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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

Monday, 15 March 2021

Dear Parishioners,

I thought that now we have had our first meeting of the new Parish Council, it was about time I wrote to you all again.

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners was held on Sunday, February 28 at 12 noon, at St Leonard's and was followed by lunch.

It was a very productive meeting (which lasted 32 minutes!) and for anyone interested, there are still copies of the Report Booklet at the back of church. If you would like a copy, and you are in town at a time other than Sunday morning, please let me know, and I will make sure a copy gets to you.

The make-up of the new **Parish Council** is as follows:

Wardens:	Judy Ross	0455 509 317	
	Harold Luxton	9840 1661	with special responsibility for Walpole.
	Tom Sheard	0473 557 399	
Treasurer	Chris Prickett		
Secretary	Margie Bramston		
	Victoria Castiglione	(Minute Secretary)	
	Jane James	(Mission Secretary)	
	Alison Kershaw	(LLM)	
	Sally Prickett	(LLM, Mustard Seed & Safe Church)	

I am so very grateful to all past and present members of Parish Council.

At the Annual Meeting, I made the following statement concerning the state of the pews at St. Leonard's:

The Wardens and I are concerned about the state of the church pews and will be recommending to the new parish council that, as we have a duty of care to the parish, we need to replace, modify, or repair them as soon as possible.

We are aware that the pews have deteriorated and are quite unstable, very uncomfortable and unable to be moved to provide for different uses of the church. Moreover, a motley collection of chairs have been added over time which are themselves unstable and this greatly detracts from the beauty of the church interior.

We know that the pews are regarded by some as an intrinsic part of the building's heritage and image, but safety concerns must be our main focus.

We will be placing a notice in the parish pew sheets over the next few weeks alerting you to the problem and asking you to join in a conversation about how best to proceed.

Please know that this will be a process which will not be hurried, and is at all times open to dialogue, consultation and discussion.

We have been very pleased to have been able to repaint **St George's, Walpole** courtesy of the Walpole Work Camp. The work is well on its way to be completed and has so enhanced the outside appearance of the church in Walpole.

With the latest easing of the **COVID restrictions**, we are now able to have 75% capacity in our church buildings, maintaining a 2m² personal space. While this doesn't change our normal worship services, Parish Council has made the decision that St Leonard's would remain closed

outside of worship services, until all restrictions have been lifted. I know that this decision, not to open the church during the week, will disappoint some people, however, the logistics of cleaning the church each time someone has been in there, is just too difficult to implement.

Holy Communion will still be given in only the one kind. Bishop Ian has stated that there is no sign that this will be relaxed for some time to come.

A reminder that the **Mid-week Eucharist** at St Leonard's continues on the first Thursday each month at 2 pm.

Holy Week and Easter Services:

March 28 th – Palm Sunday	Services in Denmark and Walpole as normal
April 1 st – Maundy Thursday	7 pm worship at St Leonard's Includes Baroque choir, Foot washing, Eucharist and stripping of the Sanctuary.
April 2 nd – Good Friday	9.30 am Passion Drama at St Leonard's 2 pm At the Foot of the Cross at St George's 5 pm Twilight Meditations at St Leonard's
April 4 th – Easter Sunday	6 am Dawn Service at St Leonard's 9.30 am Easter Eucharist St Leonard's 10 am [tbc] Easter Extended Communion St George's

Franciscan Day of Penitence. The Saturday before Palm Sunday is traditionally observed by Franciscans as a Quiet day of Penitence. This year, on March 27th, approximately 12 members of the Third Order of the Society of St. Francis will be coming to Denmark to observe the day here. Any parishioner who is interested is most welcome to join us. It will be held at the Rectory, 5 Brazier Street, from 10 am. If you are interested in attending, please contact me for catering purposes.

I have recently been asked to be *on Team* for **Cursillo** which is being held at Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School over July 9-11. The Diocese is trying to revitalise the Cursillo experience, and this weekend will be a combined male and female one. There are a few people in the parish who have already expressed an interest in attending. If you are interested, please get in touch with me and I will get some information to you.

To close, I would like to share the following reflection with you. We never know the affect we have on people, we never know what others are going through. There is so much pain in the world, so let us be known by our love and kindness:

You never know the true impact you have on those around you.
You never know how much someone needed that smile you gave them.
You never know how much your kindness turned someone's entire life around.
You never know how much someone needed that long hug or deep talk.
So, don't wait to be kind.
Don't wait for someone else to be kind first.
Don't wait for better circumstances or for someone to change.
Just be kind, because you never know how much someone needs it.

I wish you all a very happy and holy journey to Easter and hope to see you some time over the Easter period.

May the love of the crucified one enfold, encourage, and make you whole.

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

