

St John the Baptist Anglican Church

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Cate's Cogitations

Well it feels as if at long last the weather may be turning a bit cooler, rather late in the year considering we're almost into May (and I'm still not sure where the first four months of the year disappeared). We could put it down to having such fun, the time passes before we know.

With one thing and another it does seem to have been a busy time, especially the month of April with Easter, the Garage Sale and the successful working bee at Shoal Bay. As Easter coincided with school holidays this year quite a few were away, even so it is always powerful to walk together through the deep symbolism of Easter - new light into darkness, confirmation of our commitment of faith through the waters of baptism.

Then of course before we knew it the Garage Sale was upon us. And what a great sale it was! The Hall looked full to almost bursting by Thursday evening and yet Friday brought carload upon carload of goods. I wasn't sure where everything would go. Yet nooks and crannies and cunning arrangement of goods meant we somehow incorporated the donated goods. Even though the weather forecast was not favourable for fine weather on the Saturday morning it did not seem to deter those looking for a bargain. A great result financially but also wonderful to see new neighbours finding their way into the event, let's hope it can become their Garage Sale too.

As you will see in the report that Peter Mundell has put together, we had a successful working bee in Little Shoal Bay following our services last Sunday. Between all those who volunteered their time, both from the church and locals who care for Little Shoal Bay, not only was rubbish collected but 10m³ of

mulch was put around the trees that most needed it. The sandwiches made by the Sunday school were much appreciated after an hour and a half of steady work. Thank you especially to Peter Mundell for driving and organising us into the event, to Tony Holman for sharing his knowledge of the area, to Angela for putting people, rubbish bags and gloves together, to Shirley and Ngaire for planning and organising the children to make us yummy victuals. Overall a fun event and already I hear mumblings that it would be good to repeat it ... maybe a spring event?

It's less than a week until Gregory and I depart, I'm working on the principle that we'll be organised by the time we leave!! Tuesday May 5th is the actual date we leave. Vivienne Hill will be taking services on Sunday May 10th and 24th, Isabel Mordecai, a non stipendary priest associated with St Johns Campbells Bay will take services on May 17th and June 7th and Lucy Nguyen (who is chaplain at Middlemore Hospital and preached here one chaplaincy Sunday) will be taking services on May 31st. So a bit of variety and chance to hear wisdom from different perspectives that I'm sure you'll enjoy.

I hope to be able to send a photo or two from our journey across the Continent while we're there - our itinerary seems to be veering toward Eastern European countries, there are some interesting places to explore.

I trust you will all take care while I am away, wrap up warm and avoid any too nasty a bugs.

With every blessing

Cate

In and around St Johns**Sunday Services:** 8.00am, 9.30am**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 afternoon in term time.**Jumping Beans** - Tues 9am – 12pm in term time**Scottish Country Dance** - Wed 7.30pm – 10pm in term timePlace 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 – 3pmMonthly public health clinic in the St Jude's Room to administer **BCG injections****Readings for the month****May 3 Easter 5**

First Reading: Acts 8: 26-40

Second Reading: 1 John 4: 7-21

Gospel: John 15: 1-8

May 10 Easter 6

First Reading: Acts 10: 44-48

Second Reading: 1 John 5: 1-6

Gospel: John 15: 9-17

May 17 Easter 7

First Reading: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

Second Reading: 1 John 5: 9-13

Gospel: John 17: 6-19

May 24 Pentecost

First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Second Reading: Acts 2: 1-21

Gospel: John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15

May 31 Trinity Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-8

Second Reading: Romans 8: 12-17

Gospel: John 3: 1-17

June 7 Ordinary 10

First Reading: 1 Samuel 8: 4-11, 16-20

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4: 13-5: 1

Gospel: Mark 3: 20-35

EVENING WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Evening Women's Fellowship will meet for a Film Night at Northbridge at 7.30pm on Tuesday May 12th. Look for further details in the weekly pew sheet.

Enquiries to Rosemary Saunders 489 5830.

FOOD BANK

Thank you for the steady contributions to the bank which are making it look better/fuller day by day. Our first visit to the Birkenhead Salvation Army Bank is getting closer.

Regards to all, Matthew.

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Now the most fantastic and successful garage sale is behind us (good to be involved in history isn't it!), we will take a deep breath, gather our strength and painting gear and start up again with a final push to finish the toilets, followed by a start on the kitchen and hall ramp areas.

Thought is being given as to whether or not we should replace the extract fan in the kitchen. A decision will be soon forthcoming after which a repair/painting program will be put in place and the maintenance move forward once again.

At this juncture, as Nathanael has resigned his cleaning position due to obtaining a fulltime job, I would like to express on behalf of the parish our thanks to him for stepping in and taking on the daunting hall complex cleaning duties and despite a few grumbles, made a good fist of the difficult job and I wish him a most successful future. We have negotiated for the Clean Planet Company to undertake this twice a week clean.

Matthew Davies.

GARAGE SALE – 18 APRIL

Congratulations to all involved in last month's Garage Sale. It was our most successful one yet with sales totalling \$5,500!

The next Garage Sale is coming up on the 18th July. Please mark this date in your diaries!

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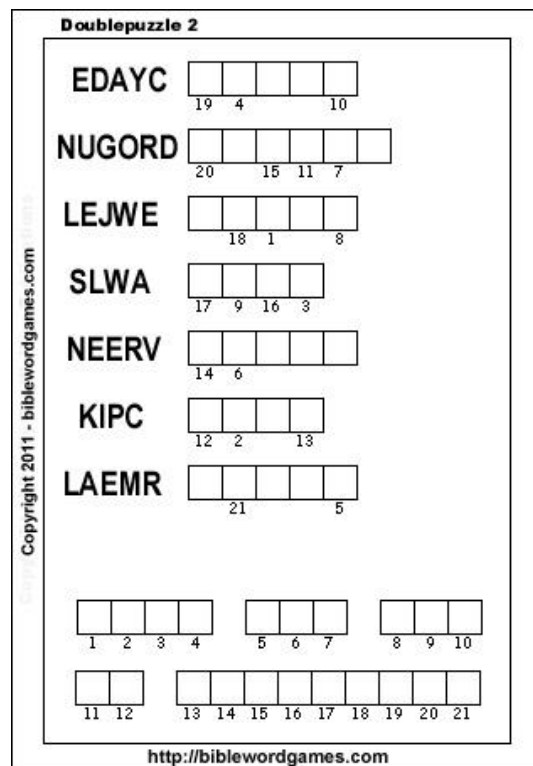
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Double Puzzle



Solutions to last month's puzzle

ADAM, GOSPEL, TIRE, GRAVE, HIGH

GIVE GOD THE PRAISE

(John 9:24) KJV

*CoC AT ST JOHNS

Sunday after service, tucked away in the centre of ANZAC weekend, was our choice for a working bee at Little Shoal Bay (LSB). Many were away and unavailable but the turnout was heartening.

(It all really began with a lively presentation by Rod Oram in September 2014 when his focus, specially tailored to appeal to our children, was on how important an element of our Christian faith the living environment was, is and must become. The focus, at St John the Baptist, on LSB is one practical outcome of that vital message. In real terms, the significance of CoC is implanted).

So, during Sunday School Shirley and her team prepared delicious sandwiches for the lunch break.

Then Tony Holman gave an inspirational overview to our group, of the LSB campaign, when we arrived at the Bay. Many difficulties and obstacles were overcome to create the park we see today.

Angela was leader of the group who did the beach clean-up armed with gloves and Council bags. A solid amount of rubbish was removed from the foreshore. Wheelbarrows, bins and buckets were used energetically to tackle the mountain of mulch that needed to be spread under trees and in dry spaces. Finally the mountain was levelled and we all sat down, after grace, to a very pleasant lunch.

Head, heart and hands working in honour of the Creator and Creation, thanks to all who helped in so many ways.

Peter Mundell

*Pronounced see-o-see.

