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## Anglican Parish of Denmark-Walpole

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

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Dear Parishioners

Rather belated Happy New Year! May 2024 bring you what you need and may you find renewed comfort, joy and a deepening of your faith. I trust that you had an enjoyable Christmas.

I didn't realise when I started this letter how much I needed to let you know about, so here goes!

### *Diocese of Bunbury Vision and Strategy*

As you may be aware, the diocese is now into the third strategy of its four-year Vision and Strategy. Just to recap ...

Year 1 was deepening and growing our prayerfulness as individuals, groups and churches.

Year 2 was learning more about Jesus Christ in order to become more like Christ.

Year 3 is growing in love for, and encouragement of, one another (within our churches and diocese).

Year 4 will become salt and light in the places and among the people God has placed us (in our communities).

### *Lent Studies*

With Lent only four weeks away, it is time to look at Lent Studies or devotions for those who like to take them on during Lent.

Initially, I was looking at a study that caught my eye, *Living in Harmony*, which each week has a notable Christian writer reflecting on the readings for the coming week. This is available through Garratt Publishing for approximately \$10 each.

However, Bishop Ian is writing a study called *Love one another*, which will be available online, or in print, which he has written to reflect our Year 3 strategy as mentioned above.

Then, Revd Sue Lodge-Calvert has written a Lent study, available on her website, which can be made available to those who are interested.

If you could let me know as soon as possible which course you are interested in, particularly if it is the *Living in Harmony*, so I can order copies and have them available in time for studies to start the week of February 12.

As usual, I will be running study groups on Thursday evenings in Denmark and Friday afternoons in Walpole.

### *Beginning of Lent*

Lent traditionally begins with Ash Wednesday, which this year will fall on February 14. That makes an interesting juxtaposition – Valentine's Day beside one of the great penitential days!

The first week in Lent is always a busy time, and the week will unfold something like this:

Tuesday February 13 – Shrove Tuesday.

11.30 am Service of Penitence at St Leonard's  
followed by pancake lunch.

Wednesday February 14 – Ash Wednesday

10.00 am Imposition of Ashes at St Leonard's  
2.00 pm Imposition of Ashes at St George's

Thursday February 15

7.00 pm Lent Study at Parish Meeting Room, Denmark

Friday February 16

2.00 pm Lent Study at St George's, Walpole

### *Annual Meeting of Parishioners*

It is that time of year again when one Parish Council steps down and another is elected to serve the parish for the next twelve months. Six years ago, the diocese brought in a statute that Parish Councillors and Wardens could only stand on Parish Council for six years before being required to stand down for at least one year. This has meant that three have had to stand down this year, having fulfilled over six years on Parish Council. These are Warden Judy Ross and Parish Councillors Sally Prickett and Victoria Castiglione.

I thank Judy, Sally and Victoria for their service to the parish and especially their support, wisdom and industry, while on Parish Council.

It does mean that we will be looking for nominees to be elected onto Parish Council. At this stage, it looks like I have the Warden which I appoint, and the two current Wardens, Harold Luxton and Tom Sheard who have completed the first of their three-year terms, are happy to stand for a further three years.

Of the Parish Councillors, I have two whom I appoint (one of whom has accepted my appointment) and the Parish elects four.

The current situation is that Jane James and Bev Dixon are happy to stand again, and the Parish will need to look for at least two more.

Parish Councillors are elected each year, and go through an election process, in accordance with the statutes.

.... but wait there's more!!

We will also need two Synod Representatives and two Alternate Synod Reps (who fill in if one or other of the Synod Reps is unable to attend). This is a three-year appointment and, as far as I'm aware, there is no time restraint on how long they are able to serve.

If you are considering allowing your name to go forward, please be aware that there are *Safe Church* and Volunteer Police Clearances which need to be undertaken as soon as possible and completed by February 11<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Sally Prickett if you need more clarification or guidance on completing this.

Nomination forms will be available in both centres this weekend.

The Annual Meeting will be held at St Leonard's, Denmark on Sunday February 25 at 12 noon. There will be a lunch following.

### *Reception of wine at Holy Communion*

As I mentioned in my letter prior to Christmas, in Denmark, we have received permission from the bishop to trial receiving the wine at Communion by intinction by the priest. This was discussed at the recent Parish Council meeting and there was a unanimous decision to continue this practice into the foreseeable future.

If you do not wish your bread to be intincted, please indicate to the priest prior to receiving Communion, with the shake of the head.

Walpole has indicated that it would like to continue their practice of drinking from the chalice if desired or receiving in the one kind if not.

Should you wish to receive gluten-free bread, please indicate to the priest or greeter prior to the service commencing.

### *Annual Leave*

Just some early notification that I will be taking two weeks Annual Leave from April 8-21 inclusive. Revd Sue Lodge-Calvert has kindly agreed to cover for me while I am away.

Whilst skimming through the *Living in Harmony* Lent Study, I came across this prayer which resonated with me, especially as I gaze out on a world, often in turmoil. It is written by one of the contributors to the course, Jesuit priest, Fr Andy Hamilton.

Jesus, the Spirit hurried you  
from the Jordan river to the desert  
and then, in Galilee,  
to preach the coming of the Kingdom.  
May the Spirit stir in our hearts, too,  
to hear your call to us in turn  
to draw to you the people whom we meet  
by the silence of a peaceful heart,  
by the gentle hands of friendship,  
by the faithfulness of presence,  
by the courage to stick by the despised,  
and by the match between our words and lives.  
May we follow you along the winding road  
that curls through joy and sadness,  
through delight and disappointment  
and through death with you to live with you forever.

As we continue our journey through the season of Epiphany, may you find a deeper understanding of and relationship with God. May you discover what God is calling you to – to be or to do – and may you find comfort, strength and courage as you are enfolded in God's love.

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

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