

What's coming up – Very Soon!

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 7pm Film/discussion in the hall 2 - **'Doubt'**
 Mon 15th Mar Church Council meeting
 Tue 16th Mar Elders Morning Tea
 7.30 Lent Reflections 4(in the studio)

O Brother Jesus
 who wept at the death of a friend
 and overturned tables in anger at wrong
 let me not be frightened by the depths of passion.
 Rather let me learn the love and anger
 and wild expanses of soul within me
 that are true expressions of your grace and wisdom.
 And assure me again that in becoming more like you
 I come closer to my true self
 made in the image of outpouring Love
 born of the free eternal Wind.

J. Philip Newell – Celtic Benediction

NEXT

21st March Fifth Sunday in Lent	Isaiah 43: 16-21	Lucia Chipper Clarissa Machin
	Psalm 126 Philippians 3:3-14 John 12:1-8	

NEXT WEEK M T: Florence Slater; Joan Jessop; Annette Wall

Morning & Evening prayer 6.30am & 6.30pm

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14/3/10 *You are always with me; all that is mine is yours*

St Paul's Beaconsfield

Fourth 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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A good question comes out of today's readings:

"have you been circumcised?"

It is a question that requires a little translation.....

"Have you been marked by your encounter with the Divine?" and what are the scars that show you as *"marked as Christ's own forever."*

Paul says *"From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view"*. There is a very different way of seeing the world that results from our encounter with God..... and it results from our being different.

As we share in our Lenten journey we have an opportunity to witness changes in our lives and in our perspective of the world..... We might also glimpse a movement away from the old.... toward the East.. a movement 'beyond the Church'

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Readings
Sunday

4. How firm a Foundation

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How firm a foundation, you servants of God,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you has been said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply:
The flame shall not hurt you, I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!”

CARDS FOR CORRIE ROBSON: Corrie Robson would love to hear from you- as she has felt a bit depressed recently at being in the whole High Care facility. Can you love-bomb her a bit? Angela

Address: Ms Corrie Robson, c/- Nagle Wing, Margaret Hubery Village,
36 Fifth Ave, SHELLEY 6148

Hope and Harmony: March with thousands across the nation – Easter Sunday – a coming together in Hope and harmony
Russell Square, James Street, Northbridge 2pm [see notice in the hall]

Sewing, Alterations, Repairs by Denise - 9336 3314 or 0421 566 316
(Proceeds donated to St Paul's Restoration Fund)

1. Love Divine

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Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then, thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Today we welcome Bishop Kay Goldsworthy - the visit of our bishop is an opportunity (and a symbol) to see ourselves as part of the wider Anglican community – and to be seen as a part of the same.....

Silence is God's first language; everything else is a poor translation. In order to hear that language, we must learn to be still and to rest in God.

Thomas Keating

Be still and know that I am God

At that time the Lord said to Joshua, 'Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites at Gibeath-haaraloth. 4 This is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the warriors, had died during the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt. 5 Although all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people born on the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised. 6 For the Israelites travelled forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the warriors who came out of Egypt, perished, not having listened to the voice of the Lord. To them the Lord swore that he would not let them see the land that he had sworn to their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. 7 So it was their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way. 8 When the circumcising of all the nation was done, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. 9 The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. 10 While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. 11 On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. 12 The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

Refreshment Sunday - Refreshment Sunday is a Mid-Lent break, a chance to Stop, Look and Listen, to be aware of the two (or more) directions that call to you in every moment... and to consider the "Where to from Here?" We also share in the tradition of "Simnel Cake"

The journey of LENT: Those involved in the Lent Study groups have already visited – Innocence, Awakening and Passion – next week we continue our journey and look at 'Commitment'..... Somehow we seem to be looking at our life journey – living it – reliving it- and recreating it..... The movement of Lent is the movement of Life...And the movement of Easter is the movement toward 'New Life in Christ'.....

Luke 15:11-32 *continued*

he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 29 But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' 31 Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

3. God is my Shepherd

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God is my shepherd, I'll not want, I feed on pastures green,
God grants me rest and bids me drink from waters calm and clean.
Through daily tasks, I'm blessed and led by one I have not seen

Restored to life each morning new I rise up from the dust
to follow God whose presence gives me confidence and trust,
I praise the name of God today, in God I put my trust

When I must pass through shadowed vale, where loss and death await
I will not fear for God is there, my shepherd strong and great.
Whose rod and staff will comfort me and all my fears abate.

No enemy can overcome, no power on earth defeat
The ones anointed by God's grace and fed with manna sweet
My cup is filled and overflows as I my Saviour greet.

Goodness and mercy all my life will surely follow me;
And where God reigns in heaven and earth my dwelling place shall be.
My shepherd blesses, cares and leads through all eternity

*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 5, beginning at the 11th verse
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ*

Then Jesus said "There was a man who had two sons.12 The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them.13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.16 He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.17 But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger!18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'"20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.21 Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'22 But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate;24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.25 "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing.26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on.27 He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.'28 Then *(Contd)*

Psalm 32

1 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
2 Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
3 While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.
We rejoice in your Divine Love that surrounds us all
4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
6 Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.
We rejoice in your Divine Love that surrounds us all
7 You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.
8 I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
9 Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.
We rejoice in your Divine Love that surrounds us all
10 Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.
11 Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Rental Accommodation Needed: Moses and his family of three will soon be arriving in WA and are looking to rent a house at around \$300.00 per week. If you know of anything suitable, please contact Ronny at the office on 9335 2242, or Moses direct on 043 968 9017.

FUNDRAISING EVENT: "A Musical Miscellany", a variety of quality musical offerings will be followed by tea/coffee/wine and delicacies (included in the ticket price)

St Paul's Hall on Sunday, 2nd May at 2:00 pm

Tickets: \$25.00 per person - from Bob Matthews or Clarissa Machin

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even

though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

Sunday School meeting: We would like to have a Sunday School meeting on today 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.

Room to rent – One room to rent close to Fremantle and university etc. Ring Brenda Wood on 9430 5527 if interested.

TEAR WA Gathering 17th April 10am-4pm

A day to explore what it means to live justly in an unjust world [see notice in the hall]

Lord, take me where you want me to go;
 Let me meet who you want me to meet.
 Tell me what you want me to say,
 And keep me out of your way.
Fr Mychal Judge FDNY (d. Sept 11 2001)

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
 There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
 But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *There is a balm...*

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
 You can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." *There is a balm...*

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.

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.

GROW

A new GROW group that commences in Fremantle on 7th April - Please see details in the hall. The Grow group and its programs for 'growth' offer understanding, friendship and mutual help for those of us dealing with life's challenges - depression, anxiety and mental sickness are experienced by most people at some time in their journey. Grow offers a safe place to experience 'mutual' help....

It is in Giving that We Receive

Slowly we are creating a support resource for the Snowlands School in Nepal..... A bank account has been established (with Anglican Community Fund) for donations...

Account: IGWR - Nepal
 BSB: 706-001
 Account No: 30006088

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

God of Love and gift of eternal compassion,
 Happy are we, for our transgressions are forgiven,
 Even when far off we are met in the abundance of Divine Love.

Christ reveals a 'new creation'
 and as we come together in celebration
 we too experience the reconciliation that draws us all
 into the oneness of Divine Love.....

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 21st Mar

Tue 23rd Mar

Wed 24th Mar

Sat 27th Mar

Sun 28th Mar

Tue 30th Mar

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

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7.30 Lent Reflections 7(in the studio)

Abundance

15 weddings, 4 baptisms are currently "booked in" for St Paul's – Ronny and Peter can see our ministry growing as we continue to open ourselves to the wider community. As we move toward Easter and to the New Life that we will symbolically claim as we re-enter the Church on Easter day.... please consider what it will mean for all of us to continue extending our ministry and ourselves.....

Refreshment Sunday or Mothering Sunday is a Christian festival celebrated throughout Europe. A religious festival celebrating motherhood has existed in Europe since approximately 250 BC when the Romans honoured the mother goddess Cybele during mid-March. As the Roman Empire and Europe converted to Christianity, Mothering Sunday celebrations became part of the liturgical calendar as Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent to honour the Virgin Mary and the "mother church".

During the sixteenth century, people returned to their mother church for a service to be held on Laetare Sunday. This was either a large local church, or more often the nearest Cathedral. Anyone who did this was commonly said to have gone "a-mothering", although whether this preceded the term Mothering Sunday is unclear. It was often the only time that whole families could gather together, if prevented by conflicting working hours.