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We endeavour to be an expression of God's love in the community

Thursday, 30 April 2020.

Dear Parishioners,

Peace and every good wish to you! I hope you have had a peaceful and safe week. Those who are undergoing or waiting for medical tests or treatment have been able to make progress, one way or another.

Again, our world with all its rules and regulations is changing, and again, I imagine, it is going to be a week by week, in some cases, day by day, change in what we can do, how many can do it and so on. As of today, while some of the restrictions are easing, we are still not allowed to meet for church.

There is some hope that it won't be long until the *Mustard Seed* may be allowed to reopen. Sally Prickett, will, no doubt be in touch with our wonderful volunteers once we hear any positive news.

In the meantime, please let us know if there is anything we can help you with or if you just want a chat!

Sorry to labour the point, but a couple of people have been confused about my directions on how to access the online services from other parishes. Don't worry, I have been regularly told my directions get confusing!! Okay:

- Step 1: Go to www.bunburyanglican.org
- Step 2: At the top of the screen, click on "Resources"
- Step 3: In the drop-down list, click on "Online Resources"
- Step 4: Scroll down the page, and you will find several parishes, plus the Cathedral, who are offering their worship services online.
- Step 5: Click on which ever one that interests you.

Just note, that you may need to log on to any who are using Facebook, if you are not already a user.

I hope that is a little clearer!

This Sunday is "Good Shepherd Sunday", which will become apparent when you see some of the readings! Recently, a clergy friend in the UK took a funeral for a much-loved parishioner who had succumbed to Covid 19. He shared "Psalm 23 for Lorry Drivers"

The Lord is my SatNav,
I shall not go astray.
He helps me to choose the best routes,
He guides me to my destination,
He knows where I am.
He leads me in the right paths for His name's sake.
Yea, though I ignore your suggestions or take wrong routes,

You will neither get angry nor desert me,
For you are always ready to guide me,
Your screen and your words comfort me.
Your recalculated routes get me back on track;
As I follow your Word I will never be lost.
Surely truck stops and roadside services
shall sustain me all of my journey;
And I shall reach the driveway
in the Lord's Heavenly Kingdom
where I shall park forever.

In the last couple of days, Chris' niece, who is a radiographer in the UK shared a very moving account of her experience working on the frontline in a hospital over there. As I said, it was a very moving account, and the family, here in Australia and in New Zealand, are all extremely proud of her. In my reflecting on her experience, I am just so grateful that our government have acted so decisively and well in this matter. Our numbers, comparative with most of the rest of the world, have been extremely low, and generally, we haven't had to experience the heartache so many others around the world have.

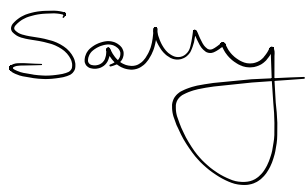
Please, be careful, and continue to follow the current guidelines. It is my prayer that our numbers will continue to be low and we will not experience the much dreaded 'second wave' that is feared if restrictions ease up too quickly.

I leave you with a blessing from Celtic writer, David Adam:

Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep,
who has opened for you the gate of glory,
give you life in all its fullness
and lead you to life eternal:
and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and always. Amen.

Stay safe and keep well.

With my prayers and good wishes, your priest and your friend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sany". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a large loop at the end of the 'y'.