

Weekly News

24 March 2019

The weekly newsletter for the South East Bendigo Anglican Parish

Reflection

Love and Light

'We love because he first loved us.'
– 1 John 4:19

Thank you for the wonderful welcome I've received as I have moved here to Holy Trinity! I look forward to getting to know many of you in coming weeks and months.

I've moved a fair bit in my adult life, and whilst there is something cool about every new adventure, it isn't easy. Getting to know the place, the people, the good coffee etc. all takes time. Building genuine relationship in which we can be real and where we can wrestle about the deep things of life – I love this, but I know it doesn't happen overnight. But we are so blessed to be ahead of the game simply because we are united in Christ.

In some sense, I'm an "insider" straight away as he gives us a love for one another from the beginning, a shared story and

a shared goal. This is really precious.

It is my prayer that as we get to know one another in the coming weeks and months that you would receive love like Jesus' love from me and I from you.



It is also my prayer in coming weeks and months that our corner of the watching world would get the chance to see and experience the love of Jesus in our love of one another and our welcome of all who cross our paths.

Our world is so in need of light and love. We've seen far too much darkness and hatred

this week in the tragedy that happened in Christchurch and other attacks around the world. We lament and grieve and cry out "how long, O Lord?" along with our neighbours and all who are horrified by violence and terror. But because God has first loved us and sent Christ, we grieve with great hope. For we serve a God who is light (1 John 1:5) – and only light drives out darkness! And we serve a God who is love (1 John 4:8) – and only love drives out hatred!

So I look forward to journeying together with you now and in the years to come, witnessing together how God is moving amongst us in love, sharing the ups and downs of life and faith in an authentic way, and taking opportunities to together shine the light of God in our little corner of the world.



*Karen Reid,
Curate*

Bible readings

This Sunday 1 Timothy 6:6-11 (p.1194) Matthew 13:1-23 (p.978) **Next Sunday** Psalm 102:1-13 (p.604) Luke 10:25-37 (p.1042)

News

Welcome Andrew and BWNS

We welcome Andrew Howe to our 9.15am, 11am and 5pm services at Holy Trinity today. Andrew is coordinating the 'Bendigo Winters Night Shelter' (BWNS) project for the homeless. This is a combined churches initiative and we will be part of this project.



Andrew will be telling us more about this project in the services and will be available during morning tea and supper to answer questions.

If you would like further information on this initiative, then head to www.bendigowinternightshelter.com.

Seniors Afternoon

This coming Friday 29th March at 2pm. John Steele will be sharing on his recent trip to India. All seniors welcome.

Name tags

Just a friendly reminder, (especially to Karen new to our

Ministry Team) that name tags help everyone get to know each other better. If you have lost your name tag there is a clipboard on the name tag board where you can request a new one. Thank you for your cooperation.

Karen Reid's Ordination

Karen's ordination will be held on Sunday 7th April at 2pm in Tatura. If you are planning on attending then please put your name on the sign up sheet in the foyer. This is to let the Tatura Parish know how many people they need to cater for.

Family Church Lunch

Next Sunday 31st March there will be a 'bring-and-share' lunch after Family Church. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Children's Cooking Classes

Are you looking for something to entertain and educate the children or grandchildren during the Easter holidays? Secret Gardens Catering in conjunction with the parish will be running cooking classes from 8th - 10th April. Costs and information are on the foyer noticeboard or on the flyer

attached to the emailed version of this edition of Weekly News.

Reception into the Anglican Church

This is the last call for anyone wanting to be welcomed into the Anglican Church. If you were previously members of another denomination but would now like to be received into the Anglican Church then please talk to Greg.

Bishop Matt Brain will visit the parish on Sunday morning 14th April – Palm Sunday.

Table tennis

On Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm there is the opportunity to be part of a table tennis group at church. Anyone is welcome and all skill levels are accommodated.

Prison Fellowship biscuits

The Prison Fellowship are looking to distribute 85,000 biscuits at Easter to Victorian prisoners. The purpose of this ministry is to show God's love. If you can help with baking then please see the foyer noticeboard for details.

There is a drop-off here in Bendigo. Baking needs to be dropped off by 5th April.

Tour of Reformation Scotland and England

In May 2020 there is the opportunity sponsored by Ridley College to explore how the Reformation spread to Scotland and England in the 16th Century and how it continues to have an impact in the global church today.

The tour concludes with five days in Germany and Austria to see the famous Oberammergau Passion Play.

Mothers' Union Lady Day

Congratulations Marj Geldart

At the Mothers' Union Lady Day last week, Marj Geldart was presented with her 50 year membership award by Bishop Matt Brain.

Details at myselah.com.au/trip/scottish-english-reformation-with-oberammergau/

Information Night March 28 – RSVP at 130023027

ABM Lenten Appeal

The envelopes for donating to the ABM Lenten Appeal are now available in the church foyer. If you would like to donate then please place your donation into the offertory bowl.

More information of the work of ABM can be found on the missions boards.

Caritas pie drive

Caritas is again running their 'Pie Drive' in conjunction with the Elmore Bakery.

Order forms are on the church foyer table. Profits will be divided between the Chaplaincy and Northern Outreach.

Contact Val Densworth H: 5446 1251 or M: 0429 864 371. Orders must be in by the 2nd April.

(Please note the date printed in last weeks news was incorrect)





SCHOOL HOLIDAY KIDS COOKING CLASSES

8 to 10 April 2019

Three action packed crazy days of fun cooking lessons the kids will love. Come along and join Chef Adrian as we celebrate the Easter holidays making Hot Cross Buns, Chocolate Easter Eggs and more. Yours kids will take home everything they create and the best part is we take care of the mess. Book now to avoid disappointment.



- MONDAY 8**
9:30am – 12pm
Choc Chip Cookies & Surprise Choc-balls
\$30
- 1pm - 4pm
Hot Cross Buns & Chocolate Easter Eggs
\$40
- TUESDAY 9**
9:30am – 12pm
Cupcakes & Sausage Rolls
\$30
- 1pm - 4pm
Hot Cross Buns & Chocolate Easter Eggs
\$40
- WEDNESDAY 10**
9:30am – 12pm
Easter Brownie & Cheese 'n' Bacon Scones
\$30
- 1pm - 4pm
Hot Cross Buns & Chocolate Easter Eggs
\$40

LOCATION

South East Bendigo
Anglican Church
14 Keck Street, Flora Hill
Bookings: 0419 592 433
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or Facebook Messgae

Prayer

Church and mission

Parish

Give thanks for those who maintain our gardens and lawns.

Pray for the Lenten groups and sermons during this season of Lent. Pray for new members to join small groups.

Pray for the young adults and teenagers in our church. Pray especially for a core group of unit students to be established.

Pray for Karen Reid as she prepares for ordination on 7th April.

Pray for the Easter service preparations and for God's Spirit to be moving the hearts of those who will attend.

Diocese

Pray for the leadership of Bishop Matt and his wife Rachael. Pray that they may handle the various demands upon them and their ministry.

Mission

Pray for the work of ABM and for generosity towards their Lenten Appeal.

Persecuted Church.

Saudi Arabia

Islam is the only religion allowed to be practiced and conversion from Islam is punishable by death. The number of Christians is increasing through TV programs, dreams and vision. Pray that all Christians will find support and remain faithful and be bold in sharing the gospel despite persecution.

World

New Zealand

Pray for ongoing healing after the recent attacks in Christchurch. Pray for civil debate on gun control, tolerance and other topics.

Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi

Pray for these nations mourning and rebuilding after a cyclone that it is feared has killed over 1,000 people and left millions trapped and in desperate need.

Venezuela

Pray for this nation which is on the brink of collapse and facing a humanitarian crisis.

Britain

Pray for a workable solution to the Brexit situation.

National and local

Pray for all levels of government to lead with wisdom, integrity and fairness, for the good of all. This week we focus on the federal level, and pray for the Prime Minister, Scott Morrison and for our local member Lisa Chesters, as well as all members of federal parliament.

Pray for various parts of northern Australia facing cyclones.

Pray for civil debate and discussion on a number of subjects including immigration and multiculturalism.

Pray for those who are currently unemployed, and are seeking work, that God will lead them and open up the right place for them.

Pray for the Royal Commission into aged care and for helpful outcomes.

Personal

Sick and in need

Kevin Furness, Marcia Taylor, Evelyn Wood, Keith Thompson, Eric and Muriel Jencke, and any others known to us.

Deceased

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