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

Thursday, 9 February 2023

Dear Parishioners,

I thought I would write a quick letter so you can keep up to date with all the goings on in what will soon be the very busy season of Lent.

Tuesday, February 21st is Shrove Tuesday.

There will be a short penitential service at 11.30 in St Leonard's, Denmark, which will be followed by a pancake lunch, depending on the weather and numbers, will either take place on the veranda or in the meeting room of the Parish Centre. Donations of pancakes, pancake mixes, or fillings would be appreciated!

Wednesday, February 22nd is Ash Wednesday.

There will be a service at 10 am at St Leonard's, then one at 2 pm at St George's, Walpole for the Imposition of Ashes.

Lent Studies.

In my last letter, I outlined a number of resources which could be used either for group study or for individual devotions.

For group study, I have chosen the ABM produced book *The Imaginary Doorway*. This can be done as a group, or again for individual study. It is seven studies which takes us into the lives of seven people Jesus brought to wholeness and help us to have a deeper understanding of Jesus and his interaction with real people. I have ordered a number of the books (which I hope will arrive on time!), so please contact me if you are interested in a book. They will be \$13.

The study groups will begin:

Denmark, Thursday February 23rd, 7 pm at the Rectory.

Walpole, Friday February 24th, 2 pm at St George's.

As I mentioned in my last letter, there are a number of resources which are available online. I apologise for those who do not have the internet, please let me know if you are interested in any of the resources mentioned and, where possible, I will make them available to you.

On the Diocesan website: <https://www.bunburyanglican.org/vision-and-strategy.html> there are a number of suggestions.

On Revd Sue Lodge Calvert's website: <https://www.companionsontheway.com/post/lent-easter-year-a-worship-course>

The Chosen – a TV drama based on the life of Jesus, you can download for free at <https://www.angel.com/watch/the-chosen> or you can buy the DVD from Koorong Bookshop for about \$30. There are study guides for Season 1 and Season 2 (I gather there is a Season 3 in production) which are about \$21.60.

If there is enough interest, I am thinking of running a Thursday evening study group of *The Chosen* after Easter.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners will be held at 12 noon on Sunday, March 12 at St Leonard's church, Denmark.

There are positions for 4 parish councillors to be elected by the parish. I have spoken to and have appointed Mrs Victoria Castiglione and Mrs Marion Jamison as my representatives this year.

Please consider serving the parish in this way. The nomination forms are at the back of the church in Denmark, and if they are not already, they will be in Walpole on the 19th. Otherwise, please contact the Parish and we will make sure forms are sent to you. Nominations close on February 26th, with ballots being cast at both churches on Sundays March 5th and 12th.

Nominees will need to make sure they have the correct *Safe Church* clearances, so please contact Sally Prickett about this.

My vision for Parish Council going forward is that we will all contribute to the running of the Parish. Often a few willing workers take on an unfair workload, and I am hoping that we can share some of the expectations

put upon us, so that not one person feels overloaded. Please do not feel put off by this, if we all cover one thing, not only does it add to the satisfaction of contributing, but also furthers the mission of God in this place.

I am attaching the Diocesan *Vision and Strategy* newsletter with the letters going out by email, however, those not on line, there will be copies on the Greeters table at St Leonard's and the back table at St George's from Sunday 19th.

I close with one of my favourite prayers, wishing you all a holy and thoughtful Lent:

Christ, whose insistent call disturbs our settled lives:
give us discernment to hear your word,
grace to relinquish our tasks,
and courage to follow empty-handed
wherever you may lead,
so that the voice of your gospel
may reach the ends of the earth. Amen.

A Prayer Book for Australia, page 210.

Peace and every good wish, with my prayers,

Sally

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