

What's coming up – Very Soon!

Today 6-7pm Reflection on Sunday readings (courtyard)
 Tue 9th Mar 7.30 Lent Reflections 3 (in the Studio)
 Thu 11th Mar 8pm Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer

From the fragmented world of our everyday lives
 we gather together in search of wholeness.
 By many cares and preoccupations
 by diverse and separate aims
 are we separated from one another
 and divided within ourselves
 Yet we know that no branch is utterly severed
 from the Tree of Life that sustains us all.
Prayers of the St Hilda Community

NEXT

14th March Fourth Sunday in Lent	Joshua 5:2-12	Angela Wilson
	Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:11-32	Laurel Ellis

Readings
Sunday

NEXT WEEK M T: Shirley-Joy Jamieson; Marie Thompson; Katie Gwynne

Morning & Evening prayer 6.30am & 6.30pm

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My ways are higher than your ways

St Paul's Beaconsfield

Third Sunday of Lent

Welcome to all who come to worship this Sunday. **Welcome to** all who join us for the first time; you are invited to share with us in Communion and after the service for hospitality in the hall.

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My soul thirst for you, for in your Love I find Life

In the wilderness of Lent we may become aware of our thirst... In the 'absence' of Lent – in the place beyond our comfort - we might glimpse the deeper desire of 'Life'..... a desire that will not be quenched by the many wines that life has to offer..... For our soul's desire is revealed through Christ as the activity of giving.

The "I thirst" we will experience and echo on Good Friday is satisfied only with the self-giving on the cross.

The torture and testing of crucifixion reveals the difficulty in approaching and accessing our deepest desire, our Lenten journey is the first steps... the wilderness provides the stillness from distraction..... and our thirst impels us toward the water of Life.....

God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength

In our Australian landscape we know the times of drought., and we know also the smell of the first rain..... Now we seek to know the same in our eternal landscape.....

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4. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

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Guide me, o thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all the journey through.
Strong deliverer strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

*****Welcome home, Jeremy*****

East End Expenses....

We are nearing completion..... In addition to the contract with the builders we have already made payments of \$38,069 to cover all the "other" fees, charges and ancillary activities. On 1st March our \$200,000 loan repayments started and a few have already offered to provide \$25/month to assist in their repayment. What a wonderful achievement if we can pay the load off early and then continue with our renewed commitment to further build on the ministry of the St Paul's community.

<p>Sewing, Alterations, Repairs by Denise - 9336 3314 or 0421 566 316 (Proceeds donated to St Paul's Restoration Fund)</p>
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1. Praise my Soul

Praise my soul, the God of heaven, glad of heart your carols raise;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the Maker all your days.

Praise God for the grace and favour shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame;
Gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! All within me, praise God's name!

Frail as summer's flower we flourish; blows the wind and it is gone;
But, while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the high eternal one.

Angels, teach us adoration, you behold God face to face;
Sun and moon and all creation, dwellers all in time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise with us the God of grace.

Be like a flowing river,
silent in the night.
Be not afraid of the dark.
If there are stars in the sky, reflect them back.
If there are clouds in the sky,
remember, clouds, like the river, are water,
So gladly reflect them back too
in your own tranquil depths.

Manuel Bandeira

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For the Word of the Lord - **Thanks be to God**

NEXT SUNDAY

Refreshment Sunday – we will welcome Bishop Kay Goldsworthy and will also share in the tradition of “Simnel Cake”... Those who would like to bake the traditional cakes please coordinate with Kim so we know how many to expect.....

Thank You

To all who helped – Clean the Church and the hall for yesterday’s wedding.....
And to all who continue to keep on top of the 101 jobs that keep us going – especially with the increased difficulty of the building works all around us...

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty. There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good; there is mercy with the Saviour; there is healing in his blood.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than in heaven; there is no place where earth's failings have such kind judgment given. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word; and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

Snowlands 2010

Marie and Peter will hold a meeting in the studio on Monday March 22nd at 7.30pm for those who would like to find out more about visiting the Snowlands School in Kathmandu... We are planning to undertake a project that will benefit the Children -and also a 'journey together' that will enable us to explore extending the ministry of the St Paul's community.

REPENT

In the movie “Babe” the duck asks why people eat ducks, and the animals say, “Well, that’s just the way things are”, and the duck says, “Well, the way things are sucks.”

Beginners African Drumming Class. Learn the basics of African drumming and rhythms in a small group environment. No previous experience required, drums provided. Monday nights, 6.30 - 8.30 pm, \$60 for 4 weeks. Michael O’Shaughnessy, 9331 5248, momikeos@gmail.com.

Thank You - For being here today - and for your generous giving that enables us to be here tomorrow.

Gospel Reading

*A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Chapter 13, beginning at the 31st verse
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ*

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." 32 He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.' 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

For the Gospel of the Lord - Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Psalm 63: 1-9

1 O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

My soul thirst for you, for in your Love I find Life

3 Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

4 So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul thirst for you, for in your Love I find Life

5 My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

6 when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

7 for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

My soul thirst for you, for in your Love I find Life

8 My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

9 But to those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth;

Water: voice of grief,
cry of love
in the flowing tear.

Water: vehicle and idiom
of all the inner voyaging
that keeps us alive.

Blessed be water,
our first mother.

John O'Donohue

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 and all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. 6 Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. 7 Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. 10 And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. 13 No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

For the Word of the Lord - **Thanks be to God**

HeartSong – NOT TONIGHT!

We will not have a Heartsong service (as scheduled) tonight. As we are staying in the hall until Easter – we have the opportunity to maintain a ‘Lent’ space that is liturgically ‘quieter’ than our Sunday celebrations.

When we come into the fullness of the Church on Easter day will complete our Easter celebrations with Heartsong in the church that evening.

Sunday School meeting: We would like to have a Sunday School meeting on Sunday 14th of March directly after church and we welcome anyone who would like to contribute ideas on future direction for our Sunday School. Find Sarah or Kim after church in the hall next week.

O Love, that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer,
fuller be.

O Light the followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee,
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine’s blaze its day may
brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee,
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn
shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee,
I lay in dust life’s glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that
shall endless be.

LENT Program Update.....

1. HeartSong will NOT be held during Lent – We will have a HeartSong service on the evening of Easter Day in the Church
2. The shared meal on Wednesday has been taken off the Lent program – however, individuals might like to continue offering hospitality to those they are sharing their Lent journey with.
3. We have a film scheduled for Sunday 14th March – and need to confirm who is going to show what film.
4. Further updates will be given as we will change our format for Holy Week, having decided to stay in the hall until Easter day..... Another wonderful opportunity to experience Easter in a new and different way.

Thank You – to the garden group – for keeping on and not losing heart as our gardens get taken over by building works..... there will be a wonderful harvest..... soon...

We meditate on the glory of the Creator;
 Who has created the Universe;
 Who is worthy of Worship;
 Who is the embodiment of Knowledge and Light;
 Who is the remover of all Sin and Ignorance;
 May The Divine enlighten our Intellect.

Collect

Eternal Love..... my God, in whom I trust.
 We thirst for the Divine in all Life
 and we seek to realise the promise of life lived in the Divine presence
 Christ, reveals ‘the Lord is near’
 and opens us to the fountain of life
 In coming together we seek to find that oneness of Love that
 enables us to drink from the spiritual rock and to quench our thirst
Amen

Pray that we may join together in imitating Christ, knowing and trusting in the Spirit that is with us in the wilderness. Pray that we may continue to empty ourselves for the encounter of Easter and have the courage to commit ourselves to the call of the Christ within us and in each (and every) other. Pray for those in our community who inspire us to seek the reality of God’s Word and God’s Love.- Pray without ceasing - Give thanks for each other as we seek the holiness that is found in the stillness of the wilderness. Pray for those who share out Lenten journey with us. Give thanks for those who hear the words of truth, and those who guide others into the way of Peace. Give thanks for all who nurture and make real in acts of love the call of our community - Give thanks for our diversity, our strengths and our weaknesses. Give thanks for all that we share in common with all people and with all faiths - Pray that we may hear when others speak of truth.. Pray that we might feed others and nurture within ourselves a spirit of compassion. Pray for all refugees and for hospitality in the hearts of all. Give thanks for the Divine fullness that we glimpse as we share together in worship

Sun 7th Mar

Tue 9th Mar

Wed 10th Mar

Thu 11th Mar

Sun 14th Mar

Mon 15th Mar

Tue 16th Mar

Tue 16th Mar

Wed 17th Mar

Sun 21st Mar

Tue 23rd Mar

Wed 24th Mar

Sat 27th Mar

Sun 28th Mar

Tue 30th Mar

LENT 3

6-7pm Reflection on Sunday readings in the **Studio**

Cancelled 7pm HeartSong

7.30 Lent Reflections 3(in the studio)

Cancelled 7pm Shared Meal

8pm Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer

LENT 4 {refreshment Sunday}

Bishop Kaye Goldsworthy @ St Pauls

6-7pm Reflection on Sunday readings in the Church

7pm Film/discussion in the hall 2 - **Film Required**

Church Council meeting

Elders Morning Tea

7.30 Lent Reflections 4(in the studio)

Cancelled 7pm Shared Meal

LENT 5

6-7pm Reflection on Sunday readings in the Church

7.30 Lent Reflections 5(in the studio)

Cancelled 7pm Shared Meal

Morning Busy Bee - Preparation for Easter

12noon Making Palm Crosses

PALM SUNDAY

8am Procession from Gino’s

6-7pm Reflection on Sunday readings in the Church

7.30 Lent Reflections 6(in the studio)

7.30 Lent Reflections 7(in the studio)