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

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Thursday, 11 June 2020.

Dear Parishioners,

Thursdays seem to come around with alarming speed! So much has happened for me this week – a few days of family visiting, cuddles with grandchildren, a quick trip to Perth for the dentist, and a cracked windscreen! I'm not sure if I am growing to love Albany Highway any better, but at least they have a few more passing lanes than they used to!

I note in the readings for this week we have the story from Genesis 18 on which the Rublev icon I shared with you last week, is based.

Two thoughts have been rumbling around my brain this week: the first wondering if any of you have put any serious thought into life after COVID? The other is picking up on a theme I hope to develop in this week's sermon. Pentecost Sunday and Trinity Sunday had the underlying theme of Jesus commissioning his disciples to go out into the world. This Sunday we get an earlier example of this 'going out' which the disciples experienced early in their discipleship. What would **our** being 'sent out' look like?

I wonder if, in the pondering of what our future looks like, what **I** would like it to look like, it is not some combination of the two. I need to be what I want the future to be.

So, what do I want the world to be? A simpler place. A more compassionate, just, and loving place. So that is how I need to live my life, to have any hope of influencing the future I want. The dreamer and the idealist within me is having great fun! Seriously though, how is it for you?

Something that this 'shutdown' experience has reinforced for me, is the importance of communication and communicating with those we care about, those within our sphere. With that in mind, I am hoping that once everything opens up again and we have some semblance of normality, however that will look, I am hoping to write a monthly letter to keep in touch with everyone.

Next week will be my last letter for three weeks as I disappear on Annual Leave, mainly to help Chris do the final pack up of our house and lives in Esperance and move here to Denmark. It will be good to have him here with me full time ... I think!

When I get back, we will have the excitement of re-opening St Leonard's. Sally Prickett and I will be working on our "COVID Safety Plan" which needs to be in place before we can open the doors. Unless something goes terribly wrong, we will be opening St Leonard's for worship on Sunday July 19. I hope that by that time, the distancing regulations will have reduced further and we can manage a full church. I will be in touch about that nearer the time.

Meanwhile, I am looking forward to being with the Walpole community this Sunday.

While there isn't much to say this week, I would leave you with this prayer, based on the Genesis 18 reading for Sunday:

God of glory, Life of Love  
like Abraham and Sarah,  
we know the presence and the promise of Love.  
In Christ, that promise is revealed;  
the power of Love that brings light into every darkness,  
and together we seek to reveal the same  
and shine as a light divine. Amen. \*

So, shine with the power of Christ's love in the world in which you inhabit – with your family, your friends, in your community, in the world.

May God's peace be with you, enfolding and empowering you.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sally". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping 'S' and a long, curved tail that loops back under the 'y'.

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