

ANGLICAN CHURCH
of the HOLY CROSS

Newsletter



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Front Cover

Remembrance Day poppy

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.



Thank you to all those who contributed to the gift boxes. If you still have one at home they are being collect this week by the lovely Barb Ottoman from the parish in Riverton. A special thank you to Barb for giving us the boxes and ensuring they are taken to the organisers for delivery to the children.

Defibrillator

An application was submitted to St John Heart Grant. This grant was successful and has greatly reduced the cost of purchasing a Debif machine for the church and community. The St John WA Heart Grant is an initiative where they are offering over 1,000 defibrillators to be located for public community use, for just \$249! Normally retailing in excess of \$2,000, the package includes the defibrillator unit, a lock box and necessary first aid training.

Parish Council has a few more steps to take but we will soon be able to have the machine installed on the outside of the church. Let's hope no-one will ever have to use it!



The Fall of the Berlin Wall

It was 30 years ago this month, on 9th November 1989, that the fall of the Berlin Wall began. Over two million people from East Berlin visited the West in a celebration described as ‘the greatest street party in the history of the world.’ However, we are still living with walls, thinking of those dividing Gaza and Palestine from Israel. It’s a strong human instinct to build walls to separate us from those we view as different and threatening. Paul writes of how the death of Jesus has broken down the barrier between Jew and Gentile: ‘His purpose was to create in Himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which He put to death their hostility.’ (Ephesians 2:15-16).

Jesus is still in the business in breaking down the barriers between people of different gender, age, race and language, to bring them together in His church: *‘There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.’* (Galatians 3:28).

We can easily put up barriers with others, when we make assumptions about them, forgetting that they may be thinking the same things about us. We may want to avoid making ourselves vulnerable or appear needy. Yet Jesus can break down our defences and enable us to live openly and honestly with others. As His church, He invites us to be a community of risk-takers, i.e. those who trust each other, handle our weaknesses and fears, and who encourage one another’s strengths and gifts.

‘A person who thinks only about building walls, wherever they may be, and not building bridges, is not Christian.’ (Pope Francis).



Section of the Berlin Wall Dec 2013

The Beatitudes:

‘Blessed are the persecuted’

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.’ (Matthew 5:10).

Somebody once described a Christian as one who is ‘completely fearless, continually cheerful and constantly in trouble.’ Living the life that Jesus presents in the Beatitudes will not necessarily make us universally popular. We must be prepared for opposition, insults and ridicule or even worse. Of course, persecution is the daily experience for Christians in many parts of our world today.

Jesus didn’t tell us to seek persecution, but He did say that when it comes, we should regard it as a blessing:

- Firstly, because we are identifying with Jesus: If we identify as fully as we can with Jesus, then we will experience suffering like Him. It is ‘because of me’ (v11) we are opposed or criticised.
- Secondly, it shows our faith is genuine: To suffer for our faith is typical of God people, ‘for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.’ (v12).

- Thirdly, because of our reward in heaven: we will not lose out in the future, as Jesus reminds us that ‘great is your reward in heaven’ (v12).

To what extent do we suffer for being a Christian at work, with our friends or family? Although we don’t seek it, Jesus describes suffering as authentic Christian experience.

We might like to ask these questions as we reflect on this:

- How many people with whom we have contact know that we are a Christian? How far are we helping to give them a true picture of what Christianity is about?
- How far do we demonstrate the presence of Jesus in our daily lives?
- If we were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict us?

Melbourne Cup Morning Tea

A very pleasant morning was enjoyed by everyone who attended.



\$820 was raised with 50% going to the church and 50% to the Sanfilippo Children's Foundation.

A great big thank you to all who assisted in particular, Robyn Gordon, Libby Ingerson, Betty Dawson and Peter Bowman.



Mothers Union here in the diocese of Perth contribute to the work undertaken in the northern of Australia through the Northern Outreach Program. The following is a small excerpt from a report from the MU Diocese of North QLD.

As part of the MULOA program, we have spent many weeks travelling to the distant areas of our Diocese. We have visited Ingham, then travelled to Bowen and Mackay and presented workshops at each place. We then did a trip to the north, visiting Innisfail, Cairns, Mossman and Atherton and in Townsville we held a workshop for the combined Townsville Branches. We recently completed a trip to the Torres Straits which was the final area we visited. We held meetings with MU members at Bamaga, Thursday Island, Murray Island and at Moa Island.

At these meetings we were able to talk to MU Members, GFS Members and Clergy of each community. We are very grateful to AMUA Overseas and Northern Outreach department, as we could not have accomplished this trip without the funding we receive from them.

One of the blessings in the Diocese of North Queensland is that we have diverse cultures and our meetings are enhanced by the insights, contributions and spirituality of our indigenous members. It was a great blessing for us to travel around our beautiful Diocese. The time taken to travel to all of our areas was very worthwhile.



Thursday Island Church

Members were pleased that we were able to visit them and we enjoyed the experience as well. It again reinforced for us the cost in both time and money that our sisters have to commit when they travel to meetings and our yearly Conference. We hope to do another trip next year (God willing), to again visit with these vibrant and faithful members of Mothers Union.



Working hard at Mer Is.

Men's Christian Fellowship Group

On Saturday, 26th October, I had the pleasure of having breakfast with an interesting group of men at the East Fremantle Yacht Club, Petra Street, East Fremantle.

The breakfast is a regular monthly gathering of Christian men from a number of different denominations and from both sides of the river.

I was warmly welcomed. The topic for discussion was Refugees and the current Australian Government's policies towards refugees. It was a topic on which there was a lot of debate and some very differing points of view.

Thanks to Tom Berg for asking me along. I enjoyed the company and the stimulating conversation.

If others are interested in coming along contact Tom or me.

The next breakfast is on Saturday 30th November at 7:50 am at the East Fremantle Yacht Club.

Peter B

Training Opportunities

Churchafe /

Safe Ministry Training

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

- Sat 2nd Nov Shenton Park
(specific to 18-25 year olds)
- Sun 17th Nov Goldfields,
Kalgoorlie
- Sat 30th Nov Murdoch-Winthrop
- Sat 14th Decr Kingsley North-
Woodvale

Parish Council members will be attending the session being held on Saturday 30th Nov at Murdoch-Winthrop

Wollaston Cert in Theology

TermIV Offerings 2019

Core Unit

Introduction to Church History

Taught by The Reverend Dr Ric Barrett-Lennard, gives students an overview of the history of the Christian Church from its beginnings to the modern period. Tuesday evenings: 5 - 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 evening: 6 November - 6pm - 8pm Wollaston Theological College Cost: \$120 for credit; \$80 audit

Elective Unit Spirituality

In this elective unit, Dr Nancy Ault traces a brief history of the Christian spiritual tradition. Commencing with the early church, followed by the beginnings of monasticism, students will gain a fuller understanding of the depth of these ancient traditions. Dr Ault will lead students through a number of extant spiritual traditions, including Mendicant orders, Ignatian spirituality, and Carmelite spirituality. There is a particular focus on spirituality in the Anglican tradition, and the unit provides opportunities to practise these spiritual traditions in sessions and in written work which will be available throughout. Saturdays: 2, 9, 16 November (3 sessions) - 9am - 12.30pm Venue: Please note that the venue for Spirituality has changed to 450.3.084 in the Education & Humanities Building, Murdoch University South Street Campus Cost: \$120 for credit; \$80 audit

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

True Seeing is Within Us The Life & Words of George Elliot

Friday 22 November 7.30pm
Saturday 23 November 2.30pm
Christ Church Stirling Highway
Claremont \$25 Adults; \$20 All
concessions Born in 1819, Mary
Anne Evans, under the nom de
plume of George Eliot, was writing
novels which were critically
acclaimed, and she is now widely
considered to be one of the
greatest writers of the Victorian
era.

This is a fund-raising event with all
proceeds being donated to St
Bart's, supporting people who are
homeless, or at risk of
homelessness. Presented by The
Order of St John of Jerusalem
Knights Hospitaller and Christ
Church Claremont. Bookings:
trybookings.com.au; Enquiries:
9384 9244

Lent Squared 2020

Art Challenge

26 February – 12 March 2020

Submission deadline: 15 January
2020

St Barnabas, Kalamunda

The Parish of Kalamunda is inviting artists to participate in contributing to the creation of 43 artworks for use in our 2020 online Lent Reflections. Artwork is to be 20cm x 20cm in the medium of your choice and will be inspired by 43 selected passages from the Gospel of Matthew and will be progressively exhibited at St Barnabas, Kalamunda during Lent and Holy Week. All of the works will be auctioned following Evensong on the 2nd Sunday of Easter. Proceeds will go to the Kalamunda Volunteer Fire Brigade. 0400 452 426
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kalamunda.perth.anglican.org/lent
2020/

When Darkness Comes

When darkness comes upon our lives
And death's black shadow clouds our
eyes –

Our Lord helps us, when news is grim,
To fear not, and believe in Him.

Yet sometimes, though we try to pray
It seems He tarries on the way,
Though faith grows weak, and vision
dim,
Still fear not, and believe in Him.

For He, like us, wept tears of woe;
He cried 'My God, where are you
now?'
We only tread where He has been -
So fear not, and believe in Him

In grief, in tears, or in despair
Recall that Jesus is still there.
O strive not to find faith within,
But fear not, and believe in Him.

He's Lord of Lords and King of Kings
He is the Ruler of all things –
He's triumphed over death and sin,
We'll fear not, and believe in Him!

By Nigel Beeton

For Your Diary



Melbourne Cup Morning Tea

When: Tue 5th November

Where: Church Hall

Archbishops

Anglican Community Fund Cocktail Party

When: Tue 12th November

Where: Wollaston College

Parish Council Meeting

When: Thu 14th November

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: Meeting Room

Happy Hour

When: Fri 15th November

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: Church Hall

Woman's Morning Tea

When: Mon 18th November

Time:

Where: Delicious Fingers
Marmion Street

Combined Willagee/Melville Parish Council Gathering

When: Mon 18th November

Where: Holy Cross, Hall

Bible Study

When: Tue 19th November

Time:

Where: Holy Cross

Christian Mens Fellowship Breakfast

When: Sat 30th November

Where: East Freo Yacht Club

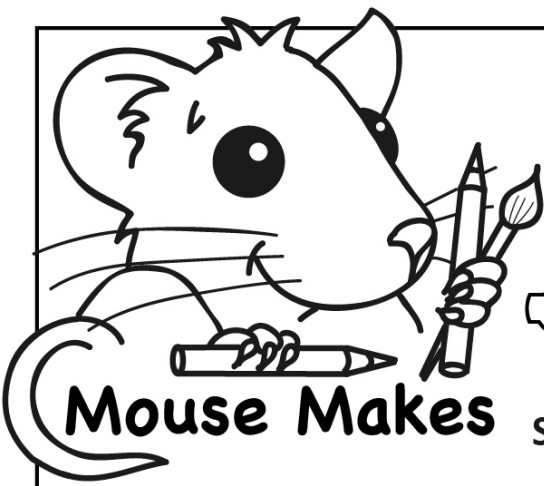
Time: 07:50 am

Cost: \$22 for breakfast

Note: (see Peter Bowman or
Tom Berg)

Beginning of Advent

When: Sun 1st December



BIBLE JOURNEYS

Where did Noah's ark come to rest after it's journey?

Genesis 8:4

Where did God tell Samuel to travel to to find a new king?

1 Samuel 16:1-4

To which city did God send Jonah?

Jonah 1:1-2

Which town did Joseph take Mary to before Jesus was born?

Luke 2:4

Where did Mary and Joseph flee to to get away from Herod?

Matthew 2:13

Where was Saul (Paul) going to when Jesus spoke to him?

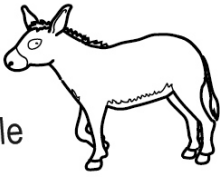
Acts 9:1-18



"Lord,
If I go east where the sun rises or go to live west beyond the sea, even there you will take my hand and **lead** me. Your strong right hand will **protect** me."

Psalms 139:9-10

What kind of transport goes with each bible character?



NOAH DONKEY
BAALAM CHARIOT
MOSES SHIP
JONAH ARK
ELIJAH BIG FISH
PHILIP BASKET
PAUL WHIRLWIND

Find the travel words in the word search



JOURNEY



FLEE • LEAVE • TRAVEL

• GOD WITH US •

DONKEY • CAMEL

HORSE • CHARIOT

BOAT • RIDE • WALK

PATH • ROAD

• DIRECTION •

GUIDE • MAP • SIGN

VILLAGE • TOWN • CITY



G O D W I T H U S C S F C T
D I R E C T I O N H I L I R
O W O R A V I L L A G E T A
N A A I M M J O U R N E Y V
K L D D E A O G U I D E A E
E K J E L P A T H O R S E L
Y L E A V E B O A T O W N T

GOD'S WAY

"God is our God for ever and ever, He will be our guide even to the end." from Psalm 48:14

"People can plan what they want to do, but it is the Lord who guides their steps."

Proverbs 16:9



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 7:7-11, Luke 11:5-13

To teach about praying, and God's good gifts, Jesus told this story - 'If you have a visitor arrive in the middle of the night..'

Oh no! I have no bread to feed him! I am so ashamed! What can I do?.. I know!



'You would go round to a friend's house.'



I really, really need some bread for a visitor.



I need that bread!



Jesus concluded...

So keep on asking and it will be given, seeking and you will find, knocking and it will be opened... And parents, if your hungry child asks for bread,

'..would you give them a stone?



'And if they asked for a fish...'



'..would you give them a snake?



'Or if they asked for an egg...'



'you'd give a scorpion?'



If you, who aren't perfect parents, give good gifts to your children, then don't you think that gifts from your perfect Father, God, will be even better?

With Remembrance Day In Mind

They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. -
Isaiah 2.4

Fine weapons are none the less ill-omened things.... For to think them lovely means to delight in them, and to delight in them means to delight in the slaughter of men. And he who delights in the slaughter of men will never get what he looks for out of those that dwell under heaven. A host that has slain men is received with grief and mourning; he that has conquered in battle is received with rites of mourning. - Tao Te Ching
XXX1

The origin of all wars is the pursuit of wealth, and we are forced to pursue wealth because we live in slavery to the cares of the body.
Plato (Phaedo, 66)



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
HAPPY HOUR

WHEN: Friday November 15th
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
WHERE: Holy Cross
Mclean Street, Melville
WHY: because
Christmas is coming
BYO drinks,
some nibbles provided

Rosters: From Sunday 10th November 2019 through to Sunday 25th December 2019

Date	Service	Media	Money	Reading	Intercess	LPM / PA	Altar	Welcome	Kitchen
Sun 10 th November	Holy Comm	Peter	David J Tom	Pat T Claire		Jill	Carol	Betty Alice	Hazel Sheri
Sun 17 th November	Morning Prayer	Michael	David D David J	David D	Jill	Jill Sue	Carol	Sheri Betty	Joy Frank
Sun 24 th November	Holy Comm	Michael	Peter B Pat T	Sue S	Bill Georgie	Bill Georgie	Carol	Alice	Adele Mike
Sun 1 st December	Morning Prayer	Peter	David D David J	Pat T	Sue	Jill	Sheri	Betty Alice	Joy Frank
Sun 8 th December	Holy Comm	Mike	Peter B Pat T	Peter B	Bill Georgie	Bill Georgie	Sheri	Sheri Betty	Pat Norma
Sun 15 th December	Morning Prayer	Peter	David D Tom	Norma Claire T	Jill	Jill	Sheri	Margaret Betty R	Adele Mike
Sun 22 nd December	Holy Comm	Michael	David J Tom	Pat T Claire	Bill Georgie	Bill Georgie	Sheri		Hazel Sheri
Christmas Eve	Family Service	Peter	Peter B David D	T.B.C.	T.B.C.	T.B.C.	Sheri	Sheri Betty R	
Christmas Day	Holy Comm	Mike	Tom David J	David J	T.B.C.	T.B.C.	Sheri		Adele Mike

Please Note:

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.