishop, rebuking me for never having attended any meeting when he was present. I have had it framed and hung on the study wall.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



The Ten Plagues

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

Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said "The Lord, the God of Israel says, 'Let my people go into the desert so they can have a festival to honour me.'"

But Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord? Why should I obey him? Why should I let Israel go? I not know who the Lord is so I refuse to let Israel go."

Pharaoh punished the Israelites but Moses prayed to the Lord and the Lord said, "I will use my great power against Pharaoh, and he will let my people go."

So the Lord turned the river Nile into blood, then he covered the land with frogs, sent a plague of gnats, then a swarm of flies,

then disease on all the animals, then a skin disease, then a great storm of hail, then a plague of locusts, then darkness that covered the land...

Each time Pharaoh would not let the people go until Lord killed every first born man and animal in Egypt and Pharaoh's own son died. Then Pharaoh made the people leave Egypt with all their sheep and cattle. "Go", he said "And say a blessing for me too."

Can you find these words from the story in the grid above?

LORD • GOD • MOSES • AARON
 ISRAEL • PRAY • HONOUR
 FESTIVAL • PHARAOH • EGYPT
 RIVER NILE • WATER • BLOOD • FROGS
 DUST • GNATS • SWARM • FLIES • GO
 DISEASE • CATTLE • SHEEP • SORES
 STORM • HAIL • LOCUSTS • LAND
 DARKNESS • THREE DAYS • DEATH
 FIRST BORN • PASSOVER

READ the full story in **Exodus** chapters 5 to 12

Rosters: from Sunday 5th July 2015 through to Sunday 23rd August 2015

Date	Media	Money	Reading	Prayers	Communion	Altar	Flowers	Kitchen
Sun 5 th Jul	Peter B	Betty SG & Pat	Jill	Jill	Jill	Sheri	Betty R	Betty R & Hazel
Sun 12 th Jul	Michael A	Lillian & Pat	David	Revd. Julie	Betty R	Sheri	Adele	Michael & Adele
Sun 19 th Jul	Peter B	Betty SG & Pat	Lillian	Jill	Adele	Sheri	Wedding	Joy & Frank
Sun 26 th Jul	Michael A	Betty SG & Pat	Beryl	Beryl	Beryl	Sheri	Joy	Marg & Ida
Sun 2 nd Aug	Peter B	Lillian & Pat	Lillian	Baptism	Jill	Ida	Betty R	Joel & Lillian
Sun 9 th Aug	Michael A	Betty SG & Pat	Michael A	Revd. Julie	Betty R	Ida	Adele	Betty R & Hazel
Sun 16 th Aug	Peter B	Lillian & Pat	Norma	Jill	Adele	Ida	Joy	Michael & Adele
Sun 23 rd Aug	Michael A	Betty SG & Pat	Beryl	Beryl	Beryl	Ida	Betty R	Joy & Frank

Note
 If you are unable to fulfil your roster duty on your rostered day, please try to find someone to swap with.
 If you cannot find anyone, please contact Revd. Julie or Jill.

Dates For Your Diary



Wed 1st July

10:30 am Mainly Music

Thu 2nd July

09:30 am Craft Group

Sun 5th July

09:00 am Sunday Club

10:30 am Parish Council Meeting

Mon 13th July

01:00 pm Mothers Union

Wed 8th July

No Mainly Music (holidays)

Wed 15th July

No Mainly Music (holidays)

Thu 16th July

09:30 am Craft Group

Wed 22nd July

10:30 am Mainly Music

Wed 29th July

10:30 am Mainly Music

Wed 5th August

10:30 am Mainly Music

Thu 6th August

09:30 am Craft Group

Quotes of the Month

"O Lord, baptise our hearts into a sense of the conditions and need of all men."

George Fox

"Feel for others – in your pocket."

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

"No one would remember the Good Samaritan if he had only good intentions. He had money as well."

Margaret Thatcher

"If we fail to feed the needy, we do not have God's love, no matter what we say. Regardless of what we do or say at 11 am on a Sunday morn, affluent people who neglect the poor are not people of God." *Ronald Sider*

"What life have you if you have not life together? There is no life that is not in community, And no community not lived in praise of God." *T E Eliot (The Rock)*

"There is no more lovely, friendly or charming relationship, communion or company, than a good marriage."

Martin Luther

"Don't tell me about your god with your words. Show me about your god with your actions." *Steve Maraboli, Life, the Truth, and Being Free*

Service Times

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
09:00 am Sunday Club

Wed 8 July (Green)

No Morning Prayers
(School Holidays)

Sun 12 July (Green)

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Service
2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19
Ephesians 1: 1-14
Mark 6: 14-29

Wed 15 July (Green)

No Morning Prayers
(School Holidays)

Sun 19 July (Green)

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Service
2 Samuel 7: 1-14
Ephesians 2: 11-22
Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

Service Times

Wed 22 July (White)

Mary Magdalene
09:30 am Prayers
Ps 32,
1 Samuel 16: 14-23
Luke (7:36-50) 8:1-3

Sun 26 July (Green)

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Service
2 Samuel 11: 1-15
Ephesians 3: 14-21
John 6: 1-21

Wed 29 July (Green)

09:30 am Prayers
Ps 69: 1-16
2 Samuel 11: 22 – 12:15a
John 8: 48-59

Sun 2 August (Green)

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Service
2 Samuel 11: 26 – 12:13a
Ephesians 4: 1-16
John 6:24-35
09:00 am Sunday Club