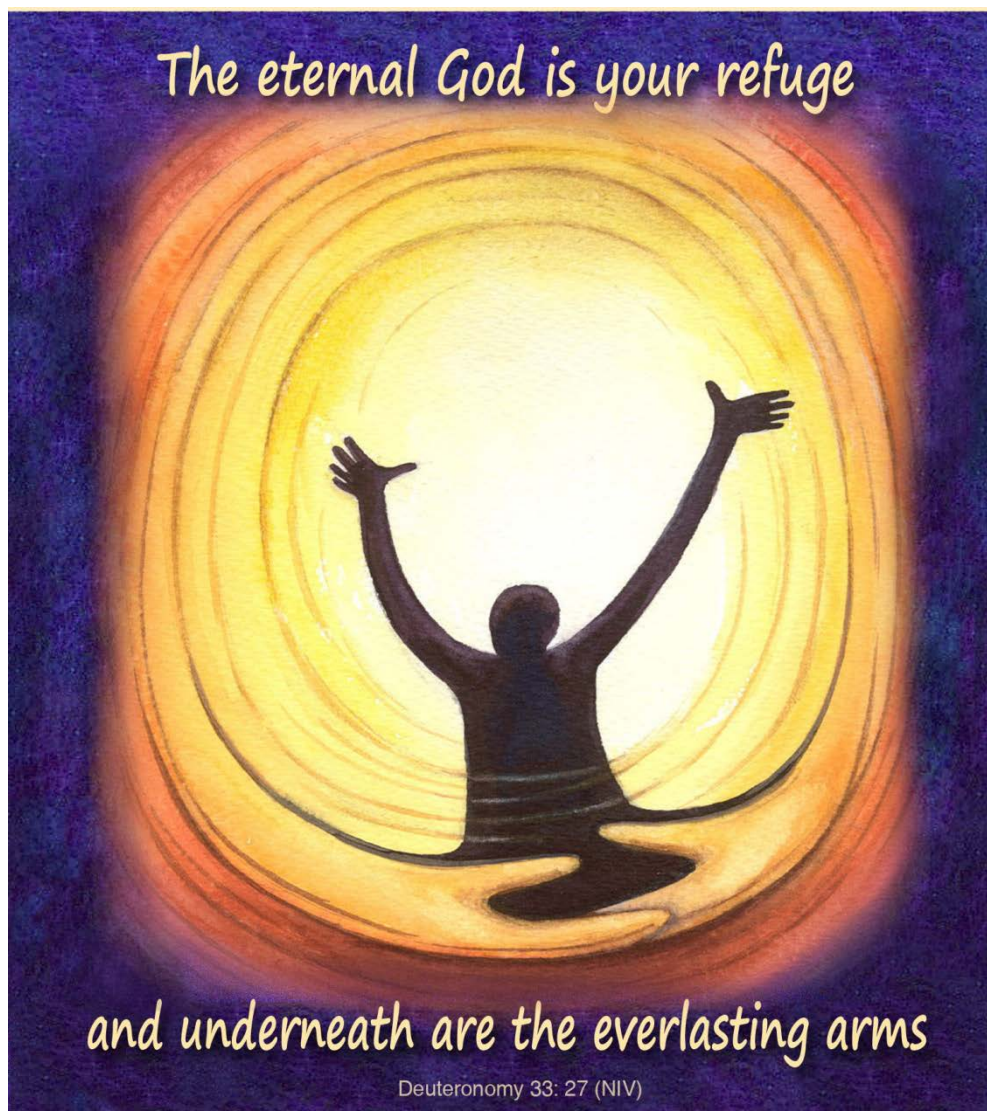


ANGLICAN CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

Newsletter



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Welcome to Holy Cross Church.

We hope that you find the worship uplifting and that your relationship with Jesus Christ is enriched through it.

Children are always welcome in church. On the 1st Sunday of the month a special effort is made to include them in the service. There will be a children's talk & activities at the rear of the church.

Change table: is in the disabled toilet.

Hard of Hearing: an AUDIO LOOP operates throughout the church area. Please use your "T" setting to make use of this.

Gluten Intolerant: gluten free wafers are available. If required, please speak to the service leader.

Morning Tea: we invite you to stay for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat in the hall after our Sunday morning service.

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Holy Cross

Mission Statement

Our Mission is:

To be a reflection of God's Love.

Our Vision is:

With God's help be united in Christ.
Be a vibrant Christian place of welcome and spiritual development. An inclusive place where we will pray, worship and learn to love and serve each other and the wider community.

Whole Of Parish Visit

During months that have five Sundays, Holy Cross Melville closes the door and goes visiting another parish. September 2019 has five Sundays and so we are going visiting this month.

When: Sunday 29th September
(5th Sun of the month)

Time: 08:30 am

Where: St Edward's
40 Collick Street
HILTON

Note: **No** service at Holy Cross for this morning.

Bible Study

Get your thinking caps on, Pat and Norma Tebbutt are starting the study on 17th September 9.00am in the meeting room.

Pat finds great studies, the conversation is very good and the morning tea is great. Please come along, have a chat with Pat to let him know you will be there.

Children and Youth Ministry

GFS and the Uniting Church are holding a Holiday Club for children aged 5 upwards:

When: from Tue 1st October
to Fri 4th October

Time: 9 am to 4 pm

Where: Mt Pleasant
Uniting Church
1 Coomoora Rd

Cost: \$20 per child per day
(includes all food
and activities)

For more information please call
GFS office 92021627

Rosters

Please refer to the notice board in the church hall.



We need more books for our street library.

Please bring along any books you are happy to deposit in the library. Place them in the bookcase in the hall. Feel free to take a book from the library.

On Sunday 15th September we are launching our street library. Bishop Kate will be with us for the morning. Invites are going to our neighbours, other street library owners, feel free to invite any of your book worm friends along to join us.

Don't forget to bring some morning tea to share.

Deanery Social

Last newsletter it was mentioned about the social event planned with the Sudanese community.

This event has been postponed until November. Please watch this space

Make The Most Of Time

Time is a gift from God. Each day is an opportunity to know God better and serve Him. Time isn't inexhaustible, as someday our time on earth will end. 'Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.' (Psalm 90:12). The first thing we can do when we awake is thank God for the gift of another day.

Secondly, commit your time to God. Time is not to be wasted, but to be used for God's glory. We are accountable to God for the way that we use our time: 'Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity' (Ephesians 5:15,16). We should ask God to help us organise our time more wisely.

Thirdly, set aside time for God, others and ourselves. How often can we go through a whole day without thinking about God or ignoring someone who needs our help? This is because we relegate God to our spare time, so He ends up at the bottom of our list of priorities. Jesus said, 'Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness' (Matthew 6:33). If we prioritise our time for God, people and our needs, the rest of life will fit around them.

Apologetics /Philosophy

Discussion Group

We need to know if you are interested in this group.

Please put your name on the list on the notice board in the hall. The group will be a great opportunity to have some great discussion on the big questions of life.

St Bart's Sausage Sizzle

At the conversation day we had with Peter Kenyon many of us mentioned how we wanted to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, St Bart's are looking for help to deliver a sausage sizzle to a group of people who find themselves without a home.

If you are interested please put your name on the list provided on the notice board in the hall.

Church Camp

Last year some of us attended the All Saints parish camp. We have been invited again this year!!

A great opportunity for fellowship and fun. The camp is being held at Fairbridge Friday 25th to 27th October. The approximate cost is \$75 pp.

If you are interested please speak with Liz or David Joachim. Names and numbers are needed by the end of September.

Quotes

The time of fear is the time to trust.

Be kind. Everyone you meet is fighting a tough battle.

If you're a cynic, everyone's corrupt. If you're an idealist, everyone's corrupt, except you.

Evil can reform, but stupid is forever.

He that has not rest at home is in the world's hell.

If you're going through hell, keep going.

Diocesan Mission Plan

The Mission Plan process is now underway and is being facilitated by Donna Shepherd. Donna worships in the Parish of Cottesloe and is the Managing Director of Creating Communities.

The Archbishop has invited people from across the Diocese; from parishes, schools, agencies and chaplaincies to participate.

In the next few months there will be opportunities for lay people and clergy to contribute in gatherings around the Diocese. Many of these gatherings will be led by Area Deans.

One has taken place in our deanery as we missed this there is still an opportunity to contribute using the Mission Plan webpage, www.missionplan.com.au

Please pray for us all in the Diocese as we seek God's grace and guidance for this vital area of our life together in Christ.

Money

One day a small boy started pulling handfuls of money out of his pockets – several notes as well as many coins. Bewildered, his mother asked, "Where on earth did you get all that money?"

"At church, of course," the boy replied, surprised. "They have bowls of it there."

Toothy Grin

While working for an organisation that delivers lunches to the elderly, I used to take my four-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs.

One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'

Property Maintenance

In June this year, a review was undertaken of the Parish Property Maintenance framework and a draft Policy 6.5 – Repairs and Maintenance was developed with feedback from parishes.

Diocesan Council approved the revised final draft policy at its meeting of 8 August and The Perth Diocesan Trustees also endorsed the policy at their meeting of 15 August. Whilst this revised policy is not due to come into effect until 1 November 2019, when the contract with MESH Assets expires

Some of the key features of the new framework and policy in effect from 1 November, are as follows:

- All parish property services will be managed from within the Diocesan Office by a dedicated parish property team. This team will perform many of the tasks previously undertaken by the external Asset Manager, such as maintaining the contractor database, keeping records of all works undertaken on parish property, co-ordinating building insurance related works, overseeing the rapid response service, co-ordinating regular building inspections and preparing maintenance plans.
- There will no longer be a requirement for contractors to pay a 10% administration fee to be an approved contractor. Contractors will, however need to comply with the Diocese insurance standards.
- Whilst there will still be a need to ensure contractors achieve minimum standards of public liability and workers compensation insurance, parishes will have greater flexibility to nominate contractors for Diocesan Office approval and make a final selection from the approved list of contractors when undertaking works.
- Thresholds governing the number of quotes for works will be increased, thus reducing some of the administrative burden on parishes and Diocesan Office.
- The frequency and coverage of mandatory testing and inspections will be reduced to the minimum required under government regulations, particularly regarding aspects concerning licensed public buildings and externally let property.

Property Maintenance (cont'd)

- The property repairs and maintenance funding amount available to a parish per financial year has been increased from \$2,000 to \$5,000 excluding GST. Grants for attending to compliance issues arising from mandatory testing and inspections will be given priority.

The changes are a welcomed change.

Choice

A father was standing at the edge of a cliff admiring the sea below, the sandwiches clutched in his hand. His son approached him and tugged at his coat. "Mum says it is not safe here," the boy said, "and that you are either to come away, or else give me the sandwiches."



Dates For Your Diary

Parish Council Meeting

When: Monday 2nd September

Time: 7 pm

Where: Meeting Room

Women's Morning Tea

(every 3rd Monday of the month)

Date: Mon, 16th September

Time: 9:30 am

Where: Delicious Fingers

Happy Hour

When: Fri, 13 September **Time:** 6:00 pm

Where: Church Hall, Holy Cross

High Tea

When: Sat, 14th September

When: 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Where: St Michael & All Angels
15 Mell Road
Spearwood

Cost: \$25

Bookings Revd. Debbie May
(refer to flyer)

Bishops Visit (Bishop Kate)

When: Sun 15th September

When: 9:00 am

Where: Anglican Church of
the Holy Cross,
MELVILLE

The Bishop will be launching our new Street Library, with a morning tea to follow.

Street Library Launch

When: Sun 15th September

Time: 10.30am

Where: Church Hall, Holy Cross

Please bring a plate of morning tea to share

Parish Council

Meeting with Bishop Kate

When: Tuesday 17th September

Time: 6.30pm

Where: Meeting Room

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Training Opportunities

All members of Parish Councils, Wardens and Treasurers or those responsible for parish property are invited to attend an information session covering the revised Policy 6.5 – Parish Property – Repairs and Maintenance, which comes into effect 1st November 2019.

A copy of the policy was forwarded to parishes under the cover of a letter emailed to parishes on 16th August 2019.

Date: Sat 7th Sept 2019

Venue: Wollaston Conference Centre,
5 Wollaston Road,
MOUNT CLAREMONT

Time: 9:30 am – 12:00 noon

Program:

- 09.30am – 10.00am
Registration and Morning Tea
- 10.00am – 11am
Presentation
- 11am – 12pm
Questions

Please register online at:
www.perth.anglican.org/events

The Wollaston Certificate in Theology Term 3 Offerings 2019

Core Unit:

Introduction to the Christian Doctrine

This unit is being offered externally to students based in the Diocese of Perth, as it is being taught by the Warden of Wollaston, the Reverend Dr Gregory Seach, in Cobram, Victoria.

This unit introduces some of the major themes and disciplines of Christian theology through a focus on Jesus Christ. It is designed to assist students to consider theological questions through the lens of Christology.

The historical figure of Jesus Christ stands at the centre of Christianity, possessing normative significance for Christian faith, Christian practice, and Christian teaching. This unit focuses on the person and work of Jesus Christ and introduces some of the central concerns of Christian theology.

Available: September 2019

Elective Unit Critical Thinking

This new unit, coordinated by the Murdoch University philosopher Associate Professor Ľubica Učník will teach students how to navigate the perils of doublespeak and “alternative facts” so prevalent in modern discourse. Students will learn how to structure and support an argument, the principles of reasoning and logic, and how to spot logical fallacies. Come prepared to learn how to think with both imagination and insight.

Venue: Murdoch University
Worship Centre

Day: Tuesdays

Time: 6 pm to 8 pm

Dates: 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th
September

To find out more please contact
Wollaston Theological College:
info@wtc.perth.anglican.org

An Evening with Stephanie Buckland

Date: Wed 4th September

Time: 7 pm

Where: St Mary's Church
9 Ridge Street
South Perth

Cost: Free

Stephanie Buckland, CEO of Amana Living, will be talking about the work of Amana Living and other topical aged-care related issues.

All are welcome.

Fr.Nick@me.com;
stmarysouthperth.com

Murdoch International Theologian Public Lecture Series

When: Wednesdays
11th, 18th, 25th Sept.

Time: 6:30 pm – 8 pm

Location: Murdoch University
South Street Campus
Kim Beazley
Lecture Theatre

Murdoch University wishes to invite you and your guests to the 2019 International Theologian Public Lecture Series. Over three special evenings, Murdoch's South Street Campus will host this year's International Theologian, Joan Taylor, Professor of Christian Origins and Second Temple Judaism at King's College, London. Professor Taylor is a leading expert on the world of Jesus, with a focus on history and archaeology. She will deliver three public lectures on the topic of Jesus' female disciples.

EcoCare Sustainable September

The Ecumenical 'Season of Creation' is upon us again it is sustainable September – a time when we can focus on the Gods Creation.

**Week 1, September 1
Ocean Sunday**

**Week 2, September 8
Fauna and Flora Sunday**

**Week 3, September 15
Storm Sunday**

**Week 4, September 22
Cosmos Sunday**

**Week 5, September 29
Blessings of Animals**

*And from the Revd. Patrick King –
Member of Eco Care and the rector
of Parish of Fremantle.*

In July I stood on a beach, on what marks the northernmost part of the Diocese of Perth. I faced into the tradewinds, peering out into the vast expanse of ocean; no landfall for a thousand kilometres, a pristine atoll in the middle of the Indian Ocean. Or almost pristine. The Cocos (Keeling) Islands, forming part of the Australian Indian Ocean Territories, are down-wind and down-current from Indonesia.

The beach on which I stood lay covered in plastic, from fully functioning thongs to tiny flecks; coloured shards. A remote island paradise, choking under the weight of rubbish that comes from far away. I was left feeling a little helpless. My recent switch to using a bamboo toothbrush would do little to alleviate the gravity of this epidemic.

A month later and we read in the news that the world is, quite literally, on fire. The Amazon rainforest is the world's largest tropical forest. It's an area with torrential rain that almost never burns on its own, yet the blazes have burned for more than two weeks, growing so intense that they sent smoke all the way to São Paulo, Brazil's largest city.

But it's not just The Amazon that is burning. Fires in Siberia, The Canary Islands, Alaska and Greenland caused by record summer temperatures and long periods of drought (and 'slash and burn' land clearing in the Amazon) have prompted international concern.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change earlier this month reported that conserving areas like the Amazon rainforest will be integral to mitigating climate change. But with the current pace of wildfires and deforestation, the world is rapidly heading in the wrong direction. We might all be left feeling a little helpless.

Disasters on such a massive scale, yet so far away from our Western Australian home, might well end up in the pile of things we can do nothing about. Yet, as with other things in that pile, we bring our concerns before God.

Our prayers, our liturgy, our very lives as Christian people seek to engage with what God is doing in the world. "The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ" to, among other things, "strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth" and when we as individuals, and as a church, seek to join in with this, we are playing a significant part in the building up of Christ's body and the resourcing of Christ's mission in the world.

EcoCare

Sustainable September (cont'd)

This Sustainable September we do just that - bringing our feelings of helplessness to God, that along with all Creation we might be transformed, renewed and healed and drawn further into the life of Jesus Christ.

If you would like a copy of the Sustainable September Resource booklet – talk with Sue Saunders.

The Beatitudes:

'Blessed are the pure in heart'

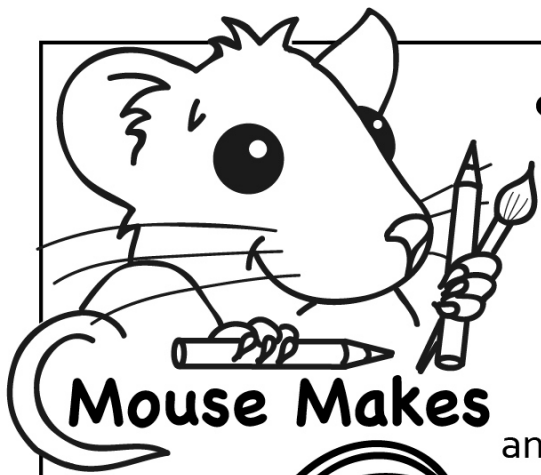
'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God' (Matthew 5:8).

Simon Stylites was a Christian, living in Syria around 400 AD, who wanted to be totally pure in his devotion to God. In order to avoid distractions, he lived in the desert on top of a pillar for 37 years. Now is this what Jesus intended for the pure in heart?

Does being single-minded for God mean that our lives should be dominated by 'Christian' activities, like Bible reading and prayer, and that God isn't really interested in the rest of our lives?

To be pure in heart is to make God the number one priority in our lives. When this happens everything else in our lives, including work, leisure, relationships, time, money etc, will fall into place. When our overall aim is pleasing and serving God, we'll find many ways of working this out in practice.

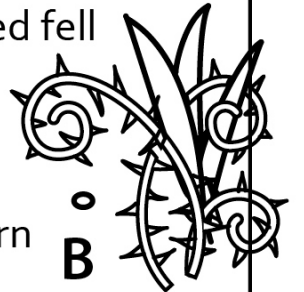
To be pure in heart also means we aim to be completely sincere in all our relationships. In a culture where the pressure to conform is very great, it means living life in an open and honest way, with nothing to hide. This is the way God intends us to live, as we operate from a pure heart before Him. The challenge is relating to others without any hidden agendas, so that 'what you see is what you get'! Jesus promises that God will reveal Himself to the pure in heart and that one day they will see God face to face. Deception blinds us, while purity opens our eyes to see God.



Mouse Makes

Read
the
story
in
Mark
1:1-20

Once there was a man who went out to sow corn. As he *scattered* the seed in the field some of it fell along the **path** where it was stepped on and **eaten** by the birds. Some of it fell on **rocky ground**, when the plants sprouted they **dried** up because the soil was dry. Some of the seed fell among **thorns** which grew up with the plants and **choked** them, and some seed fell in the **good** soil; the plants grew and produced corn - a **hundred** grains each!

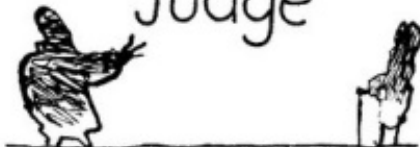


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The
Tale of the
**The Widow
and the
Judge**



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE WAS ABOUT A PROUD JUDGE...



...AND A POOR WIDOW

THE WIDOW NEEDED HELP
FROM THE JUDGE.



BUT HE WAS FAR TOO PROUD
AND BUSY TO LISTEN

BUT THE WIDOW
WOULD NOT GIVE UP



PLEASE COME AND SORT OUT
MY LEGAL PROBLEMS



AT LAST THE JUDGE
GAVE IN - AND WENT
TO HELP THE WOMAN

I'M ONLY DOING THIS BECAUSE
YOU KEPT PESTERING ME!



JESUS EXPLAINED - 'GOD IS
MUCH KINDER THAN THE JUDGE
- WE DON'T HAVE TO **PESTER**
GOD...



...HE HEARS OUR PRAYERS
WITHOUT OUR NAGGING HIM.