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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, 19 July 2021

Dear Parishioners,

I thought it was about time that I wrote to you all again, as there are a few exciting things coming up in the near future which it would be good for you to be aware of.

Bishop Ian Coult's visit August 1st.

INVITATION

Celebrating the Journey
 Honour settlers the last 100 years and before
 with Walpole Anglican Church (Vista St) and
THE ANGLICAN BISHOP OF BUNBURY
Sunday 1 August 10:00 am

The Right Reverend Dr Ian Coult was installed as Bishop of Bunbury on 3 November 2018. This is his first visit to Walpole and he will preside over the service. You are invited to join the congregation and welcome him to Walpole.

About the Parish:
denmarkanglican.org.au

About the journey:
wndhs.org.au

Celebrating the Journey
 is supported by the
 Walpole Nornalup and District Historical Society Inc

As you can see, Bishop Ian will be visiting St George's in Walpole for the 10 am service on Sunday, August 1. It was decided at the recent Parish Council meeting to close St Leonard's in Denmark for the day and travel over to join with the Walpole congregation and make this a whole parish celebration. There is a list at the back of the church at St Leonard's if you would like a lift that day, otherwise, please contact either me or one of the Wardens. There will be morning tea following the service if you would like to contribute a plate of goodies. There will also be a display of photographs etc from the Walpole Nornalup and District Historical Society.

The mid-week Eucharist continues each first Thursday of the month at 2 pm, our next service will be on August 5.

With the seeming relaxation of COVID rules and regulations, we have had requests for St Leonard's to be open during the week again. Parish Council considered this and looked into the current legislation in regard to our liabilities and obligations in opening a building to the public. As the legislations is rather ambiguous, we sort further advice from the Archdeacon. While we display the required COVID QR code, manual register and our current COVID Safety Plan, we are unable to have someone in attendance while the church is open. The conclusion which came back from the Government COVID Hotline was that:

while churches continue to have the requirement to keep a list of visitors via QR code or paper register, the church is responsible for ensuring that list is both correct and kept safe from those who would use the information on the paper register for any purpose other than to comply with COVID regulations.

Therefore, if the church is responsible, then it is also liable if people do not check in or if their details are misused. In conclusion, the advice is to only have the church open when there is someone there to make sure people are compliant with the mandatory COVID register check in.

So, unfortunately, as we do not have the volunteers to sit all day in the church, St Leonard's will remain closed unless there is a service.

Unfortunately, with COVID still causing a problem around the world, and more alarmingly in the Eastern States, another issue close to many of our hearts is that it looks like being some time yet before we are able to again share in the Common Cup at the Eucharist.

On to more cheerful matters!

The Bunbury Diocesan People's Retreat for 2021 will be held at St John of God Retreat House in Shoalwater Bay from 4.30 pm Friday September 17th until 1 pm Sunday September 19th. The Retreat will cost \$270 inclusive of all meals and accommodation. Registration forms will be available soon, but please let me know if you are interested in attending and I can send you a registration form when they come out, or you can contact Karen White by email on dakajas@westnet.com.au or by phone on 0427 894 002.

Personal matters.

I would like to thank all those of you who were praying for my husband, Chris, during his recent treatment. He has had very good healing from the hyperbaric therapy he received and does not need surgery to remove the dead tissue, for which we are very grateful.

I will be taking leave from the afternoon of Sunday, September 5 until I return to work on Thursday, September 23. Beside medical appointments, we have managed to book a week in Exmouth, so I am looking forward to exploring some new territory.

A thought or two for the day:

A meaningful life is not being rich, being popular, or being perfect. It is about being real, being humble, being able to share ourselves and touch the lives of others.

... and from Julian of Norwich:

All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well ... for there is a force of love moving through the universe that holds us fast and will never let us go.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sally". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned at the bottom left of the page.