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ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

Anglican Parish of Dunsborough



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As you receive this, I will be on a time of retreat. If you have attended a retreat you will know that it is a wonderful time of reflection and connection with God. A retreat can be different for many people, as there are as many different types of prayer traditions as there are personality types. I was thrilled to see that the Prayer Journal for Thy Kingdom Come this year was highlighting some of these types of prayer. When I worked in a school, I used to do a unit of work on stillness and silence with the Year 8 students. I found that all the students engaged with at least one form of spiritual discipline – ranging from a reflective walk to sitting in nature and listening to the world go by. Some liked to make things out of plasticine, others found solace in art, literature or song and yet others in meditation. One of the most important parts of my own faith formation was attending a course called Tree of Life. This involved spending four weekends a year with a community of like minded Christian people, where we engaged with different spiritual traditions each time we went. I personally got a lot out of most of the weekends, but found myself especially drawn to the spirituality of the Desert Fathers and also the Ignatian tradition. I would encourage anyone who is wanting to explore this a little more to firstly engage with the material from Thy Kingdom Come and then speak to me about the myriad of ways you can connect with these traditions, from books to quiet days and courses like the Tree of Life. There is also the Lay Retreat later this year, which is always a time of blessing, renewal and refreshment. I pray that you might also find time in your week to 'retreat' and be with God.

Shalom, Rev'd Justine

SERVICE INFORMATION

5th May Sunday. As it is the first Sunday of the month we have two services of Holy Communion at 8am and 9.30am, led by Rev'd Justine.

Readings		Reading 1	Psalm	Reading 2	Gospel
Easter 6	5 th May	Acts 10:44-48	98	1 John 5:1-12	John 15:9-17
Easter 7	12 th May	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	1	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
Pentecost	19 th May	Ezekiel 37:1-14	104:26-36	Acts 2:1-21	John 15:26-27;16:4b-15

Next week in the Parish:

- Share and Care Monday 6th May 8.30 to 11am. Family Centre Verandah.
- Prayer Quilts Monday 6th May 1pm.
- Prayer Group in the church with Rev'd Carolyn Tuesday 7th May 11.45 to 12:15
- Manna and Mercy Community Meal Tuesday 7th May 5 to 6pm
- Thy Kingdom Come – prayer focus starts Thursday 9th May. Pray for 5 people to come to know the love of God
- MU Shared Lunch and talk from Rev'd Cathie Broome about Kapsabet. 12 noon Thursday 9th May. All welcome.
- Share and Care Saturday 11th May 8.30-11am. Family Centre Verandah.
- Mother's Day Sunday 12th May

PARISH OPENING HOURS

• The Office is open next week on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am – 3pm.
Please leave a message on the parish office phone 08 9756 8105 if there is no-one available to take your call. **For urgent matters please email Rev'd Justine:**

parishpriest@dunsboroughanglican.com.au

- The Op Shop is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9am to 3pm and on Saturday, 9 am – 12pm.
- For Emergency Relief – please ring the ER number for an appointment - 0424 074 411.
- Share and Care – Fruit and Vegetables are available on the Family Centre Verandah on Mondays and Saturdays from 8.30 to 11am. They are also available at Manna and Mercy on a Tuesday evening.

Rev'd Justine's day of rest is Wednesday.

Prayers We pray for:

- our families & loved ones, friends, neighbours, parish & church
- our Op Shop teams, Manna & Mercy, Emergency Relief, food ministry teams, Share and Care program, Mothers Union, pastoral support, prayer quilt team
- for peace in the world and for victims of natural disasters.
- for the people of Israel, Gaza and Palestine, for aid workers and peace makers
- God's creation, to be better stewards of this earth
- for those that work on the land, for farmers and seasonable weather.
- our clergy as they travel to retreat and for them to experience a time of refreshment and connecting with God.
- our Deanery of Blackwood, our Diocesan Office and Bishop Ian Coutts and his wife Anne
- reconciliation in this land, for strength and grace to forgive, accept and love one another
- the Parish of Donnybrook - for parishioners who are unwell and for their Foodbank ministry.

This week on our Parish prayer list: Hunter and his family; Kyle; Tony; Peta; Trevor; Lane; Nerida and Peter; Terry; Gloria; Hannah; Riley; Bec, Phil, Amy and Jade, Lesley and Drew; Di and Bruce; Pia; Penny and family; Alex, Gilly; Narelle; Ken; Rev'd Carolyn; Bobbie and Barry; David and Julia; Amanda and family; Laura and Stephen; Linden; Leonie and Graham; Corinne; Rod and Phyl; Stuart.

COVID in the Parish

We continue to care for each other with regards to passing on COVID and other viruses. We have had a few cases this week report being at the precinct who later tested positive. Please do not attend the precinct if you are symptomatic or testing positive to COVID, this is especially important as we will soon be entering into colder weather and 'flu season'. If you are in need of RAT tests, please ask as we have had lots donated to the church.

FINANCES: Our ability to respond to our community and plan for the parish's future depends on you. Direct giving is encouraged as the most consistent way of supporting your Church community and our ministries. Please consider a regular direct payment each month with your regular Sunday donations and thank you for all you are already giving to support the parish and its work. There are two ways of doing this:

- Donate via this link to the [Anglican Community Fund](#); or
- Make transfers to the Parish Account:
 - Anglican Parish of Dunsborough **BSB: 706 001 Acc No: 3000 3099**

St George's Anglican Parish has joined **CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE** recycling Scheme. **Scheme ID No. C10455623. If you would like to support the parish in this way, please quote this scheme ID number and refund will be credited to the Parish bank Account. Thank you for your support!**

Blessings, Rev'd Justine Richmond, Priest in Charge.