



**St Leonard's Church**  
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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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Thursday, 14 November 2019

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to thank you all for the lovely welcome you have given me to the Parish of Denmark-Walpole. To a certain extent, I am still finding my feet, understanding the rhythm of the parish and finding my way around this lovely part of the State.

I thought it would be a good time to write to you all and introduce myself and to let you know about some of the things which will be coming up over the next couple of months.

Me first!

I am married to Chris (yes, another Sally and Chris in the parish!) who is currently still in Esperance. Chris has a Conveyancing business in Esperance, which has been our home since 1980. He will be selling the business in July to move here. In the meantime, we communicate most days, either by phone or FaceTime and he has managed to visit every few weeks.

We have two daughters: Laila who lives in Perth and has two little boys, Thomas (8) and Alex (5); and Helen and her husband Ben, who live in Busselton with their two daughters, Eva (8) and Lucy (5).

I also have my trusty companion Kora, an eight-year-old rescue dog of questionable breeding, possibly a kelpie cross, who is quite distinctive as she is missing one of her back paws.

I was ordained, priest, on St Andrew's Day in 1999, and until now have been in ministry in Esperance. Earlier this year I completed the four-year *Tree of Life* course in Christian Spirituality becoming a Spiritual Director.

I am also a member of the Third Order of the Society of St. Francis, a world-wide Anglican religious order, having now been professed (taken my vows) for 28 years. Within the Third Order, I am currently into the second year of a six-year term as Assistant Provincial Minister of the Province of Asia-Pacific, which takes in Australia and includes Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Singapore, Papua New Guinea, South Korea, Hong Kong and the Philippines.

My position here, as Priest in Charge of the Parish of Denmark-Walpole is a four day a week position and I have chosen to generally work Thursday to Sunday each week. This means that the parish telephone may not be answered Monday-Wednesday, but if you leave a message, I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Enough of me!

So, what's happening?!

I am currently taking the service in Walpole on the third Sunday each month, with Harold Luxton and the Revd Kevin Calligari taking the service on other Sundays. I thank them for their faithfulness.

In Denmark, I am very grateful to the Licensed Lay Ministers: Alison Kershaw, Chris and Sally Prickett for their continued ministry at St Leonard's and around Denmark, and generally filling in for me when I am elsewhere.

### **Thursday Eucharist**

A number of people have expressed interest in having a mid-week Eucharist. From December 5<sup>th</sup>, I will be offering a simple Eucharist service on Thursdays at St. Leonard's Denmark, at 11.30 am. That will be followed by a bring-and-shared lunch. On the second Thursday each month, Mothers Union will meet at 1.30 pm.

### **Advent Study**

The Revd Sue Lodge-Calvert is writing an Advent study this year. This can be used by individuals or in a group. If you are interested in receiving this material either for your own interest and study or to be part of a group, please let me know. I'm hoping that there may be enough people interested in being a part of a study group that we may even be able to have more than one operating through Advent.

### **Christmas Services**

At the time of writing, the Christmas services will be as follows:

#### ***St Leonard's, Denmark:***

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

5.00 pm Family service

7.30 pm Carols and Lessons with communion

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

9.30 am Christmas Eucharist

#### ***St George's, Walpole:***

Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

7.00 pm Carols and Lessons with baptism and communion

The Walpole congregation will be notified of any other services when information is to hand.

I am slowly getting around to visit people in their homes. If you would like me to visit sooner, please let me know, and I will make sure you are prioritised.

I have noticed that there have been a few changes of address etc. over the last little while. If you have moved or any of your contact details have changed in the last twelve months, could you please let Sally Prickett know, so we can keep the Parish database up to date.

Please know that I am here to listen, to support and encourage you on your journey through life.

I look forward to hearing from you and getting to know you.

Peace and all good wishes, sincerely,



Revd Sally Buckley tssf

Parish Priest.