

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS NEWSLETTER



Jesus invites us into a
community where
imperfect people can find
acceptance, love,
forgiveness and a new
beginning.

September 2015

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH
OF THE HOLY CROSS, MELVILLE

MINI MARKET

A market of bargains –*pick one up for Father's Day*



JAMS, PICKLES, PLANTS, BRIC A BRAC, BOOKS, JUMBLE WITH A RETRO FLAVOUR, PRE LOVED DESIGNER CLOTHES, CAKE STALL, ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS

FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE



WHEN: SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2015

WHERE: HOLY CROSS ANGLICAN CHURCH

56 MCLEAN ST, MELVILLE

TIME: 8.30 - 11.30

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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: STS Leeuwin II photographed from Rottnest Island with Perth City in the background (obscured by fog).

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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Celebration Sunday

Welcome!

This morning (Sunday 30th August) is a wonderful celebration of thanksgiving to God for His many blessings to us here at Holy Cross. We warmly welcome Bishop Kate who will preach, Confirm, and preside. We feel blessed to have Bishop Kate with us so early in her new role as Bishop. We also welcome with thanksgiving Ian and Joel Daniels who come to be Confirmed – and Lillian (wife and Mum!) – who will sponsor them.

Amongst us today are also friends of Holy Cross and we warmly welcome you all also.

We look forward to sharing in a short mainly music presentation after the service to give us a taste of the lively and fun music and movement sessions enjoyed by pre-schoolers and their caregivers on Wednesdays here at Holy Cross.

And of course – we celebrate all this with a delectable brunch straight after the mainly music presentation. We hope you will all stay and join us.

So we look forward our celebrations and give thanks to God for all the reasons we rejoice this morning.

Rev. Julie.

Fathers' Day

Fathers' Day is Sunday 6th September. During our regular 9:00 am service we will have an opportunity to celebrate Fathers, and remember Fathers no longer with us.

We will also be doing a few things a bit differently during the service.

So we hope as many Dads as possible will join us on that day.

Blessing Of The Pets

On Sunday 11th October we are offering a Blessing of the Pets during our regular 9:00 am service (refer to the back page of this newsletter for details).

Harvest Festival

On Sunday 15th November we are having a Harvest Festival where we are invited to bring an item of non perishable food - or a gift for children, teenagers, adults - to be donated to Christmas hampers. You are also invited to bring something that represents the harvest of your creativity (woodwork, knitting, cooking etc.) to display in front of the altar during the service and then taken home. More information in the October Newsletter.

Mini Market

Hoping you are all getting ready by:

- Clearing out your cupboards for good jumble and perhaps some retro gear.
- Cooking up a storm ready to bring some: –
 - Cakes
 - Slices
 - Jams
 - Pickles
 - Preserves
- Planting up a pot or two of something green and growing.

While you are in the cupboard perhaps you can find a spare bottle of wine for the wine lucky dip. We also need good quality or perhaps designer label clothes. People can donate the clothes or sell them and keep the profit themselves.

We are advertising widely so we need to put on a good mini market, it will only be as good as we make it.



Kids+

Kidsplus+ is in full swing. Remember though it only runs for a 6 week period and the last day for this term is Thursday 10th September.

Kidsplus+ is a fun group for children aged from 4 years with games, crafts, stories and much more.

If you know of any children who might be interested please invite them to come along. Kidsplus+ is a quality program and the children who attend just love it.



Happy Hour with all our new friends.

When: Friday 18th September
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Where: Holy Cross
556 McLean Street, Melville

Why: Because we can!

Please bring a plate of nibbles to share and BYO drinks.

Order of St Luke

Order of St Luke the Physician Healing Ministries.

Perth Melville Healing Service.

When: Sunday 6th September 2015
4:00 pm

Venue: Holy Cross Church
56 McLean Street, Melville

Topic: The Gifts of Healing

When: Sunday 4th October 2015
4:00 pm

Venue: Holy Cross Church
56 McLean Street
Melville WA 6156

Topic: Good News Stories

All are welcome

For information please call the Chaplain
on 0438 935 164

Evensong of St Luke & St Frideswide with Healing Ministry.

When: Sunday 18th October 2015
5:00 pm

Venue: St George's Anglican Cathedral
38 St George's Terrace, Perth

Preacher: The Right Revd. Jeremy James

Topic: Balm in Gilead:
John Wittenoom & the
Ministry of the Church
in early WA

Followed by refreshments

RSVP: by Tuesday 14 October 2015
Perth Metro Area: 438 935 164
Bunbury: 0419 944 671

Wardens Wish List

The following is a list of tasks/jobs that have been done or need to be done around the church.



Job	Status
Reshuffle of storage	Underway
Replacement of Garden Hose on Western Wall	Completed
Toilet monitor – someone to change toilet rolls and ensure soap containers are full	Completed
Toilet seat in female toilet needs replacing	Completed
Glass doors – need cleaning	
Rear Sheds need tidying	
Weeding of Gardens	
Floors in Kitchen and meeting room need scouring	
Sanctuary. Requires vacuuming.	
Cleaning of Gutters & Downpipes	Completed

If you see anything that needs attention please contact the Warden. If you can help with any of these jobs please contact the Warden – she will jump for joy

Wollaston Theological College Advent Bible Study

On 1st October 2015, Wollaston Theological College will release its third Advent Bible study resource, Listening to Luke. The purchase price of the book is \$20, or \$15 for 10 or more copies. Orders can be made by phoning Victoria McDowell at Wollaston on 9286 0270.

There will be intensive seminars (pre Advent), hosted at a variety of locations including:

Parish of Mt Pleasant

Date: Tuesday 27th October
5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Parish of Fremantle

Date: Saturday 21st November
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Registration prior to the event is required at a cost of \$20 and a small cost on the day towards the meal would be appreciated.

Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.
Martin Luther King

Myanmar (Burma) Emergency Flood Appeal

The Anglican Board of Mission has launched an Emergency Appeal for the people of Myanmar (Burma) who have been affected by recent flooding. In addition, Cyclone Komen, which has just hit the country, has meant that four regions in the west of Myanmar have now been declared disaster zones. Donations can be made to ABM's Myanmar (Burma) Flood Emergency Appeal on 1300 302 663 - info@abm.asn.au or www.abmission.org.

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.

Parish Council Report

Meeting 9th August 2015

Note: A copy of the Minutes is posted on the Noticeboard.

Filling Of Vacancies

- Parish Council still to fill one Synod Rep. Revd. Julie still to appoint one Warden and two Parish Councillors.

Business Arising

- Faculty approved for plaque Acknowledging Original Custodians so will now purchase.
- About half the chocolates already sold.
- New set of Statutes ordered and will be available for Synod.
- Diocese has refused permission to establish a Parish Doctor/Nurse role. Looking at other options to embrace this particular ministry.

Locum Priest's Report

- Baptism service went smoothly. Revd. Julie suggested we be mindful of the various dietary requirements at morning teas etc. and ensure we provide fruit and other healthy options.
- Revd. Julie formed a small Worship and Liturgy team of herself, Emma Charlton, Lillian Daniels and Jill Bowman to plan significant worship events coming up between now and the end of the year. Team met on Saturday 8th August and developed plans for Fathers' Day (6th September), Blessing of Pets (11th October) and Harvest Festival (15th November).

- Harvest Festival - parishioners bring gifts and food to later be distributed to preferably an Anglican organisation for their Christmas hampers. (More details to come.)
- Revd. Julie on retreat from after Church Sunday 16th August to Wednesday afternoon.
- Revd. Julie on a week's leave from 10th - 16th September. Archdeacon Lionel Snell will take the service on 13th September.

Warden's Report

- Sign requesting no donations be left outside Church now on entrance door.
- Faculty approved to install a hand rail at Tennis Court Steps:
- Faculty approved to install a door on server window.
- City of Melville acknowledged our street sign removed in error. Have requested it be replaced.
- Mainly music families have been invited to Celebration Sunday as have friends of Holy Cross we may not have seen for a while. Parish Council approved a budget of \$250 for face painting and \$200 for additional food if needed.
- The initial nine on planning team for Mini Market now only three. Flyers have been printed - a poster prepared for out the front – and an advert will be put on Gumtree.

Parish Council Report (cont'd)

- The gutters have been cleared but it was not possible to see where the leak was coming into the Church. With recent rain should now be possible so can get repairs done.
- A hairline crack has appeared on northern wall between window and going up wall – plus another one on the eastern side. To repair will need cleaning out and filling and painting. Repairs to be done.
- Possibility of fencing off the grassed area near the tennis courts. This could then be promoted for birthday parties. There would be a gate either end so public access still possible. Have received an offer to provide labour free. Asking for firm quote for materials.

Treasurer's Report

- All bills have been paid. Following negotiations with the City of Melville the Grant Repayment was reduced from \$6,187 to \$4,443
- The First quarter results were presented & they were better than budget.

Holy Cross Diamond Jubilee

- Given there has not been a lot of practical support forthcoming for this event, it was agreed that if there was no further response within two weeks then the initial plan will be abandoned and Parish Council can plan a smaller celebration.

Children's Ministry

- KidsPlus+ recommenced for six weeks on 6th August. Eight children attended.
- Sunday Club will reactivate acknowledging children's birthdays – and a small gift to children being baptised. Children will also be given a small gift at Christmas. Current budget of \$30 per month should cover proposed children's ministry expenses.

The Way Forward – Fresh Expressions

- Happy Hour still scheduled for Friday 18th September.
- Fresh Expressions Leadership Team hope to meet 13th or 25th August.
- Need to be more attentive to our welcoming and hospitality – especially on special occasions but also every Sunday. Very few parishioners were around for morning tea after the baptism to chat with guests and help with hospitality.
- Craft Church starting slowly but Lyn Ferguson committed to keep offering the group in the hope it will build up. Proposed to advertise in local paper.

Next Meeting

Sunday 13th September 2015.

Holy Cross Day

(celebrated 14th September)

On Holy Cross Day the Church celebrates the Cross as a symbol of triumph, as the sign of Christ's victory over death. Holy Cross Day goes right back to 14 September 335, and we have the mother of a Roman Emperor to thank for it.

Helena was a devout Christian, and after her son, Constantine, was converted, they agreed that she should travel from Rome to Israel, and seek out the places of special significance to Christians.

Of course, much of Jerusalem had been destroyed by the Romans around 135 AD. But even so, Helena finally located what she believed to be the sites of the Crucifixion and of the Burial (and modern archaeologists think she may well be correct). The sites were so close together that she built one large church over them - the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

That church, built in honour of the Cross, was dedicated on 14 September 335.

The sign of the Cross has been used by Christians since early times. Tertullian, writing his *De Corona* (3:2) around AD 211, noted that Christians seldom did anything significant without making the sign of the cross.

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)



Beating Your Wife While Going To Church

In a fascinating paper at the Kuala Lumpur Lausanne Researchers' Conference, Philip Hughes, Director of the Australian Christian Research Centre, gave the results from two questions asked in the 2012 World Values' Survey. One of the questions in this survey was whether the beating of one's wife was sometimes or always justifiable – an extraordinary question to ask at the best of times. It also asked its more usual question on whether the respondent attended religious services and, if so, how often.

Sadly, answers to these questions were only available from 49 or around a quarter (23%) of the countries in the world, although they did cover every continent, and the countries included accounted for half (49%) of the world's population. Even so the answers are interesting.

Across the world apparently 15% of men feel that beating their wife is sometimes or always justifiable. This percentage does not vary according to whether or not they attend church, except in Africa where the percentage is 19% for those who don't attend and 22% for those who do, and in South America where the percentages are respectively 5% and 7%! In North America it's the other way round – 10% if the men don't attend church and 7% of those who do. In Oceania (3%), Europe (11%) and Asia (16%) churchgoing makes no difference.

The Asian contribution is high because of its large population – without them the rest of the world averages 12%.

In a few countries, going to church appeared to make things worse! In Germany, for instance, 8% who didn't go to church felt wife beating was acceptable, but it was 16% for those who did! Likewise in Lebanon and Algeria the churchgoers were more in favour of beating their wives than non-goers. In some "Christian" countries there was a high level of acceptance of wife beating, for example, Rwanda (38%) and the Philippines (33%)!

And some statistics from an Australian Parliamentary Research Paper "**Domestic violence in Australia: a quick guide to the issues**" published in October 2014.

- 1 in 6 Australian women had experienced physical or sexual violence from a current or former partner
- 1 in 19 Australian men had experienced physical or sexual violence from a current or former partner
- 1 in 4 Australian women had experienced emotional abuse by a current or former partner
- 1 in 7 Australian men had experienced emotional abuse by a current or former partner.

St. James The Least Of All

On church management consultants

My dear Nephew Darren

I'm sure your church's team of management consultants meant well, but their visit here was not wholly helpful. It is all very well when they are co-ordinating office staff, secretaries, clergy teams and legions of volunteers, but here, there is me, Miss Margison and a golden retriever.

Our simpler pattern works perfectly well: if it happens in church, I do it; if it involves drawing up rotas, stoking the boiler, visiting the sick or clearing the car park of snow or the churchyard of leaves, Miss Margison does it. If something small and furry or flapping and feathery has strayed into the church, the golden retriever does it – by carrying it back outside.

Inevitably, there are legions of people around the parish who are always “glad to lend a hand if needed.” Having said that, they then feel satisfied, and actually do nothing – but complain about those of us who do do things.

Rotas are irrelevant, as whatever is written down never bears the slightest resemblance to reality anyway. As soon as someone finds that they are booked on a certain date to read a lesson, make coffee, or mow the churchyard, they immediately book a holiday for that week.

If we are lucky, they may find a replacement - apart from one occasion. Major Hastings was unable to read the lessons on a certain day, so he booked another, then forgot and booked a second person. Cometh the day, they both went to the lectern and neither would give way, so we had the lessons read by two people. It would not have been too bad if they read at the same pace, but they got ever more out of phase as the reading progressed, one having returned to his pew while the other was still doggedly finishing the last few verses.

I did, however, greatly appreciate your team's advice on time efficiency. From now on, on Sunday mornings, the lessons will be read while the hymns are sung, the collection taken while the anthem is given and the sermon preached while the notices are delivered. In future, we should get through Mattins in twelve and a half minutes.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Rosters: from Sunday 6th September 2015 through to Sunday 25th October 2015

Date	Media	Money	Reading	Prayers	Communion	Altar	Welcome	Kitchen
Sun 6 th Sep	Michael A	Betty SG & Pat	Pat	Jill	Jill	Carol & Jacqueline		Joel & Lillian
Sun 13 th Sep	Peter B & Joel	Lillian & David D	Michael A	Beryl	Adele	Carol & Jacqueline		Michael & Adele
Sun 20 th Sep	Michael A	Betty SG & Pat	David D	Revd. Julie	Betty R	Carol & Jacqueline		Joy & Frank
Sun 27 th Sep	Peter B & Joel	Lillian & Pat	Lillian	Beryl	Beryl	Carol & Jacqueline		Betty & Hazel
Sun 4 th Oct	Michael A	Betty SG & Pat	Peter B	Jill	Jill	Sheri		Joel & Lillian
Sun 11 th Oct	Peter B & Joel	David D & Betty SG	David D	Revd. Julie	Adele	Sheri		Adele & Michael A
Sun 18 th Oct	Michael A	Lillian & Betty SG	Norma	Betty R	Jill	Sheri		Joy & Frank
Sun 25 th Oct	Peter B & Joel	Betty SG & Pat	Lillian	Beryl	Beryl	Sheri		Betty & Hazel

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. Revd. Julie or Jill.

Dates For Your Diary

Wed 2nd September

10:30 am Mainly Music

Thu 3rd September

09:30 am Craft Group

04:00 pm KidsPlus+

Sat 5th September

08:30 am Mini Market

Sun 6th September

09:00 am Sunday Club

04:00 pm Order of St Luke

Wed 9th September

10:30 am Mainly Music

Thu 10th September

04:00 pm KidsPlus+

(Final session for this term)

Sun 13th September

10:30 am Church Council Meeting

Wed 16th September

10:30 am Mainly Music

Thu 17th September

09:30 am Craft Group

Fri 18th September

6:00 pm Happy Hour

Wed 23rd September

10:30 am Mainly Music

(Final session for this term)

Thu 1st October

09:30 am Craft Group

Come & Try

Sun 4th October

09:00 am Sunday Club

Sun 11th October

09:00 am Blessing of the Pets

Sat 21st November

Christmas Kids Market



Some Quotations

The visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men, in the which the pure Word of God is preached, and the Sacraments be duly ministered. *Book of Common Prayer*

I am afraid that he has not been in the inside of a church for many years; but he never passes a church without pulling off his hat. This shews that he has good principles. *Samuel Johnson*

Kneeling ne'er spoil'd silk stockings; quit thy state; All are equal within the Church's gate. *George Herbert*

The church is the only society in the world that never loses any of its members, even by death. *Anon*

Kindness has converted more sinners that zeal, eloquence and learning. *Anon*

With the upcoming by-election in mind

We pay a tremendous crime bill each year, but we do get a lot of crime for our money.

What this country needs is fewer people who know what this country needs.

To win the people, always cook them some savoury that pleases them.

Aristophanes, "The Knights"

Service Times

Wed 2 September (Green)

09:30 am Prayers

Pss 5, 6

1 Kings 3: 16 - 28

Acts 24: 10 - 27

Sun 6 September (Green)

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Service

Proverbs 22: 1 – 2, 8 – 9,
22 - 23

James 2: 1 – 10, 14 - 17

Mark 7: 24 - 37

9:00 am Sunday Club

Wed 9 September (Green)

09:30 am Prayers

Ps 22: 1 – 22

1 Kings 8: 37 – 53

Acts 27: 13 – 32

Sun 13 September (Green)

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Service

Proverbs 1: 20 – 33

Ps 19

James 2: 18 – 26

Mark 8: 27 – 38

Wed 16 September (Green)

09:30 am Prayers

Ps 38

1 Kings 11: 1 – 25,

Mathew 5: 13 – 26

Service Times

Sun 20 September (Green)

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Service

Proverbs 31: 10 – 31

Ps 1

James 3: 1 – 12

Mark 8: 27 – 38

Wed 23 September (Green)

09:30 am Prayers

Pss 54; 55: 1 – 12

1 Kings 14: 1 – 18

Mathew 7: 6 – 23

Sun 27 September (Green)

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Service

Esther 7: 1 – 6, 9 – 10, 9: 20 – 22,
Ps 124

James 5: 12 - 20

Mark 9: 38 – 50,

Wed 30 September (Green)

No Morning Prayers
(School Holidays)

Sun 4 October (Green)

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Service

Job 1: 1, 2: 1 – 10,

Hebrews 1: 1 – 4, 2: 5 – 12

Mark 10: 2 – 16

9:00 am Sunday Club

Wed 7 October (Green)

No Morning Prayers
(School Holidays)

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Blessing of the Pets

Sunday 11th October
at 9:00 am



**Bring your family's pet(s) for
a Blessing during our regular morning
service. Morning tea to follow.**



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