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

Thursday, 2 April 2020

Dear Parishioners

I trust that you are all keeping well, and those who are in self-isolation are not feeling stir-crazy yet.

Again, 'things' have changed a great deal in a week, first with the State borders closing, now regional closures and a non-essential travel ban, along with the ban of more than two people congregating at any one time. This does of course affect me travelling to Walpole, but rest assured, you are all very much in my thoughts, both in Walpole and Denmark.

I hope that you have been able to use the Service booklet I put together and have found it helpful in your devotions. Just a reminder, that if you were not able to print it, there are a few spare copies in the porch at St Leonard's, or let me know and either Sally Prickett or I can print you one.

With us about to enter the climax of our church year, it feels very strange not to be able to gather for worship. I was going to produce a series of booklets for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, but have been blessed by a friend who has shared some liturgies he has put together called *Simple Table Services for Holy Week 2020*. I hope you will find them helpful to make these days feel special.

As you may or may not be aware, it is Palm Sunday this Sunday. While I can't send Palm Crosses through the email, some have been sent to Walpole by post, and the Denmark crosses will be available in the church porch at St Leonard's, through the arch of palms, from tomorrow (Friday).

Speaking of the church porch, as you can see, we are using it as a distribution point.



For those not on email, who get a 'hard' copy of this letter etc., an envelope will be there for you each week on a Friday. If this doesn't suit, please let me or Sally Prickett know, and we will make other arrangements. Having said that, next week, being Holy Week, everything will go out a day earlier, with it being Good Friday next Friday.



As well as the pick-up point for those not on email, we have also created a "Book Exchange" for people to take books, most of which were from the Mustard Seed, and perhaps leave the occasional book themselves. Of course, we don't want a flood of unwanted books dropped off, so I hope it doesn't get out of hand! Please also be aware of your hygiene if you do take a book, knowing that the virus can exist for a time on all surfaces for different periods of time. If possible, wipe down the outside of the book with disinfectant and leave it for a while, but also *wash your hands* thoroughly!

For those of you who are online. There are a number of parishes who are 'streaming' their services each week. If you *Google* streaming services online, you will come up with several options. You check out the diocesan website: www.bunburyanglican.org under 'Resources', there is some information there. I understand that the Mandurah parish has been streaming their services for some time, so it might be worth checking their website out: www.anglicanchurchmandurah.org.au

Bishop Ian and the Dean are hoping to livestream and record a 9 am Palm Sunday service from the Cathedral in Bunbury this Sunday. The link for this is:

<https://www.facebook.com/bunburyanglicancathedral/>

Please also remember to check out our website too: www.denmarkanglican.org.au

For those not online, please remember the glories of *Songs of Praise* on the ABC TV on a Sunday morning.

In Bishop Ian's last communique (#7), he shared a meditation from the Diocese of Oxford, in the UK, by Eric Milner-White, reflecting on our absence from our church buildings:

When I pray in my chamber,
I build a sanctuary there.
When I cast out a prayer upon the street,
a spire rises suddenly to the skies.
When, without voice, my soul prays in any place,
my whole being becomes a church.
When my faith kindles and flames into praise
the whole created world becomes a Minster.

A prayer which has come through from my sister's parish on the Isle of Wight, which I have seen on other media, is by a Cameron Bellm:

May we who are merely inconvenienced
remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors
remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home
remember those who must choose between preserving their health
or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close
remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips
remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market
remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country,
let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,
let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours. Amen.

Finally, a comment on our finances.

The Treasurer was very pleased to announce that a number of parishioners have signed up to Direct Giving, thank you for this. Please, if you are able, support the ongoing ministry of the Parish in this way.

The details for offertories are:

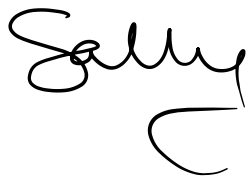
Direct giving: (*Online only*) BSB 706 001 A/c 3000 4673 and please reference it "Offertory".

Cheques to PO Box 277, Denmark 6333.

Cash: Hand deliver to The Treasurer, 5 Mt Shadforth Road, Denmark.

Please stay safe everyone. Be assured that I am here for you as well as I can be.

Peace and every good wish, your priest and your friend,



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