

St John the Baptist Anglican Church

Newsletter July 2015

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Cate's cogitations

Well, here we are, into the second half of 2015, past the shortest day and heading for our second Garage Sale – where did all the time go so fast?

It is almost a month since my return from a wonderful trip overseas and I want to thank you all for keeping St Johns in such good form while I was away. As I said in a sermon since being back, it was in many ways my long awaited OE. And I've been interested how it has stimulated the telling of some of your OE tales from years not too long ago and of how things have changed (changed over there, of course, not you.) Actually I think it would be really interesting to have an OE swap story evening – it could be quite interesting to be reminded of your younger selves and what you were willing and happy (foolish?) to do. It might be quite an evening of renewal.

But back to the here and now!! It was lovely to celebrate our Patronal festival together last Sunday, to enjoy the children and the activities and yummy food together. It was a bit different from the usual and we did make it up a bit as we went along, yet still managed to incorporate song and scripture, communion and blessing. The windows are certainly much easier to see through, rather than look at, the silk flowers are in far better order, the quiz doers perhaps a little more puzzled (the answers are on the noticeboard), the pavers clear of weeds and the banner of John baptizing Jesus will soon be hanging in the church. In case any of you had wondered about the big tree banner we made together last year, thanks in large part to Shirley it is almost ready to hang. We've decided to hang it in the St Jude's room, hopefully by this Sunday,

depending on some last minute spray varnishing and time availability to mount it. So, if you get a chance pop in and have a look.

Thank you also to your generosity in bringing cans of food for the City Mission - we almost completely filled the box!! The City Mission collectors expressed their thanks. I was interested to hear that most of the places they were picking up from were schools - I'm glad that we were able to make it that at least one church in the area contributed.

As I mentioned last Sunday the second **Garage Sale** for the year is fast approaching. It is the nominated 'smaller' one, which means **only books, cooking, clothing, linen and shoes** and according to my records is scheduled for **Saturday July 18th** so I guess we should think about collecting and thinning out our wardrobes of those much loved but haven't been worn in ages gear.

MEN OF THE PARISH (is that YOU?!) have you seen the new OPPORTUNITY to MEET AND EAT TOGETHER?? Peter White and Richard Lewis invite you to a **Men's Breakfast, 7.15am, Thursday July 9th** at Peter and Lorraine's place **14 Vincent Road Northcote Point**. Please check the notice later in the newsletter for more details, I think all you have to bring is yourself, an appetite and a willingness to chin wag a bit. You can do it!!

It is time to finish this missive, keep warm and keep well in the chill of this winter season.

With every blessing

Cate

In and around St Johns

Sunday Services: 8.00am, 9.30am, 5pm

Sunday School: 4th Sunday of the month at 9.30am

Wednesday services: 1st Wednesday of the month, 10.00am

Selwyn Centre: Wednesday 9.30am – 12noon in the St Jude's Room

Evening Women's Fellowship: 7.30pm 2nd Tuesday of the month

Craft Group: Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday 1.30pm in the St Jude's Room

Next Garage Sale: 18th July

Hall Users

Positive Balance Yoga - Mon, Tues, Thurs evenings, 5.45pm – 7pm or 7pm -- 8.15pm in term time

Rowe Dance - ballet classes for 3-8 year olds on Monday morning, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons in term time.

Jumping Beans - Tues 9am – 12pm in term time

Scottish Country Dance - Wed 7.30pm – 10pm in term time

Place for children minded by **Barnados** care givers – Thurs morning, fortnightly in term time

Alcoholics Anonymous support group – each Fri evening

English Folk Dance - 2nd Fri each month, 7.30 – 10pm

Early English Dance - last Fri each month, 7.30 – 10pm

Soccer for Tots - Sat 9am – 1pm during term time

AlAnon family support group – the afternoon of the first Sun of each month.

Shore Stitchers - 3rd Sun each month 11am – 3pm

Monthly public health clinic in the St Jude's Room to administer **BCG injections**

Readings for the month

July 5 Refugee Sunday

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

Gospel: Mark 6: 1-13

July 12 Ordinary 15

First Reading: 2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19

Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 3-14

Gospel: Mark 6: 14-29

July 19 Ordinary 16

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7: 1-14a

Second Reading: Ephesians 2: 11-22

Gospel: Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

July 26 Ordinary 17

First Reading: 2 Samuel 11: 1-15

Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 14-21

Gospel: John 6: 1-21

August 2 Ordinary 18

First Reading: 2 Samuel 11: 26-12: 13a

Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-16

Gospel: John 6: 24-35

HOSPICE CUPPA

The Fellowship is hosting the **HOSPICE CUPPA FUNDRAISER** again this year.

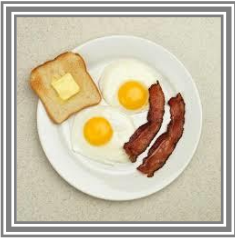
July 26 after the 8am and 9.30am services morning tea will be served to raise funds for Hospice.

\$5 for adults, a gold coin for children.

This sumptuous event is well worth coming to and staying for after the service!

See you all there!





MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE GATHERING

Peter White and Richard Lewis are planning to start a Men's Breakfast and Bible Group that

meets every other week. The purposes are to:

- Get to know each other, over a breakfast
- To encourage one another in daily life
- To read and learn from a passage of the Bible.

The form is very simple. It will start with breakfast together which will be provided, followed by a 30 min time together reading a Bible passage and asking three basic questions:

- What does it say?
- What does it mean?
- Is it applicable to me?

The idea is to initially meet at Peter White's Home **Thursday July 9th** and then proposed fortnightly.

Where: 14 Vincent Road Northcote Point

Time: 7:15 am, finish no later than 8:15am.

➤ We're open to varying the time and place. Call Peter or Richard if you prefer another time slot.

If you'd like to join with us for breakfast, an RSVP to Peter 021755345, or Richard 4199 026 would assist with the catering.

After the first three or four meetings, we will review whether the group meets a need, and whether there is a consensus to continue.

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Prices for guttering repairs to our plant should go to the next meeting vestry. Repair of steel guttering in the courtyard will proceed while the shade sails are down thanks to Dick Offwood.

Roof painting quotes to go to vestry once we have response to a funding application submitted by Colin Couch to The North Shore Heritage Trust.

July has been selected as 'repaint for the ramp area leading to the hall' month. This continues the area being repainted. Plans for the kitchen will follow.

We await a quote for applying a film to the hall windows facing the driveway that will reduce glare, cut UV rays so protect the hall floor and prevent the dazzle of the sun for hall users.

Matthew Davies

MID-WINTER DINNER MEETING FOR WOMEN'S EVENING FELLOWSHIP

On 14 July the Fellowship meets for the annual potluck midwinter feast and meeting.

Venue: **St Jude's Room**

Start time: **6.30 pm. Note the earlier start time.**

Bring something to share. This is a most enjoyable time – we hold a short meeting between the main course and dessert and have a raffle as usual.

All welcome, especially newcomers.

Enquiries: Sally Dempster 418 1448
or Barbara McIlroy 418 4117

See you there!

FOOD BANK

I had great pleasure the other day in accepting a food donation for the second time in a month from our friends at St Aidan's. Food from all our other generous donors has also been coming in steadily.

Just to help, I thought a suggestion list is due and may be of assistance – here it is:-

Biscuits	Sweets	Porridge
<u>All</u> tinned fruit	Pasta Sauce	Tinned fish
Instant coffee	<u>All jams</u>	Jellies
Shampoo	Hand soaps	Toothpaste
Tooth brushes	Paper towels	Toilet rolls
Washing powder	Dishwashing liquid	Sugar
Hand lotions	Tinned & packet soups	
2 Minute Noodles	Tinned <u>plain</u> beans	
Paid Council rubbish bags		
Small marmite, honey, peanut butter		
Tinned spaghetti, tomatoes, corn		
Thank you in advance.		

Matthew Davies

Thought you might enjoy this recent post on Facebook

Presently, I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles.

So, every day, I go along the street and tell passersby what I have eaten, how I feel, what I have done the night before, and what I will do after; I give them pictures of my family, my dog and me gardening and spending time in my pool.

I also listen to their conversations and I tell them I love them.

AND IT WORKS! ... I already have 3 people following me: 2 police officers and a psychiatrist.

Contacts

Ministerial Team

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Double Puzzle

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ESEY	3 18 12 5
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ROHNE	11 6 15 22
ROTCH	10 20 24
BMLA	2 17 8

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Solutions to last month's puzzle

SHOUT, TEMPT, WHIP, FORCE, DIVINE, ALONG, SIGH, LIFE
WISDOM IS THE PRINCIPAL THING (PROV. 4:7)

AND ONE FOR ALL YOU TEACHERS OUT THERE

