

NEWSLETTER April 2016



Episcopal Visit of Bishop Kate & Jubilee Celebration





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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: Psalm 118: 22 picture: Archway Islands, South Island,

New Zealand.

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 newsletter, follow the link below to the Perth Diocesan Bulletin.

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From Revd. Julie

This really will be my final Newsletter as Ric and I are going away in May so I won't be available to continue after end of April. However, I would have been here 12 months and given I had retired perhaps it is time to re-retire and return to my 'bucket list'!

Holy Cross has achieved much in my time here – but perhaps one of the most significant achievements has been to acquit the stipend debt it had to the Diocese. That is, in April 2015 Holy Cross owed the Diocese \$22,266 in payments for clergy ministry. By the end of April this year the debt will be cleared. That means \$2,000 a month will no longer be coming out of Holy Cross' account. Holy Cross certainly benefits financially from the extensive use of our hall and tennis courts - but it is also clear our regular offerings have assisted significantly in acquitting this debt. At the same time we have been able to pay for some important maintenance. So well done for your faithful and generous financial support of Holy Cross.

And please know that the hard work so many of you put in when there are special events on a Sunday does not go unnoticed. The kitchen is often quite abuzz with helpers who seem always to be in such good spirits despite the busyness. Of course, many other tasks get done and I've mentioned most of them before but special Sundays can be quite demanding with setting up, serving and cleaning up. So thank you to those who are able to assist in this way.

Thank you again for the many expressions of encouragement and support I have received this past (almost) 12 months. I will keep Holy Cross in my prayers as I see such potential here – as I'm sure God does! I think of the words of St Paul to the Philippians (3:12-16)

"Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.
Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."

Blessings to you all. Revd. Julie

From the Bishop

Dear People of Holy Cross

I very much enjoyed being in place with you on Sunday as you marked Palm Sunday and the sixtieth anniversary of the parish. I am grateful for all the faithful ministry that has gone forth from Melville parish over the years and is still going forth.

With best wishes for a deep and joyful Easter.

+Kate

Prayers & Thanksgivings for Holy Cross

- baptism on 10 April – and pray for her as she prepares for this important step in her Christian journey.
- ☆ Give thanks that by the end of April Holy Cross will have acquitted the stipend debt owed to the Diocese.
- ☆ Give thanks for another successful. term of mainly music and KidsPlus especially giving thanks for the various team members who support each event.
- ☆ Continue to pray God will gift Holy Cross with musicians to develop and enhance our music ministry.
- ☆ Give thanks for all those who have worked hard this past month or so to assist with the baptism in February, Palm Sunday and the visit of Bishop Kate, and Holy Week and Easter.
- 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.



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

Healing Service

Sunday 3rd April 2016 Date:

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Church of the Holy Cross

56 McLean Street Melville WA 6156

Meditation on Psalm 46 Topic:

All are welcome, especially the newly bereaved.

For further information:

Call the Chaplain M: 0438 935 164 |X|



Happy Hour with all our Old & New friends.

Friday 15th April When:

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Where: **Holy Cross**

56 McLean Street, Melville

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Why: Because we can!

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

Indian Orthodox Church

After some discussion the Parish Council has approved the use of our facilities by the **Indian Orthodox Church** (IOC) on a regular basis. The IOC has been using St George's Anglican Church in Applecross for approximately six years but have outgrown it. They were looking for new facilities & approached Holy Cross.

The Archbishop needed to approve their use of our Church and he has done so.

It will mean some changes to when we can access the facilities at Holy Cross.

The pattern for the IOC will be:-

- First, third and fifth Sundays of the month from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm
- Second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 7:30 am to 11:30 am

Please be mindful of these times when needing to come into Holy Cross.

An appropriate amount has been agreed for the use of our facilities. Revd. Julie, Jill and Peter have had various meetings with some of the IOC's leadership and feel very confident we can work together co-operatively and amicably. All the appropriate paperwork has been prepared.



Food Hamper & Vouchers

Parish Council has

decided to reintroduce a food
hamper system at
Holy Cross as a way of
supporting the

Willagee Food Hamper ministry.

Members of Holy Cross are invited to bring an item of non-perishable food to Church to support the hamper. Holy Cross will keep a few items back for urgent needs but we do not have the human resources to start up a food hamper ministry. Willagee already has one in place that works well – and they are often running out of food so it would be good for Holy Cross to support them.

As it is becoming increasingly difficult for people in need to access any support at all with the tightening of budgets within the organisations that have traditionally provided support – Holy Cross will also continue to have some food vouchers available for urgent need (which we have been doing this past year). If anyone would like to contribute to these financially then a contribution through the Sunday offering would be appreciated. It would of course be in addition to our usual offering as Holy Cross still has its own bills to pay!

Any questions please see Revd Julie or Jill. Thanks.

Anglicare Knit-In

This year we have been asked to create scarves and beanies. Feel free to use your own patterns or email us for one of the knitting/crochet patterns.

We have arranged for a pickup of completed items at the end of the day.

Venue: Upper Theatre,

All Saints College, Cnr Brockman Ave & Ewing Ave, Bullcreek

Date: Wednesday, 13 April 2016

Time: 10 am to 2 pm

Provided: Morning Tea

(tea, coffee, slices and water)

BYO: Knitting, Crochet, hooks,

needles, yarn,

completed projects, etc

Lunch is not provided but you are very welcome to bring lunch if you are staying for the day.

If you have been knitting or crocheting squares please bring them along as we have a lady to sew them together.

For more details:

Join our facebook page Anglicare Knit In (or Crochet)

If you need to speak to someone ring Linda on 9332 6873

Email: anglicareknitin@gmail.com

Baptisms at Holy Cross

What joy to be celebrating another baptism at Holy Cross. On 10th April Charlotte (Charlee) Cooksey will be baptised. Charlee, with Mum Jen and brother Jay, regularly attend our Family Service – and Charlee and Jay are faithful members of KidsPlus+.

Murdoch University International Theologian Public Lectures

Murdoch University is pleased to announce that the lectures this year will be led by The Revd. Dr James Walters, Chaplain to the London School of Economics. He will be speaking on the theme God and Money.

Money: A Language of Creation Monday 4th April 2016

Money: A Language of Sacrifice Monday 11th April 2016

Money: A Language of Redemption Monday 18th April 2016

All lectures are 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Kim E Beazley Lecture Theatre, Murdoch University.

Refreshments will follow each lecture. Free parking is available at the University's Car Park 3.

RSVP Essential by Friday 1 April 2016 to rsvp@murdoch.edu.au or T: 9360 6176

Parish Council Notes

(not reported elsewhere)

Full copy of Parish Council Minutes on Noticeboard.

Meeting held Sunday 13th March 2016

Vacancies on Parish Council

Given the Annual Meeting of Parishioners will be held some time after 1 May, agreed no further action re new appointments at this stage.

Matters Arising

- New Diocesan insurance and new Hire of Hall form now available.
 Simplifies use of Holy Cross by smaller groups in particular.
- No response yet to note in Newsletter with respect to link person with the Diocese of Eldoret.
- First Happy Hour for this year 17
 April 6:00 pm-7:30 pm (see separate notice).

Locum Priest's Report

- Revd. Julie said she was disappointed to see that at the recent baptism Holy Cross folk sat at one table and didn't circulate with visitors. This matters needs addressing again.
- Lent group going quite well with 9-10 people attending.
- Busy preparing for Bishop's visit and Holy Week/Easter services.

Warden's Report

- Reticulation on front verge: Ongoing
 not top priority at the moment.
- Pruning of trees and general clean-up of gardens: Ready for Easter.
- Tennis court marking: Will get quote
 way overdue.

Treasurer's Report

As at end February 2016:

Total Assets \$40,548.88 Total Liabilities \$3,986.16 **Net Assets** \$36,580.72

- Stipend arrears now \$3,766.00. Acquit by end of April 2016.
- Korean Presbyterian Church (uses our Hall Sunday mornings) gave Holy Cross a \$50 voucher at Christmas and two boxes of reflex copy paper were purchased.

Holy Cross Jubilee

- Bishop Kate Wilmot's visit on 20
 March also Palm Sunday various things happening to acknowledge

 Jubilee Year.
- Note in March Newsletter re historical book.

Children's Ministry and Fresh

Expressions Reports deferred to next meeting

General Business

Urgently need someone to help keep Holy Cross' website up to date.

Next Meeting

Thursday 14th April at 7:00 pm.

Sir Walter Murdoch Writing Prize

St Basil's Anglican Parish of Murdoch-Winthrop Inaugural Sir Walter Murdoch Writing Prize 2016

St Basil's Anglican Parish is pleased to announce the inaugural Sir Walter Murdoch Writing Prize 2016. In honour of Sir Walter's dedication to fostering lively and thoughtful public dialogue, the Walter Murdoch Writing Prize invites young people to engage with contemporary issues and make their voices heard in the public space, through writing. The competition invites entries from all members of the community, within four age categories. Prizes will be awarded to winners in all categories, and commendations will be given for well-regarded entries.

Presentation of prizes and certificates will take place at St Basil's at 5 pm on Saturday July 30th, 2016 within a memorial service for Sir Walter. The evening concludes with sparkling refreshments and time to enjoy the winning entries, which will be on display. All winning and commended entries will also be featured on the parish website.



Walter Murdoch

Categories and Topics

7-9 years old: Create an A3 poster about Sir Walter Murdoch's life and work. You might include details such as when and where he lived, and some of his special achievements.

10-12 years old: Write a one-page diary entry as Walter Murdoch. You might like to capture his thoughts on a particular issue, or recount a day in his life. Think about what Sir Walter did, where he went, whom he met, and what he might have thought about.

13-17 years old: 750-1500 word essay. Ecological questions are increasingly being defined as issues of social justice. Does this change how we should respond to environmental problems, and if so, how?

18-25 years old: 1 500-2 500 word essay "That's dialogue for me – the recognition of the serious." Thinking about the current state of public discourse, and the broad and fertile ground that lies between totalitarianism and triviality, what is dialogue for you? Reflections may be informed by any discipline, including but not limited to: political, philosophical, theological, anthropological.

Deadline for entries is 5pm Thursday 16 June 2016. Required Cover Sheet with further details is on Parish Noticeboard. Or contact Revd Julie at julieblennard@gmail.com

Full Details for this Writing Prize are available for the flyer posted on the Parish Noticeboard.

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The Most Difficult Place In The World To Be A Christian

North Korea is the most difficult place in which to be a Christian, for the 14th consecutive year. According to the 2016 Open Doors World Watch List, North Korea's 'dictatorial paranoia' has kept it at the head of the 50 countries on the annual list.

But Open Doors said that the gap between North Korea and the rest of the world is narrowing. Throughout the 49 other countries on the list, the dominant and growing source of pressure on Christians is 'Islamic extremism.' It is the primary driver of persecution in the top 10 countries on the list.

All Fools' Day

In years gone by, the rules surrounding April Fool were this: between midnight and noon on 1 April, everyone is 'fair game' to be made a fool of. It is the morning of the practical joke. But the aim is not just to discomfort the victim: he must be tricked into taking action himself, sent on a 'fool's errand'.

And so children would be sent to the dairy for a pint of dove's milk, or to the bookseller for The Life of Eve's Mother. Practical jokes on a bigger scale were played: in 1860 a vast number of people received an official looking invitation to the Tower of London that read: 'Admit the Bearer and Friends to view the Annual Ceremony of Washing the White

Lions.' Precisely the same trick had been played in 1698.

Then, on the stroke of noon, tradition decrees, April Fools is finished. If anyone attempts devilry thereafter, even while the clock is still striking, it recoils on his own head. A child would then race through the sing-song formula: 'April-Fool-Day's-past-and-gone-you're-the-fool-and-l-am-none!'

Lady Day - The Annunciation

This beautiful event (Luke 1:26-38) took place in Nazareth, when Mary is already betrothed to Joseph. The Archangel Gabriel comes to Mary, greets her as highly favoured, tells her not to be afraid, that she will bear a son Jesus, and that her elderly cousin Elizabeth is already pregnant (with John the Baptist).

The birth and death of Jesus are intrinsically linked - he was born to die, and thus fulfil God's purposes.

The Annunciation is a significant date in the Christian calendar - it is one of the most frequent depicted in Christian art. Gabriel's gracious strength and Mary's humble dignity have inspired many artists. Certainly Mary's response to the angel has for centuries been an example of good faith in practice - humility, enquiry of God, and trusting acceptance in His will for her life.

St George

It's perhaps typical of the English that they should have a patron saint who isn't English, about whom next to nothing is known for sure, and who may not have existed at all. That didn't stop him being patriotically invoked in many battles, notably at Agincourt and in the Crusades, and of course it is his cross that adorns the flags of English football fans to this day.

It's most likely that he was a soldier, a Christian who was martyred for his faith somewhere in Palestine, possibly at Lydda, in the early fourth century. At some point in the early centuries of the Church he became associated with wider military concerns, being regarded as the patron saint of the Byzantine armies. There is no doubt that he was held as an example of the 'godly soldier', one who served Christ as bravely and truly as he served his king and country.

The story of George and the dragon is of much later date and no one seems to know where it comes from. By the middle ages, when George was being honoured in stained glass, the dragon had become an invaluable and invariable visual element, so that for most people the two are inseparable. Pub signs have a lot to answer for here: 'The George and Dragon'.

However, it's probably more profitable to concentrate on his role as a man who witnessed to his faith in the difficult setting of military service, and in the end was martyred for his faithfulness to Christ.



The idea of the 'Christian soldier' was, of course, much loved by the Victorian hymn-writers - 'Onward, Christian soldiers!' The soldier needs discipline. The heart of his commitment is to obedience. The battle cannot be avoided nor the enemy appeased. He marches and fights alongside others, and he is loyal to his comrades. In the end, if the battle is won, he receives the garlands of victory, the final reward of those who overcome evil.

St George's Day presents a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge is to distance the message of his life from the militarism and triumphalism that can easily attach itself to anything connected to soldiers and fighting. The opportunity is to celebrate the ideal of the 'Christian soldier' - one who submits to discipline, sets out to obey God truly, does not avoid the inevitable battle with all that is unjust, wrong and hateful in our world, and marches alongside others fighting the same noble cause. Discipline, obedience, courage, fellowship and loyalty - they're not the most popular virtues today, but that doesn't mean that they don't deserve our gratitude and admiration.

Called To Be Fools!

April Fool's Day is the traditional way to begin this month! In medieval times the fool (or jester) was not just there for amusement. He had an influential role in the court, because he could speak the truth in ways others couldn't. As Christians we are also called to be fools; Paul described himself as a 'fool for Christ' (1 Corinthians 4:10). In what ways is this an appropriate description of a Christian? In his letter Paul expands on this theme.

A Foolish Message

'For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.' (1 Cor 1:18). The heart of the Gospel does not focus on clever ideas, but on the Cross of Jesus Christ. This message of foolishness and weakness is both God's wisdom and power for our lives!

A Foolish Community:

'But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.' (1:27). The church in Corinth consisted of slaves, rather than the rich and successful. God calls the weak and vulnerable to follow Him, in order to shame those who think they don't need God.

A Foolish Ministry:

'My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.' (2:4,5). Paul's ministry didn't rest on human wisdom, but on the power of the Holy Spirit. For us, this power is often displayed when we are at our weakest!

'A fool thinks himself to be wise, but a wise man knows himself to be a fool.' (William Shakespeare).

Life Begins At 60!

The baby boomers are postponing old age. Many of them are instead embracing new life events, and carrying on with middle age until their 68th year.

Older people are simply refusing to slow down, and instead are making ambitious plans for their 60s, including changing careers and moving home. Walter B Pitkin, the psychologist, coined the phrase 'life begins at 40' in 1932, and who said that the machine age had freed many workers from back-breaking labour. Since then, life expectancy has extended by 20 years.

So, no surprise that baby boomers approaching retirement have far more ambitious plans for their future than any previous generation. 60 year-olds these days have a similar outlook and lifespan as 40 year-olds did in the 1930s.

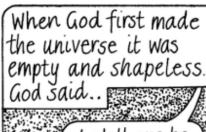
The report, commissioned by Cigna Insurance Services, found that people over 50 are expecting at least five more significant life events, and more than half of 65 year olds are enjoying life more since passing 50. "This is a generation that views maturity as empowering, and retirement as liberation."

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A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Buble in Genesis chapter 1 to 2 verse 3.

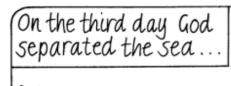
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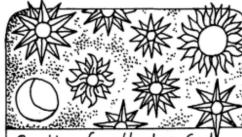
Let there be light!











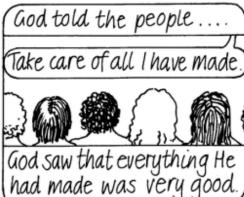
On the fourth day God made lights shine in the sky for day and night.







and then He made people, men and women





Rosters from Sunday 3rd April to Sunday 29th May 2016

Date	Media	Money	Reading	Prayers	Communion	Altar	Welcome	Kitchen
Sun 03 rd April	Peter	David & Tom	Jill	Revd. Julie	Jill	Sherri	Sharon	Margaret & Ida
Sun 10 th April	Michael	David & Peter	David	Beryl	Beryl	Sherri	Sharon	Sherri & Volunteer
Sun 17 th April	Peter	Pat T & Betty SG	Norma	Jill	Adele	Sherri	Sharon	Joy & Frank
Sun 24 th April	Michael	Peter & Tom	Pat	Revd. Julie	Beryl	Sherri	Sharon	Margaret & Ida
Sun 01 st May	Peter	David & Peter	Beryl	Beryl	Jill	Ida	Hazel	Joy & Frank
Sun 08 th May	Michael	Pat T & Norma T	Jill	Jill	Adele	Ida	Hazel	Adels & Michael
Sun 15 th May	Peter	Peter & Tom	David	Priest	Jill	Ida	Hazel	Joy & Frank
Sun 22 nd May	Peter	Pat T & Betty SG	Pat	Jill	Adele	Ida	Hazel	Adele & Michael
Sun 29 th May	Michael	David & Tom	Norma	Beryl	Beryl	Ida	Hazel	Hazel & Sherri

Note:

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

Service Times

Wed 30th March (White)

09:30 am Morning Prayer

Sun 3rd April (White)

09:00 am Service

09:00 am Sunday Club

04:00 pm Order of St Luke

Wed 6th April (White)

09:30 am Morning Prayer

Sun 10th April (White)

09:00 am Service

Wed 13th April (White)

No Morning Prayer - School Holidays

Sun 17th April (White)

09:00 am Service

Wed 20th April (White)

No Morning Prayer - School Holidays

Sun 24th April (White)

09:00 am Service

Wed 27th April (White)

09:30 am Morning Prayer

Sun 1st May (White)

09:00 am Service

09:00 am Sunday Club

Wed 4th May (White)

09:30 am Morning Prayer

Sun 8th May (White)

09:00 am Service

09:00 am Sunday Club

For Your Diary

Wed 6th April

10:30 am Mainly Music

Thu 7th April

09:30 am Craft Group

Mon 11th April

01:00 pm Mothers Union

Wed 13th April

No Mainly Music, School Holidays

Thu 14th April

07:00 pm Church Council

Fri 15th April

06:00 pm Happy Hour

Wed 20th April

No Mainly Music, School Holidays

Thu 21st April

09:30 am Craft Group

Wed 27th April

10:30 am Mainly Music

Wed 4th May

10:30 am Mainly Music

Thu 5th May

09:30 am Craft Group

Thu 12th May

04:00 pm KidsPlus+ commences

