

# ANGLICAN CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

## Newsletter



## February 2021

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## Front Cover

Bushfires in and around Mundaring,  
Ellenbrook and Wooroloo, Western  
Australia 2021

## 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.

To be an inclusive place where we  
will pray, worship and learn to love  
and serve each other and the wider  
community.

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## From the Editor

*“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity...”*

We are just into 2021 and yet that famous opening line from Charles Dickens’s *A Tale of Two Cities* has never rung truer. On the one hand, we are seeing the roll out of effective vaccines against a disease that little more than a year ago was unknown; a stunning tribute to human wisdom and on the other hand we have the incredible scenes of an enraged mob rampaging through the US Capitol, the centre of what was considered one of the most secure democracies on Earth. Will wisdom or rage set our course for the coming months and years. It’s too early to say, but what is clear is that the new covid-19 vaccines give us hope that some form of normality will return in 2021.

What is equally clear, is that if and when covid-19 is contained it won’t be business as usual.

The pandemic has exposed the divisions, inequalities and structural weaknesses in societies around the world, not least in the established Western liberal democracies, such as the US and UK.

Meanwhile, problems such as climate change haven’t gone away – 2020 was the joint hottest on record.

To see how best to move on, we would be wise to ask ourselves, how did we get here?

Social, economic and racial inequalities and the fostering of a “me first” culture leaves us ill equipped for the collaborative problem solving we need if we are to survive and thrive.

To continue with Dickens, hopefully, a spring of hope is to follow the winter of despair.

## Regarding Lent

*'I can resist everything but temptation'* (Oscar Wilde).

During Lent we remember Jesus' experience in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11), when *'He was led by the Spirit.. to be tempted by the devil.'* Temptation is a test of obedience, whether we do things our way or God's way. After 40 days of fasting Jesus was tired, hungry and vulnerable. Like Him, the Devil will attack us at our most vulnerable moments, especially during this pandemic.

**The first temptation** was to turn stones into bread: Jesus' ministry was not about meeting His own needs, but being nourished by God's word. *'We do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God'* (Deuteronomy 8:3). Like Jesus, we are called to make God our priority and trust Him completely.

**The second temptation** was to put God to the test: Jumping off the Temple pinnacle would have been a dramatic way for Jesus to gain popularity, but this is not God's way! *'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'* (Deuteronomy 6:16). We too need to learn this lesson!

**The third temptation** was to worship Satan: Finally, the devil took Jesus to a mountain to offer Him worldly power. In contrast, His calling as Messiah was marked by suffering and honouring God. *'Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only'* (Deuteronomy 6:13). This is often our experience in living for God.

Jesus stands with us in our temptations. As we claim the promises of Scripture, we will find strength in the power of the Spirit and the victory of the Cross.

## Lenten Offerings

Lent is traditionally a time of sacrifice and self-discipline.

In keeping with this tradition we will be providing "Lenten Offering Envelopes" so that parishioners can, if they wish, make sacrificial offerings in addition to normal offerings. The funds will be used to seed our new Youth Service.

These envelopes will be available from Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February.



Mainly Music is starting again on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

We are growing our volunteer base for mainly music. Do you know anyone from within the community who would like to join the team. Please let Jill know.

Please pray for the families and the tea.



Please join us.

**WHEN:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February  
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

**WHERE:** Holy Cross  
McLean Street, Melville

**WHY?:** An opportunity for fellowship and socializing after our recent quarantining.

**BYO:** Nibbles to share &  
Drinks

## Youth Service

The youth leaders who currently facilitate our combined youth group called “Emerge”, with the Bull Creek/Leeming Parish, have approached our Parish Council with a plan to commence a monthly Youth Service at Holy Cross for the youth of our surrounding suburbs.

The leaders, including our own Claire Tebbutt presented their proposal to the Parish Council at our last meeting. It was enthusiastically received and supported by Council.

All members of our parish are encouraged to support this new initiative in any way they can.

Parish council have allocated a budget for this, parishioners can support it in practical ways by:

- Prayer
- Cooking
- Supervision
- Financial Contributions

There will be a presentation in church outlining the details before the first Youth Service takes place.

We anticipate that the first service will be in April 2021.

## Lenten Studies

This year at Holy Cross our Lenten Studies will be a series based on material compiled by Common Grace concerning Justice.

Common Grace has put together a series from Christian teachers (one being our own Archbishop Kate), who show us what it looks like when justice overflows from following Jesus.

Justice is a reflection of a life following Jesus. It comes from the real change that happens when we draw close to him. It is God ushering in his kingdom right now; first in our hearts, then in our relationships, our communities, our world. Justice becomes a natural part of our lives as we start to see God's heart for all people.

**When:** Starting Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Feb  
6:00 pm

**Where:** Holy Cross  
56 McLean St, Melville

Please add your name to the registration sheets that will be circulating at the church or contact Jill 0400 513 943

## Shrove Tuesday



Pancakes, fruit, tea and coffee provided (it's not a meal just pancakes!) and lollies if you're good.

Fun and Games for the children.

If it is a warm evening we will probably be outside.

**When:** Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Feb  
5:00pm to 6:30 pm

**Where:** Holy Cross  
56 Mclean St, Melville

**Cost:** Gold Coin Donation

**RSVP:** Write your name on the attendance sheet.



## Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God and marks the beginning of the penitential Lenten season. It is commonly observed with ashes and fasting.

An Ash Wednesday service will be held at Holy Cross with the Revd. Cassandra presiding.

**When:** Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Feb  
9:30 am

**Where:** Holy Cross  
56 Mclean St, Melville

## World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer 2021 host country is Vanuatu and the theme is “Build on a Strong Foundation”.

An ecumenical service will be held to pray for Vanuatu.

**When:** Sat 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Time:** To Be Advised

**Where:** Holy Cross  
56 Mclean St, Melville



## **From Our Archbishop**

### **Regarding the recent bushfires**

Dear Friends

A number of people have made enquiries regarding offering support to those parishes directly affected by the fires.

The Parishes of Midland, Swan, Ellenbrook and Mundaring are those affected most directly. Many families and staff from Guildford Grammar School have also been personally affected. Should you or your family/parish wish to contribute for emergency relief it is possible to do so through the Anglican Community Fund (ACF). The direct link to this appeal on the ACF Online Giving is Anglican Online Giving. Please select Donation Type 'Appeals' and then select Appeals 'Anglican Bushfire Appeals'. This appeal will be co-ordinated through the Episcopal Office.

Those co-ordinating relief efforts in the wider community have advised that financial contributions will be the most effective way for help to reach those who need it. I encourage those donations to go to the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund at Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund ([appealswa.org.au](http://appealswa.org.au))

CWA teams are also on the ground offering rapid response support, such as toiletries, clothes and pet food. The link to their appeal is

<http://www.cwaofwa.asn.au/donate/>

Please, watch out for each other, in prayer, friendship and the love of Christ as we walk with our communities in these days, keeping the people of this State in our prayers.





*Lord Jesus Christ,  
you brought calm to your friends in the midst of storms  
and you give us courage in testing times.  
Stay close to us through the challenges we face today;  
the bushfires, the COVID lockdown,  
and all the dangers and uncertainties around us.  
In our communities, refresh the spirit of generosity.  
Guide our leaders in government and community  
to make wise decisions for the common good.  
Strengthen the people who are on the frontline of care and services.  
Confirm in each of us our commitment to love our neighbour as ourselves  
so that we can live together in safety, goodwill and hope,  
trusting the strength of your love. Amen.*

Peace be with you

+Kay

The Most Reverend Kay Goldsworthy AO | Archbishop



## For Your Diary



### Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)

**When:** Tue, 16th February  
5 pm to 6:30 pm

**Where:** Holy Cross Church Hall  
56 McLean St, Melville

**RSVP:** Jill

### Ash Wednesday

**When:** Wed, 17<sup>th</sup> February  
9:30 am

**Where:** Holy Cross  
56 McLean St, Melville

### Mainly Music

**When:** Wednesdays  
during school term  
10:15 am

**Where:** Holy Cross, Melville

**Cost:** \$7.00

Mainly Music will commence again  
on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

### Lenten Studies

**When:** Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Feb  
6:00 pm

**Where:** Holy Cross  
56 McLean St, Melville

### Happy Hour

**When:** Fri 26<sup>th</sup> February  
6 pm to 7:30 pm

**Where:** Holy Cross, Melville

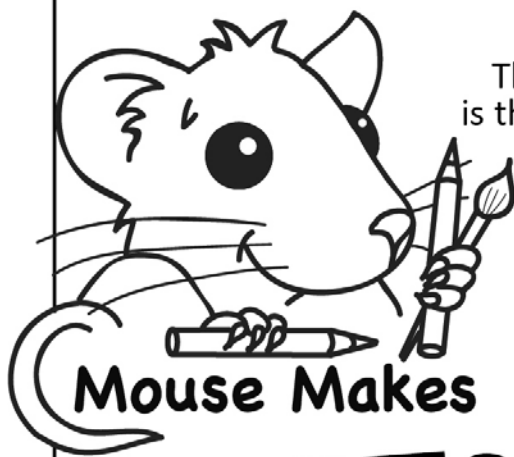
**BYO:** Drinks & Nibbles

### World Day of Prayer

**When:** Sat 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Time:** To Be Advised

**Where:** Holy Cross  
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## WHAT AM I?

The last letter of one word is the first letter of the next ....

E \_ \_ \_ \_ H

- What two things did God create first? *Genesis 1:1*

\_ \_ \_ S \_ \_

- What was the Earth without? *Genesis 1:2*
- What came before morning? *Gen 1:5*

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ G

- Who is the creator? *Genesis 1:1*
- What was separated from light? *Gen 1:4*

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- Which day did God finish work? *Gen 2:2*
- Who was created God's image? *Gen 1:27*

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ H

- Who moved over the water? *Gen 1:2*

L \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ S



By the **seventh** day God finished the work He had been doing. God *blessed* the seventh day and made it *holy*. When God gave Moses the Ten Commandments the **forth commandment** said to *remember* the seventh Sabbath day, to *keep it holy* and set apart for God.



## FIND THE CREATION PAIRS

from Genesis 1 and 2

EARTH MORNING  
LIGHT FRUIT  
DAYS SEA  
TREES NIGHT  
LAND FISH  
EVENING YEARS  
ADAM HEAVENS  
DAY DARK  
BIRDS WATER  
SKY EVE



## DID YOU KNOW?

The first word of the Old Testament in Hebrew is **bereshith** which means "in the beginning". The Greeks translated this word as **GENESIS** which means creation, origin and generation



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

Can you find these words in the word search?  
GOD • HEAVEN • SPIRIT  
FLY • DEEP • EARTH  
DARK • DAY • LIGHT  
NIGHT • STARS • SKY  
SEA • LAND • BIRD  
CREATURE • HUMAN  
TREE • PLANT • SEEDS  
FRUIT • GOOD • TWO



# **Rosters: From Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021 through to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

| Date                       | Service   | Media       | Money              | Reading          | Prayers | LPM/PA  | Altar | Welcome          | Kitchen             | Clean               |
|----------------------------|---|-------------|--------------------|------------------|---------|---------|-------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Sun 14 <sup>t</sup><br>Feb | Holy<br>Com   | Peter       | David D<br>Tom B   | Pat T<br>Norma T | Sue S   | David J | Sheri | Sheri<br>Betty R | Joy, Frank<br>Sue   | Sheri<br>Ian        |
| Wed 17<br>Feb              | Ash Wednesday   |             |                    |                  |         |         |       |                  |                     |                     |
| Sun 21<br>Feb              | Morn<br>Prayer  | Peter       | Pat T<br>David J   | Claire T         | Ian     | Jill B  | Sheri | Sheri<br>Betty R | Joy, Frank<br>Sue   | Margaret<br>Michael |
| Sun 28<br>Feb              | Holy<br>Comm  | Peter       | David D<br>Pat T   | Jill B           | Priest  | Sue S   | Sheri | Pat T<br>Norma T | Michael<br>Margaret | Sheri<br>Ian        |
| Sun 7<br>Mar               | Family<br>Service   | Peter       | David D<br>Tom B   | David J<br>Liz J | Ian     | Emma    | Liz J | Sheri<br>Betty R | Joy, Frank<br>Sue   | David J<br>Liz J    |
| Sun 14<br>Mar              | Holy<br>Comm  | Peter       | David J<br>David D | Betty R          | Jill    | Sue S   | Liz J | Sheri<br>Betty R | Michael             | Jill B<br>Sue S     |
| Sun 21<br>Mar              | Morn<br>Prayer  | Peter       | Pat T<br>Tom B     | Ian              | Priest  | Jill B  | Liz J | Pat T<br>Norma T | Michael<br>Margaret | Sheri<br>Ian        |
| Sun 28<br>Mar              | Holy<br>Comm  | No<br>Media | David D<br>Pat T   | Pat T<br>Norma T | Sue S   | Sue S   | Liz J | Sheri<br>Betty R | Joy, Frank<br>Sue S | Margaret<br>Michael |
|                            | <b>Please Note:</b><br><br><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.</b> |             |                    |                  |         |         |       |                  |                     |                     |