

Anglican Parish of Denmark-Walpole



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St. George's Church
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We endeavour to be an expression of God's love in the community

Sunday, March 17th, 2024.

Dear Friends,

Peace and all good wishes to you for a thoughtful Lent. Lent, of course, is nearing its end, but more about that in a minute!

Firstly, on February 25th, we had the Parish Annual Meeting, which went vey well, and I can report that all positions were filled. A copy of the Annual Reports is available on the parish website, or at the back of the church, either at St Leonard's or St George's.

I thank Harold Luxton and Tom Sheard for agreeing to being elected Wardens for a second three-year term and Tine Adams for agreeing to be my appointed Warden.

Harold continues as our Parish Treasurer.

Our Parish Council is made up of Bev Dixon, Jane James, Jan Pattinson and Jan Hill, with my appointments of Marion Jamison (Parish Secretary) and Alison Kershaw.

Our Synod Reps for the next three years are Bev Dixon and Alison Kenworthy, with Tine Adams and Marion Jamison as our Alternates.

Our Deanery Reps are Jane James and Tom Sheard.

A big thank you to them all for taking on these important ministries. Please hold them in your prayers.

As I said, Lent is drawing to a close, with Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter just around the corner. Here is what you can expect for that busy week:

Sunday March 24th – Palm Sunday

9.30 am	St Leonard's - Holy Communion
10 am	St George's - Holy Communion
7 pm	St Leonard's - Evening Prayer

Monday March 25th-Wednesday March 27th – Holy Week

9 am	St Leonard's – Morning Prayer
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Thursday March 28th – Maundy Thursday

9 am	St Leonard's – Morning Prayer
11 am	Kojonup – Chrism Eucharist
7 pm	St Leonard's – Maundy Eucharist followed by an optional hour long Vigil

Friday March 29th – Good Friday

9.30 am	St Leonard's – Reading of the Passion
2 pm	St George's – At the Foot of the Cross

Saturday March 30th – Holy Saturday or Easter Eve

9 am	St Leonard's – busy bee at the church <i>Book Sale at the Mustard Seed</i>
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Sunday March 31st – Easter Day – The Day of Resurrection!

9.30 am	St Leonard's – Holy Communion
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10 am St George's – Holy Communion

I hope that you are able to join the congregation at some point over this holy time. Personally, I find the Easter Sunday has a greater significance if one can take the journey of the highs and lows of Holy Week.

Now to some more personal news.

After a great deal of soul-searching and prayer, I have made the decision to retire at the end of this year, with December 29th being my final service. It has been quite a difficult decision, because I love it here and think this is a wonderful parish in so many ways. I truly give thanks that I answered God's calling to move here after living in Esperance for forty years. As you know, we have built our "forever" home here and so will not be going anywhere else. In August I will have been here for five years, which is what I was contracted for, but I didn't feel August was the time to go. After enjoying the Christmas services just gone, I felt I wanted to do one more Christmas as Priest in Charge, and once I had made that decision, I felt a lot more at peace.

The main reason for the decision has been that my Chronic Fatigue has reared its head again and I am finding that I am constantly tired and lacking the energy to attend to all that I would like. Plus, with Chris retiring, and I am now of for pension age, the time has come.

I will be taking two weeks Annual Leave from April 8 – 21, visiting Chris' family in New Zealand. Then, from June 17 until the end of July, I will take six weeks Long Service Leave. Revd Sue Lodge-Calvert has graciously agreed to cover for me while I am away. Hopefully these two lots of leave will help give me some more energy to see out the year.

As I am sending this out on St Patrick's Day, I would like to end with a lovely Irish Blessing:

May God give you ...
for every storm, a rainbow,
for every tear, a smile,
for every care, a promise,
and a blessing in each trial,
for every problem life send,
a faithful friend to share,
for every sigh, a sweet song,
and an answer for each prayer.

May God bless you this Easter with the knowledge that wherever you are, and whatever you are going through, God is with you.

Peace be with you, and know you are in my prayers.

Sally

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