

# ANGLICAN CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

## Newsletter



## October 2019

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## Front Cover

The Red Capped Parrot  
(*Purpureicephalus spurius*)

Often seen in backyards and parks  
in Melville.

*'There is far more to your life than the food  
you put in your stomach, more to your  
outer appearance than the clothes you  
hang on your body. Look at the birds, free  
and unfettered, not tied down to a job  
description, careless in the care of God. And  
you count far more to him than birds.'*

Matthew 6:26-34

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. December 2019 has five Sundays and so we are going visiting that month.

**When:** Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December  
(5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month)

**Time:** TBA

**Where:** TBA

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

## Meeting with Bishop Kate

Parish Council met with Bishop Kate on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September to discuss the plan submitted to the diocese in May.

The Bishop congratulated the parish in general for our ability to welcome newcomers. She enjoyed the service we shared on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Bishop Kate also stressed that we are not the only parish in the position we find ourselves. Many parishes are struggling to grow and cannot afford full or part time ministry.

We have been encouraged to continue with our plan which included building relationships with our brothers and sisters in nearby parishes. The leadership team in church house is working on plans and hope a solution can be found to support struggling parishes.

*"So I recommend having fun, because there is nothing better for people in this world than to eat, drink and enjoy life. That way they will experience some happiness along with all the hard work God give them under the Sun."*

Ecclesiastes 8: 15

## Should I Go To Church

It's not unusual for people to fall out of the habit of going to church. Sometimes we may find ourselves asking "what's the point"?

How we answer that depends on what it means to be "the church". Some claim that you don't need to go to church to be a Christian, that what matters is living a good and upright life.

The lives of saints, however, show us that what makes a Christian is not our success in leading wholesome lives, but the humble realisation that we can't live without regular doses of God's love made real in the sacraments – especially in Holy Communion, that the meal Jesus commended his church to share in his presence.

In other words, the church exists not for the self-righteous, but for those who know their need of grace.

Jesus says that he came to call not the righteous but the sinners to be his followers (Mathew 9:13), so perhaps we should not be surprised – people fail.

On the other hand, all of us will be able to think of at least a few Christians who radiate goodness and humility. They encourage us and teach us what it means to be holy, and, while they'd be the last to accept this, they show the rest of us how to be saints!! WHORSHIP IS NOT PRIMARILY GOD'S GIFT TO US, BUT OUR GIFT TO GOD!!

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Blessed Are The Peacemakers'

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.'* (Matthew 5:9).

H.G. Wells wrote of Mr Polly, 'he was not so much a human being as a civil war.' A lack of peace in our lives reflects the lack of peace in our families, community and nation.

In this beatitude, Jesus calls us to be peacemakers by overcoming conflict and bringing unity to relationships. This is very different from being a peacelover! It calls for hard work, patience and a willingness to understand the disagreement. We also risk misunderstanding and rejection by those we're trying to help. This brings a much-needed perspective to the current Brexit debate!

What perspective does a follower of Jesus bring to peacemaking? Jesus says we will 'be called children of God', because we demonstrate the family likeness of the ultimate peacemaker. On the cross Jesus has enabled us to have peace with God (Romans 5:1) and broken down the walls of hostility between people (Ephesians 2:14).

To be a peacemaker starts by recognising that God '*has reconciled us to Himself through Christ*' (2 Corinthians 5:8).

Our mission is to implore people to '*be reconciled to God.*' (2 Corinthians 5:20). This is the only true path to inner peace, as it is rooted in the reality of peace with God.

We are also called to bring peace between people, especially in the local church. It's easy to avoid doing anything because we want a peaceful life! It means confronting situations where relationships have broken down and bringing people together in unity of heart and mind. The role of peacemaking is never easy; it cost Jesus His life and will undoubtedly change us: '*reconciliation takes place when two opposing forces clash and somebody gets crushed in between.*'

# Halloween

It's that time of year when the shops are full of pumpkins and youngsters are knocking on our doors to 'trick or treat'. How should Christians respond to Halloween? Is it simply a fun festival for the children or does it have a dark side that we should avoid?

Firstly, Christians should not respond to Halloween with superstition. The Bible reminds us that evil is a real force at work in our world, as *'the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour'* (1 Peter 5:8). We shouldn't underestimate his ability to blind the minds of unbelievers to the reality of spiritual warfare. (2 Corinthians 4:4).

Secondly, we can respond with confidence. While people are often fearful of witches, ghosts, and evil spirits, we mustn't forget that God is in control, not Satan. Jesus has secured the victory over sin and evil on the cross: 'having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.' (Colossians 2:15).

Finally, we can also offer hope. *'Christ died and returned to life so that He might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.'* (Romans 14:9). Halloween is an opportunity to share the hope of the gospel. For example, if we offer sweets to children calling to trick and treat, we might include information about the Christian faith or church. Or we could organise an alternative Light Party, celebrating Jesus as the light of the world.

C. S. Lewis provides a helpful balance for us: 'There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall into about devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.' (The Screwtape Letters).



## Training Opportunities

### The Wollaston Certificate In Theology:

Term 4 Offerings 2019 Core Unit  
THE WOLLASTON CERTIFICATE IN  
THEOLOGY - TERM 4 OFFERINGS

**2019 CORE UNIT** - Introduction to Church History Taught by The Reverend Dr Ric Barrett-Lennard, Introduction to Church History gives students an overview of the history of the Christian Church from its beginnings to the modern period. We pay particular attention to the early foundational period, as well as to the Church of England and emergence of Anglicanism.

Tuesday evenings: 8 October - 26 November 6pm - 8pm St Basil's Church, Murdoch-Winthrop Cost: \$150 for credit; \$80 audit

**ELECTIVE UNIT** – Ethics. This unit explores issues and concepts in ethics. Ethics may be viewed in numerous ways: this unit introduces some approaches to ethical theory and assists participants to employ elements of that theory, and critical thinking, in understanding complex ethical issues. As far as is practicable, the unit encourages collaboration and discussion, whether face-to-face or online. Participants should recognise that understanding a

position taken by others need not imply agreement with that position. Wednesday evenings: 16, 23, 30 October, 6 November 6pm - 8pm Wollaston Theological College Cost: \$120 for credit; \$80 audit To find out more please contact Wollaston Theological College: [info@wtc.perth.anglican.org](mailto:info@wtc.perth.anglican.org)

### Churchsafe / Safe Ministry

Dates and locations are now available - please paste the following link into your browser <https://www.perth.anglican.org/events/>

**Date:** Friday 11 October  
**Location:** St George's Cathedral, Burt Hall Saturday

**Date:** 19 October  
**Location:** (Wollaston) –  
**Note:** Clergy PD Day mandatory for Clergy who did not attend in 2018

**Date:** Saturday 2 November  
**Location:** Shenton Park  
**Note:** (specific to 18-25 year olds)

**Date:** Saturday 30 November  
**Location:** Murdoch-Winthrop  
**Date:** Saturday 14 December  
**Location:** Kingsley North and  
**Woodvale**

## Community Forum

### Human Sexuality

The Anglican Parish of Bull Creek-Leeming invite you to hear The Revd. Drs Keith Mascord and Steven Daly speak to the topic: “How do we read our scriptures and think through theological issues to establish our understanding on human sexuality”. The forum creates a space for us to listen with “the ear of their heart” to people who may not share our point of view, and invites us to be open to that which we may not fully understand.

**When:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October  
7 pm - 9pm

**Where:** All Saints’ College Chapel  
28 Ewing Street  
Bull Creek

**Cost:** Gold coin donation

**Note:** Bookings close  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

**Contact:** 0429 664 104  
parish.office@allsaints.  
wa.edu.au  
bullcreek-leeming-  
anglican.org/  
trybooking.com/BFEND

## Gather

Gather is a youth event in the Diocese that aims to bring young people together for food, fun and fellowship. It is open to all young people (15-25 years old) and takes place in different venues across the Diocese every two months. A typical night will involve opening free time, games and food followed by worship, discussion groups and a main talk.

**When:** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October  
6 pm to 6 pm

**Where:** Parish of Swanbourne –  
Mt Claremont

**Cost:** Free of charge

**Register:** Registration is essential.  
By Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
[perth.anglican.org/events](http://perth.anglican.org/events)  
or contact Mark Davis on  
t: 9425 7277  
e: [mdavis@perth.anglican.org](mailto:mdavis@perth.anglican.org)



## Talking Heads

By Alan Bennett.

Presented by, The Church of the Resurrection & Wild Capers.

More of Alan Bennett's famous bittersweet monologues. 'Talking Heads 2'. 'A Cream Cracker Under the Settee' with Janet Dickinson. 'A Lady of Letters' with Tricia Mothersole. Do not miss the unique opportunity to see this highly acclaimed production from the Fringe Festival.

**When:** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
2:30 pm to 4 pm

**Where:** Pelican Centre Hall  
105 Shenton Road  
Swanbourne

**Cost:** \$ 25 per ticket

**Contact:** 9385 2236  
[trybooking.com/BCDXW](http://trybooking.com/BCDXW)  
[office@resurrectionswanbourne.com.au](mailto:office@resurrectionswanbourne.com.au)

## St Bartholomew's House, Men's Transitional Activity Funding

### Future Homes (Men's Transitional Accommodation).

Activity items that Parishes and Schools could fund as a Project. The main thing that would be of great use to our residents would be a Computer Room. At the moment we have quite an old temperamental laptop in the Fishbowl area and only one to be shared between 45 men. Ross Jones; [chaplain@stbarts.org.au](mailto:chaplain@stbarts.org.au); 0423 209 565.

### How you can help

St Bartholomew's House can only achieve it's aims with the ongoing support of our volunteers and the wider community. There are many ways, both small and large in which you, your family or your organisation can help us to help those in need.

### Volunteering

St Bart's have a dedicated team of volunteers that give their time to help. The aim is to provide our clients with positive social support and encourage their participation in a range of recreational, living skills and/or community based activities.



Mothers' Union is a Christian organisation that has been supporting families worldwide for over 140 years. Started by our founder Mary Sumner in 1876 in her local parish in Winchester, we have flourished into an international charity with over 4 million members in 84 countries.

The Commission on the Status of Women is *"instrumental in promoting women's rights, documenting the reality of women's lives throughout the world, and shaping global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women."*

It is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women, and is a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations.

ECOSOC was established in 1946, in order to promote, report on and monitor issues relating to the political, economic, civil, social and educational rights of women.

Mothers' Union has consultative status with ECOSOC.

Mothers Union Australia supports ministry to families overseas and in remote areas of Australia.

In 2019 the following grants have been made from the Northern Outreach Fund:

\$12,000 to North Queensland to enable Mothers Union leaders to travel to remote areas for training and planning meetings.

\$15,000 to The Northern Territory for Safe Ministry training of clergy.

\$17,000 to North West Australia for the Biennial Fellow Workers Conference

\$3,000 to enable Christine Nelson, the Bishop's wife, to undertake pastoral visits to isolated clergy families.

From the Training Fund for Indigenous Women:

\$2,000 to North Queensland for materials for graduates of Wontulp-bi-Buya College.



## What's in Your Cup?



You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you, making you spill your coffee everywhere. Why did you spill the coffee? You spilled the coffee because the coffee was in your cup. Had there been tea in your cup, you would have spilled tea. The point is whatever is inside the cup, is what will spill out.

Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which will happen), that which is inside you will spill out. It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled. So we have to ask ourselves, 'What is in my cup?'

When life gets tough, what spills out? Joy, gratefulness, peace, humility? Or does anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions come out? You chose!"

Today let us work toward filling our cup with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, kindness, gentleness and love for others.

## Prayers & Poems

Lord, we are rivers running to thy sea,  
Our waves and ripples all derived  
from thee:

A nothing we should have, a nothing  
be,  
Except for thee.

*From a prayer of Christina Rossetti  
1830–1894, who was an invalid for  
most of her life, and also a prolific  
poet.*

O holy Father of truth adored,  
O kindly Father of mercy poured,  
Deliver me from the spells that harm,  
Deliver me from each evil charm.

Allow no stain to blemish my soul,  
Allow no spot to my body whole,  
Allow no taint my breath to defile,  
Father of tender and lovely smile.

For now and for henceforth unto me  
In my life, in my death, do thou be,  
O Son and Abba Father of love,  
And Holy Spirit of grace above!

*From an ancient Celtic prayer from  
South Uist*

## For Your Diary



### Bible Study

**When:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October  
**Time:** 9 am  
**Where:** Meeting Room

### Women's Morning Tea

**Date:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October  
**Time:** 9:30 am  
**Where:** Delicious Fingers

### Parish Council Meeting

**Date:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
**Time:** 7 pm  
**Where:** Meeting Room  
Holy Cross

### Bible Study

**When:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
**Time:** 9 am  
**Where:** Meeting Room

### Synod

**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> October

### Church Camp

**When:** From Fri 25<sup>th</sup> to Sun 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019.  
**Where:** Fairbridge Village  
**Cost:** \$ 75 per person  
**Note:** Refer to the article on page 4 of this newsletter.

### Combined PC Meeting with Willagee

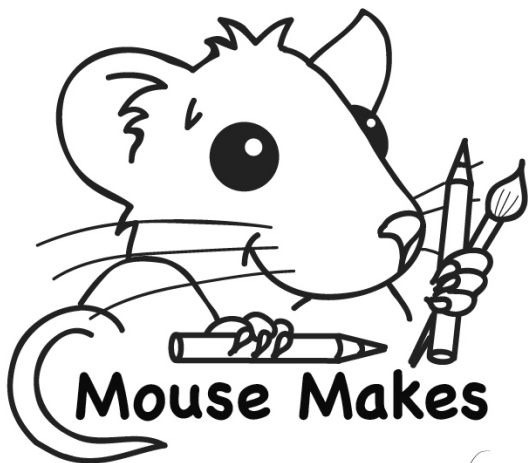
**Date:** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October  
**Time:** 6:30 pm  
**Where:** Holy Cross

### Blessing of the Pets

**When:** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
**Time:** 9 am  
**Where:** Anglican Church of the Holy Cross  
56 McLean Street  
MELVILLE  
**Note:** Refer to the Poster On page 14 of this newsletter.

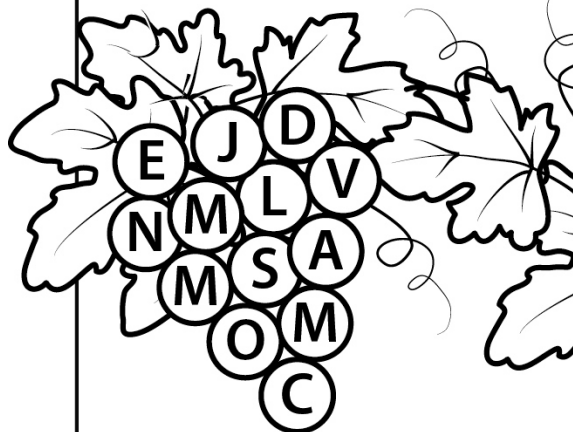
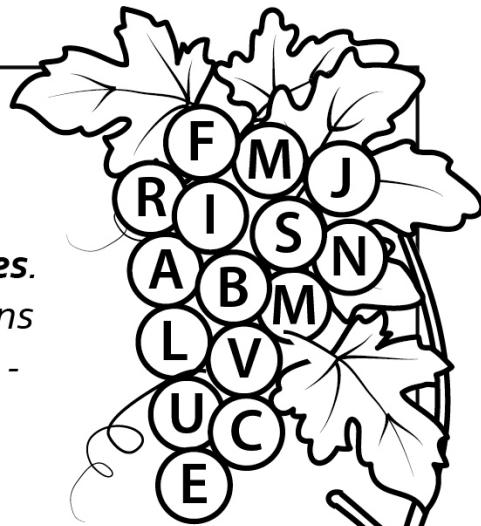
### Movie Fundraiser for Chaplaincy

**Date:** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October  
**Time:** 1 pm  
**Where:** Grand Cinemas Cygnet  
16 Preston Street, COMO  
**Cost:** Adults - \$20  
Children (under 18)-\$ 15  
**Contact:** Tickets available at the door  
**Note:** all proceed donated to support School Chaplaincy.



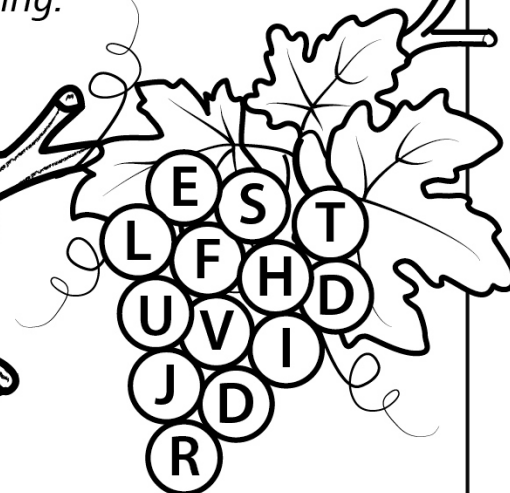
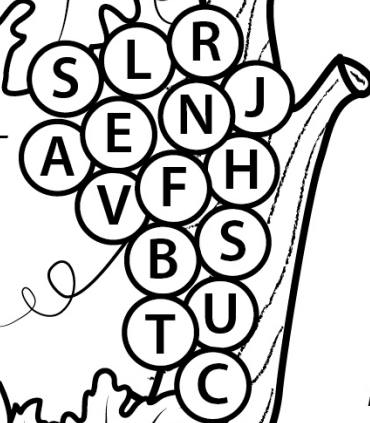
THE TRUE VINE  
 Jesus said:  
*"I am the **vine**;  
 you are the **branches**.  
 The one who remains  
 in me -and I in him -  
 bears much **fruit**,  
 because apart  
 from me you can  
 accomplish nothing."*

John 15:5



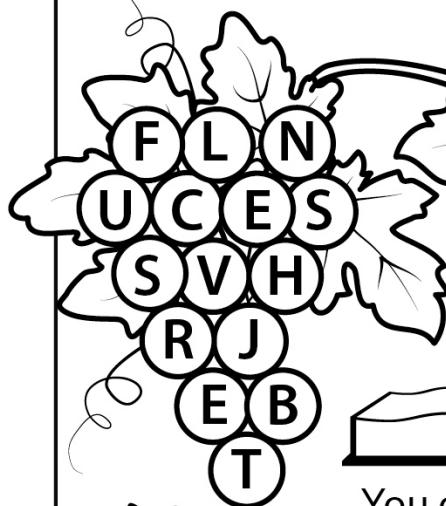
*"My **commandment** is this -  
 to love one another just  
 as I have loved you."*

John 15:12



*"No one has greater  
**love** than this -  
 that one lays down  
 his life for his friends."*

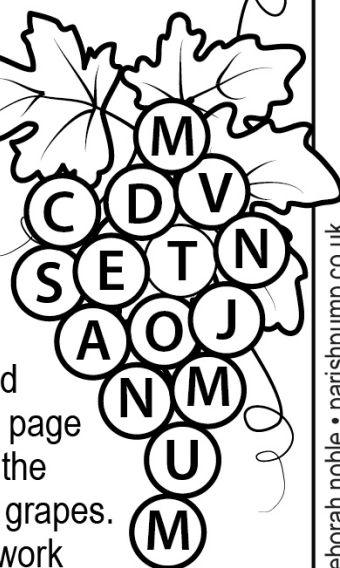
John 15:13



You can read  
 Jesus' teaching on  
*The True Vine* in:  
 John 15:1-17

How many other  
 words can you make from:  
 THE TRUE VINE

Each of the word  
 in **bold** on this page  
 is hidden in the  
 bunches of grapes.  
 Can you work  
 out which bunch  
 each word is in?







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

**When:** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
at 9:00 am

**Where:** Anglican Church of the Holy Cross  
56 McLean Street, Melville 6156

**After:** Morning tea in the church hall

**Contact:** Jill on 0417 178 688 for more information

## Service Times

### Sun 6<sup>th</sup> October (green)

09:00 am Morning Prayer  
Isaiah 58: 9b – 14.  
Hebres 12: 18 – 29.  
Luke: 13: 10 – 17.

### Wed 9<sup>th</sup> October (green)

No morning prayer:  
School Holidays

### Sun 13<sup>th</sup> October (green)

09:00 am Holy Communion  
Jeremiah 29: 1, 4 – 7.  
Psalm 66: 1 – 11.  
2 Timothy 2: 1 – 15.  
Luke 17: 11 – 19.

### Wed 16<sup>th</sup> October (green)

09:30 am Morning Prayer  
Psalm 105: 1 – 22.  
2 Kings 3: 4 – 27.  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October (green)

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October (green)

09:00 am Morning Prayer  
Psalm 69: 1 – 18.  
2 Timothy 1: 15 – 2: 7.

### Wed 23 October (green)

09:30 am Morning Prayer  
Psalms 124, 125, 126.  
2 Kings 6: 24 – 7: 2.  
Matthew 16: 1 – 12.

## Service Times

### Sun 27<sup>th</sup> October (green)

09:00 am Holy Communion  
Joel 2: 23 – 32.  
Psalm 65.  
2 Timothy 4: 6 – 8, 16 – 18.  
Luke 18: 15 – 30.

### Wed 30<sup>th</sup> October (green)

09:30 am Morning Prayer  
Psalms 148, 149.  
2 Kings 10: 1 – 17.  
Matthew 19: 1 – 15.

### Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> November (green)

09:00 am Morning Prayer  
Psalm 94: 1 – 15  
2 Timothy 4: 9 – 22

### Wed 6<sup>th</sup> November (green)

09:30 am Morning Pray  
Psalm 18: 1 – 31  
2 Kings 13: 14 – 25  
Matthew 21: 23 – 32

### Sun 10<sup>th</sup> November (green)

09:00 am Holy Communion  
Haggai 1: 15b – 2: 9  
Psalm 145: 1 – 5, 17 – 21.  
2 Thess.. 2: 1 – 5, 13 – 17.  
Luke 20: 27 – 40.

### Wed 13<sup>th</sup> November (green)

09:30 am Morning Prayer  
Psalm 35: 1 – 17  
2 Kings 17: 21 – 41  
Matthew 23: 29 – 39

## Rosters: From Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019 through to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Date	Service	Media	Money	Reading	Intercess	LPM / PA	Altar	Welcome	Kitchen
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Parish Visit to St Edwards, Collick Street, HILTON								
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Morning Prayer	Peter	David D Tom	David D	Jill Sue	Jill	Sheri	Sheri Betty	Hazel Sheri
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Holy Comm	Peter	David J Tom	David J	Bill Georgie	Bill Georgie	Sheri	Margaret Betty	Margaret Norma
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Morning Prayer	Peter	David D David J	Pat T	Jill	Jill	Sheri	Alice	Joy Frank
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Holy Comm	Peter	Peter B Pat T	Claire T Norma T	Jill Bill Georgie	Bill Georgie	Sheri	Sheri Betty	Pat Norma
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Morning Prayer	Mike	David D Tom	Sue S	Jill	Jill	Carol	Margaret Betty	Adele Mike
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Holy Comm	Mike	David J Tom	Pat T Claire T	Bill Georgie	Bill Georgie	Carol	Betty Alice	Hazel Sheri
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Morning Prayer	Peter	David D David J	David D	JJ Emma	Jill	Carol	Sheri Betty	Joy Frank
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Holy Comm	Mike	Peter B Pat T	Peter B	Bill Georgie	Bill Georgie	Carol	Alice Jill	Adele Mike
	<b>Please Note:</b> If you are unable to fulfil your roster duty on your rostered day, please try to find someone to swap with and let Jill know. If you cannot find anyone, please contact Jill. Thanks.								