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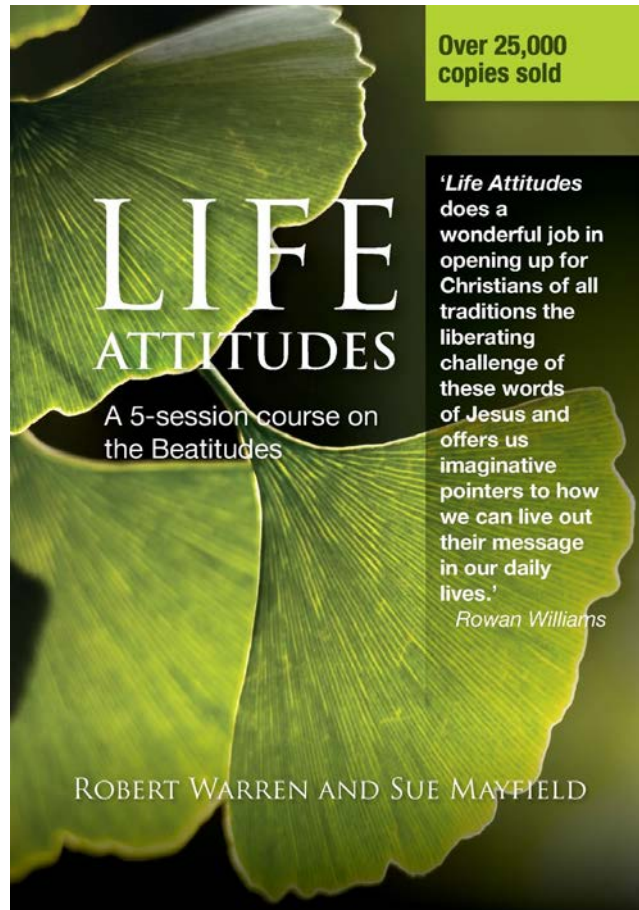
# NEWSLETTER

## February 2016



The solemn blessings which mark the opening of the Sermon on the Mount, the very first of Jesus's sermons in the Gospel of St. Matthew 5: 3 – 10.

# LENT STUDY GROUP



- When:** Wednesdays 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm  
Commencing on Wednesday 17 February
- Where:** The Anglican Church of the Holy Cross  
56 McLean Street, Melville
- Cost:** \$11.00 for the book  
(please see Revd. Julie if this cost is difficult to meet)
- Led By:** The Revd. Julie

This five week course will explore and grapple with the Beatitudes or beautiful attitudes, described by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount.

The Beatitudes focus our minds on what makes us truly happy. These eight short verses are a rich mine of resources for living. They call us to 'live the kingdom – now' and to encounter God's blessing as we do this.

If you would like to join a group, please add your name to list on back table at the church or email Revd. Julie on [julieblennard@gmail.com](mailto:julieblennard@gmail.com)

*(For more information refer to page 6 of this newsletter.)*

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[www.perth.anglican.org/bulletin](http://www.perth.anglican.org/bulletin)

## 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:** Our Lenten Studies this year is a series of five lessons on the Beatitudes which are found in Matthew 5: 3 – 10

**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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## From the Archbishop

*Fires in Yarloop Esperance, Toodyay, Bindoon, Chittering and Ellenbrook*

Archbishop Roger has sent out a request in response to the recent devastating fires around the State:

“The Diocese has an emergency appeal account to which parishes and individuals are encouraged to contribute. Monies from the Archbishop’s Distress Appeal will be distributed to parishes in the affected areas to offer local communities the most appropriate support.

Donations can be made in these ways:

- **Cheque** made out and sent to The Archbishop’s Disaster Appeal, GPO Box W2067, PERTH WA 6846
- **Electronic Funds Transfer**  
Name: The Perth Diocesan Trustees  
BSB: 706-001  
Account: 30003481  
Narration: Distress Appeal Donation (or as much as can be fitted in)
- **Cash** to Revd. Julie who will transfer it electronically for you. ☒

## From the Revd. Julie

New year greetings to you all. Most of you will know by now through various sources that I offered to return to Holy Cross after some holidays until the end of April. I will definitely not be able to continue after that as Ric and I are going away for over a month. Hopefully this will be sufficient time for the Diocese and Holy Cross to find a more permanent solution with respect to clerical ministry. I will remain two days a week. During February it will be Wednesday (to cover for Jill at mainly music) and Sunday, then I’ll revert to Thursday and Sunday.

I have really enjoyed my January holiday doing many of the things I love doing during summer. This year it included a visit to my niece and her family in Victoria where we spent one long but amazingly enjoyable day at the Australian Open tennis. That was a real treat.

The next three months will be quite busy at Holy Cross so I look forward to sharing this time with you all.

Blessings to you all.

Revd Julie ☒



## Prayers and Thanksgiving for Holy Cross

- ✝ Give thanks for God's abundant blessings to Holy Cross over the Christmas period.
- ✝ Pray God will gift Holy Cross with musicians to develop and enhance our music ministry.
- ✝ Pray for Emmanuel, Jed and America as they prepare for their baptism on 7<sup>th</sup> February. Pray also for the parents and Godparents of Zayla and Aleah Hinde as they prepare for the children's baptism on 28<sup>th</sup> February. Give thanks for the anticipation of these two joyous occasions.
- ✝ Pray for mainly music and KidsPlus+ as they resume for the year - that both will be well supported. Give thanks for the teams that help with these two important ministries at Holy Cross.
- ✝ Pray that together the Diocese and Holy Cross can discern the way forward for Holy Cross with respect to ordained ministry. Give thanks for the Fresh Expressions team and pray for clarity as they seek God's guidance through Fresh Expressions.



## Christmas at Holy Cross

Well from my perspective our prayers were answered for a very joyous and well supported Christmas.

Carols in the Courtyard was a wonderful evening of singing and fellowship. We were blessed indeed to have Sing Australia Fremantle join us. It was a most enjoyable evening indeed.

The Christmas Eve Family Service saw the Church packed and we all thoroughly enjoyed having our young people (and a few not so young!) act out for us the Christmas story. They did so well. And it was great having visiting children enter into the spirit of the occasion by dressing as shepherds or angels.

Christmas morning was far more encouraging than last year with just over double the attendance. The morning was further enhanced by having media available – thanks to Mike Arnold.

A lot of other work went into preparing Holy Cross for Christmas – and I know Jill spent quite a bit of time organising decorations and lights – and with the assistance of Claire Tebbutt putting together the nativity play. Thanks to everyone though who assisted at Christmas in various ways.

I think we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus together well.

Revd. Julie



## Ash Wednesday

Easter is very early this year (27<sup>th</sup> March) and so Ash Wednesday is early (10<sup>th</sup> February). We have decided to have an Ash Wednesday service at the usual morning service time – 9.30 am. This will be a Eucharist and will include the imposition of ashes. All are welcome. v

Please bring your Palm Cross from last year's Palm Sunday to next Sunday so it can be burnt with others to be used for the imposition of ashes. ☒

## Episcopal Visit

Bishop Kate Wilmot will be visiting Holy Cross on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March for our regular Sunday service. This year Holy Cross is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee year and so we plan to make that Sunday a special celebration. It will also be Palm Sunday so there will be lots happening.

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. ☒

## Baptisms at Holy Cross

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February we will be baptising Emmanuel, Jed and America Haslam during our 9 am service. It has been a delight to welcome Olivia, Michael and the children to Holy Cross and we look forward very much to this joyous occasion.

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February we will be baptising Zayla and Aleah Hinde – daughters of Chelsea and Patrick Hinde. Some of you will remember Chelsea when she worshipped at Holy Cross before moving to Broome. Holy Cross remains a significant place for Chelsea hence she and Patrick wanting the children baptised here. The 28<sup>th</sup> February is the only opportunity for the baptism given family and friends circumstances. The baptism family would like to provide all the food for morning tea which is very generous of them. It would be helpful if some Holy Cross folk could set things up beforehand and assist with serving teas and coffees. Thanks. Please pray for both families as they prepare for the baptism. ☒

## Liturgical Assistants

These licences are for a year only and so we recently renewed licences for Adele Arnold and Betty Rushforth and welcomed Lillian Daniels as a new LA.

Jill Bowman and Beryl Shooter remain licenced as Lay Pastoral Ministers – a three year appointment. ☒

## Mainly Music

Mainly music is a place to meet friends, make new friends, share time with children, sing, dance, laugh, cry, welcome new babies, watch them grow, say goodbye to the little ones going off to school, have a cuppa and a homemade morning tea.

Come on, join us. A great time we can guarantee - we know you will love it! We will be commencing on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016. ☒

## Kids Plus

KidsPlus is an energetic program for children aged pre-primary to year 3, involving craft, music and games. It is run by friendly, enthusiastic volunteers and it provides a great place for children to enhance their learning and social skills.

Will resume in first term on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February. ☒

## Sunday Club

Sunday club is happening on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month and will continue all year. The families who attend really value the opportunity to attend church as a family sometime creating an opportunity for 4 generations of one family to worship together.

Next Sunday club is on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February. ☒

## Order of St Luke

Order of St Luke the Physician Healing Ministries, Perth Melville Chapter:

### Healing Service

**Date:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016

**Time:** 4:00 pm

**Location:** Church of the Holy Cross  
56 McLean Street  
Melville WA 6156

**Topic:** New Year Resolutions  
and the value of ritual

All are welcome, especially the newly bereaved.

For further information:

Call the Chaplain M: 0438 935 164 ☒

## Mothers Union

The first meeting for the year will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 1:00 pm at the Church, 56 McLean Street, Melville. ☒

## Anglican Messenger

There seems to have been some uncertainty about whether we make a donation when we receive a copy of the Anglican Messenger. Parish Council agreed that they should be distributed to parishioners free of charge so please do take a copy. They contain all kinds of information and news from around our Diocese and elsewhere. If you wish to leave a donation then that's OK. ☒



## Lenten Studies

### Life Attitudes

*(For details of times, location & cost of this course refer to the inside front cover of this newsletter.)*

#### Week 1 Living Well

An introduction to the Beatitudes  
(Matthew 5: 3-10)

#### Week 2 Living Openly

(Matthew 5: 3-4)

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit’ and  
‘Blessed are those who mourn’

What it means to live in an open way-  
open to God, to others, and to the joy  
and pain around us.

#### Week 3 Living Purposefully

(Matthew 5: 5-6)

‘Blessed are the meek’ and ‘Blessed are  
those who hunger and thirst for  
righteousness’

What it means to live by God’s agenda.

#### Week 4 Living Lovingly

(Matthew 5: 7-8)

‘Blessed are the merciful’ and ‘Blessed  
are the pure in heart’

What it means to live in an attitude of  
love and grace.

#### Week 5 Living Differently

(Matthew 5: 9-10)

‘Blessed are the peacemakers’ and  
‘Blessed are those who are persecuted  
for righteousness’ sake’

What it means to live in ways that are  
radically different and life-affirming. ☒

## Lenten Studies (Continued)

Christianity is essentially a ‘lifestyle’  
religion. It is as much about what and  
who we are as about what we say or  
believe. The Scriptures are not primarily  
books of doctrine, but rather stories of  
how the revelation of God has made an  
impact on and shaped the lives of those  
who have heard its message.

We live in a rapidly changing world.  
Increasingly, ours is a culture where  
people are less interested in religious  
activity than in ‘spirituality’, and more  
interested in ‘resources for living’ than  
in doctrines or creeds. The Beatitudes  
focus our minds on what makes us truly  
happy. These eight short verses are a  
rich mine of resources for living. They  
call us to ‘live the kingdom – now’ and  
to encounter God’s blessing as we do  
this. ☒

## 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
Street Sign: to be installed at the cnr Stock & McLean	installed
Hand water verge lawn.	
Reticulation	

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. ☒



## Lenten Studies

### Lent At St John's Fremantle

With Easter falling on almost the earliest possible date this year, deciding what to offer in terms of Lent studies is more of an issue than usual, so it might possibly be the case that this series will be attractive beyond our parish borders

You will agree, I'm sure, that the line-up of scholars is second-to-none, and all of them local practitioners engaged in one way or another in pastoral ministry.

We are particularly gratified that Perth's two rabbis agreed to contribute, as we Christians do have the bad habit of reading the Hebrew scriptures without bothering to see what our Jewish sisters and brothers think about their own texts.

All five contributors have agreed to pay close attention to the sacred text itself rather than focus on traditional devotional applications.

What do we think we are doing sitting in the dark hearing these great stories of our people?

Why do we spend so much time with these particular texts on the greatest day of the Christian year?

What do these powerful tales mean in themselves?

What might they mean to us today and tomorrow?

If you would like to join us, please know that you will be more than welcome.

All sessions will be held in St John's Church in the heart of Fremantle.

We do ask for registration so that we can be hospitable hosts.

There is, however, no admission fee at all.

With greetings and prayers for a holy Lent and Easter,

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*See more details on pages 12 & 13 of this newsletter.* ☒

### Sick

During a church service my young niece had to go outside, as she did not feel well. She returned a few minutes later and admitted: 'I have been a little sick. But it doesn't matter, there's a box at the door marked 'for the sick'.

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### Observations on life

The old forget, the young don't know. –  
*German proverb*

Adversity makes a man wise, not rich. –  
*Anon*

When a man grows angry, his reason rides out. – *Anon*

The one thing that hurts more than paying an income tax is not having to pay an income tax. – *Lord Dewar* ☒

## Donation to St Bart's

*Following is the response received from St Bart's for the donation of money collected at the Children's Mini Mart last year:*

"On behalf of the St Bartholomew's House Board, staff and especially our residents, thanks to the Anglican Church of the Holy Cross for their generous donation of \$109.90.

Many people whose lives are in crisis and experiencing homelessness don't have a support network of people to help them rebuild their lives.

Your support will be integral to helping us help more people in need, to turn their lives around.

Your donation will be invested in essential facilities and services which will help transform the lives of some of Perth's most vulnerable people. Our sustainable approach helps people develop the skills and confidence to reconnect with the community and break the cycle of homelessness.

On behalf of St Bart's and our residents, thank you once again for your donation and for helping us help Perth people in need to rebuild their lives.

Yours sincerely

Karis Aplin

Marketing & Fundraising Officer

9th December 2015"



St. Bartholomew's House

Reconnecting lives.

St Bart's mission is to assist the homeless of today to rebuild their lives and to act to prevent the homelessness of tomorrow.

St Barts takes in people experiencing homelessness and provides them accommodation and the combination of physical, mental and social support demanded by each person individual circumstances. The accommodation and support needs of our residents change as they transition through our services but for most it is a journey of years rather than months. Each case is different, but St Bart's aims to provide continued access to the accommodation and support that is required to rebuild the life of each individual

[www.stbarts.org.au](http://www.stbarts.org.au)



*The following, written by Ian Carter CEO of Anglicare WA, is an excerpt from his article published in the Dec 2015 issue of the Anglican Messenger.*



The decline in the resource sector has created a ripple through our economy. In response, the government has tightened its belt and cut spending across the board – including funding for community services like ours.

In the midst of these cuts, the need for community support has not waned. In fact, the economic uncertainty has, if anything, created a greater demand for counselling, both financial and personal. Many workers have recently found their jobs and very livelihood in jeopardy.

However, important as it may be, community service is about more than just funding. The passion and ingenuity routinely displayed by our staff has been truly inspiring. In the face of increased demand and decreased resources, our year has been characterised by collaboration and innovation. By working together with other service organisations, corporate partners and, of course, Anglican parishes and schools, we have been able to continue our work supporting vulnerable families in Western Australia.

Perhaps a perfect example of this approach is the continued success of our youth homelessness program – Foyer Oxford. Many housing services

will take in homeless people and put a roof over their head for a short period. However, once their time is up, that person will inevitably return to the streets where they started. Foyer Oxford strives to equip at-risk young people with the tools to permanently end their homelessness. To accomplish this, Foyer Oxford is run by a consortium of three organisations – Anglicare, Foundation Housing and the Central Institute of Technology.

We provide professional youth workers who offer support and case management to the young people. Foundation Housing has overseen the construction of 98 apartments, styled after student accommodation, to house the young people. The Central Institute of Technology offers access to education and training opportunities, with the goal of getting young people into the workforce. This holistic approach has proved to be enormously successful, with over 85% moving into their own place.

Excitingly, the program hit capacity this year, housing 98, including 24 young parents and their children. The program received several awards, including the program's manager, Jethro Sercombe, being awarded the WA Youth Work Leader Award, and culminating with the Premier's Award in October 2015.

Anglicare WA exists to help all people in our community move from surviving to thriving, and this is what we will continue to do. ☒

# Anglicare WA Services Guide

*Jesus said: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly"*

John 10:10b

## Relationships

Resilient relationships help us to get the best out of life. At Anglicare WA we provide a wide range of relationship services for families, couples and individuals. We help people to manage disputes, deal with family violence, and cope with separation. We provide foster care to children and young people who are unable to live with their families. We offer sexual assault counselling and support for those who have lost loved ones to suicide, and help people with disabilities live their lives to the fullest. We put our children first and make sure their needs are addressed as lives and relationships change.

### Counselling:

make an appointment or enquiry 9263 2050.

**Relationships:** Counselling for individuals, couples and families on a range of issues. Includes face to face counselling and phone counselling.

### Personal Helpers and Mentors Service:

This is a support program for people engaged with the mental health system. The program focuses on strengths with an emphasis on mentoring people as they work towards achieving their own goals and agendas.

## Housing

**Private Tenancy Support** is a service that helps clients who are in danger of losing their accommodation to secure their tenancy. Enquiries can be made over the phone and, if found suitable, and appointment with a support worker will be made.

Fremantle: 9528 0726

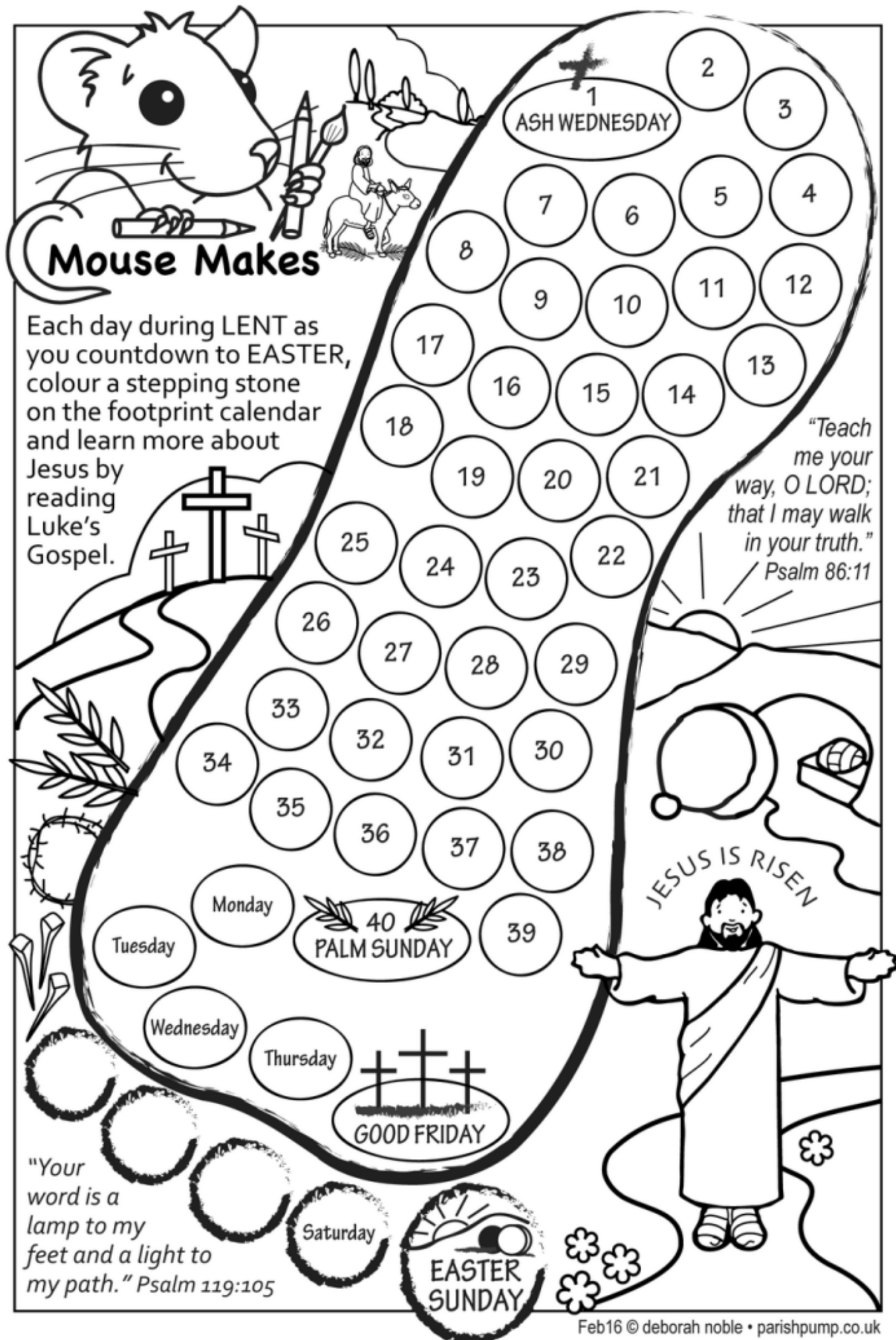
**Public Tenancy Support** assists clients living in public housing provided by the Western Australian Department of Housing, who are in danger of losing their tenancy. The service is located in Halls Creek, Fremantle, Kwinana, Rockingham, Mandurah, Narrogin, Bunbury, Collie, Katanning and Albany.

Family Housing is a program to assist families who are having problems maintaining their tenancy or a stable family household. It provides accommodation throughout the greater Perth Metropolitan area, with three and four bedroom homes in Carlisle, Girrawheen, Beechboro, Coolbellup, South Lake, Bibra Lake, Willagee and Wilson. To be eligible for the program, prospective families must have two or more children in their care and require urgent housing assistance. 6310 0581

This information was taken from the Anglicare WA Services Guide 2015/2016 and only lists a few of the services available. For more detailed information, contact Anglicare WA or visit their website.

[www.anglicarewa.org.au](http://www.anglicarewa.org.au)





*In the darkness of Holy Saturday or just before Easter dawn  
we gather to hear to the great stories of our people*

*Stories first told around the camp-fires by our Jewish parents in faith  
are heard now by the light of the brightly burning  
Paschal Candle*

*But what do we hear?*

*A creation story where divine fiat contradicts scientific knowledge,  
or a story about the earth and about ourselves,  
stressing responsibility for all living creatures?*

*A story of genocide where one nation walks free  
while others are slaughtered,  
or a story of God's unfailing faithfulness and redemptive love?*

*A story about blind obedience to a cruel deity,  
or a story about the end of human sacrifice  
and embracing lives of selfless service?*

*In this Lent series respected Jewish and Christian scholars  
will open up much-loved but sometimes troublesome scriptures,  
inviting us more deeply into  
the conversation between God and humankind*



**Rabbi Adi Cohen**

RABBI AT TEMPLE DAVID

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**Rabbi David Freilich OAM**

CHIEF RABBI OF PERTH HEBREW CONGREGATION





# **EASTER VIGIL PROPHECIES**

**17 February  
Genesis 1:1-2:4  
Rabbi Adi Cohen**

**24 February  
Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18  
Dr Suzanne Boorer**

**2 March  
Genesis 22:1-18  
Dr Gregory Seach**

**9 March  
Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21  
Fr Ryan Green**

**16 March  
Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Rabbi David Freilich OAM**

**REGISTRATION  
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**LENT WEDNESDAYS  
7.30PM  
ST JOHN'S FREMANTLE**

## Service Times

### Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> February (Green)

09:30 am Morning Prayer

### Sun 7<sup>th</sup> February (White)

Transfiguration

09:00 am Service

09:00 am Sunday Club

### Wed 10<sup>th</sup> February (Violet)

Ash Wednesday

09:30 am Communion &  
Imposition of ashes

### Sun 14<sup>th</sup> February

First Sunday in Lent

09:00 am Service

### Wed 17<sup>th</sup> February (Violet)

09:30 am Morning Prayer

### Sun 21<sup>st</sup> February (Violet)

Second Sunday in Lent

09:00 am Service

### Wed 24<sup>th</sup> February (Violet)

09:30 am Morning Prayer

### Sun 28<sup>th</sup> February (Violet)

Third Sunday in Lent & Baptism

09:00 am Service

### Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> March (Violet )

09:30 am Morning Prayer

### Sun 7<sup>th</sup> February (Violet)

Fourth Sunday in Lent

09:00 am Service

09:00 am Sunday Club

### Wed 9<sup>th</sup> March (Violet )

09:30 am Morning Prayer



## For Your Diary

### Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> February

10:30 am Mainly Music

Our first session for 2016

### Mon 8<sup>th</sup> February

01:00 pm Mothers Union

### Wed 10<sup>th</sup> February

10:30 am Mainly Music

### Wed 17<sup>th</sup> February

10:30 am Mainly Music

07:00 pm Lenten Studies

### Thu 18<sup>th</sup> February

04:00 pm KidsPlus

Our first session for 2016

### Wed 21<sup>st</sup> February

10:30 am Mainly Music

07:00 pm Lenten Studies

### Thu 25<sup>th</sup> February

04:00 pm KidsPlus

### Wed 28<sup>th</sup> February

10:30 am Mainly Music

07:00 pm Lenten Studies

### Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> March

10:30 am Mainly Music

### Thu 4<sup>th</sup> March

04:00 pm KidsPlus

