

# Weekly News

## 17 March 2019

The weekly newsletter for the South East Bendigo Anglican Parish

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## Reflection

### Leaning on God

Have you ever had to use crutches?

Maybe you had broken a bone in your leg or had a badly sprained ankle or an injury that caused your leg not to be strong enough to hold you up.

Without the assistance of crutches, you would be stuck in one place!

Crutches are a great invention as they give the person with the injured leg the ability to move around as they lean on the crutches while still using their good leg to help keep their balance. As the person is not placing weight on their leg, it enables the injured leg to heal.

Recently while I was walking through the shops, I saw a person moving around on crutches and this reminded me of how much I need to lean on God for help in my life.

Zephaniah 3:17 reminds us:

**“The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”**

It doesn't matter where you are on your journey with God. It doesn't matter how many times



you have tried to spend time with God, to pray, or read His Word consistently. It doesn't matter how broken and beaten you may feel, you are never alone.

The truth is, God is on our side. We can lean on Him and He will help us through the different situations that we face. He is with us during the good times as well as the difficult times. We are not on our own.

We may encounter discouragements and distractions, yet God is still with us speaking words of love, hope and courage over us. He wraps His arms around us and walks by our side.

I pray that if for some reason you have to use crutches or the next time you see someone hobbling around on crutches, you may be reminded of how much we need to lean on God. God is with us and He will help us through whatever it is that we are facing so that we can live for Him!

*Rob Edwards,  
Children's & Youth Minister*

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## Bible readings

**This Sunday** James 2:5-13(p1214) Luke 16:1-9(p.1050)

**Next Sunday** 1Timothy 6:6-11(p.1194) Matthew 13:1-23(p.978)

## News

### Newcomers afternoon tea

The afternoon tea is TODAY at 3pm for those who are new to the parish in the last 12 months.

### Roster production

Production for the next series of rosters is beginning. Please let us know if there are any times you will be unavailable between April and July. You can ring the office 5443 3482 or email to [rosters@southeastbendigo.com](mailto:rosters@southeastbendigo.com)

### Australian Boys Choir

The Australian Boys Choir will be performing at St Paul's Cathedral next Sunday at 2.30pm. See the notice board for more details.

### Mother's Union Lady Day

Will be held TOMORROW at Holy Trinity on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 11am. All are welcome.

### 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 previously printed date was incorrect)

### Trivia night to support chaplaincy

Will be TOMORROW on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at the Eaglehawk Town Hall. Admission is \$15 and it starts at 7.30pm. See the foyer noticeboard for more details.

### Bring and share lunch

Please bring a plate of food to share for lunch on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March following the Family Service.

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> April.

### 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 will be on the missions boards.

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

Details at [myselah.com.au/trip/scottish-english-reformation-with-oberammergau](http://myselah.com.au/trip/scottish-english-reformation-with-oberammergau)

## Reception into the Anglican Church

If you were previous members of other denominations but would now like to be received into the Anglican Church – then please see Greg. Bishop Matt Brain will visit the parish on Sunday morning 14<sup>th</sup> April – Palm Sunday – and will receive people in the morning services.

## Parish Council report

### Ministry reports

Karen Reid was welcomed to her first council meeting. Trev reported on the ongoing Marriage Course and the upcoming Lent Study Series. Trev also reported on the current arrangement whereby he ministers in the Gannawarra Cluster on a part time basis until final approval from BCA on the new Diocesan role is received.

Rob Edwards reported on the new playgroup leaders and how they are settling in well. He also reported on how several playgroup families have now attended church from time to time.

### Finance report

Insurance has now been paid using the provisions set aside late last year. Income for January was reported as lower than expenditure. This is often the case in January when there is very little facility hire and several people are on holidays.

The Council also resolved to support a housing allowance for Trev if the Bell family were to purchase a house. This would be in place of the rent which is currently paid.

Due to the new weekly slip format the 'pew sheet advertising' is not easily accommodated anymore. The council resolved to thank the current advertisers for their generosity over the years and advise them that this opportunity was no longer available.

### Wardens report

The wardens reported on the

current building upgrades including a status report on the BBQ area, back sheds and repairs to eaves and fascia of the church.

The ramp on the western side of the church was again discussed. The expert advice received is that if we rendered the bricks it would force the moisture to leach through the cement slab causing greater problems. In the coming months a further attempt will be made to remove the stains.

### Fair report

The Council had an extended discussion on the fair. Overall it was agreed that the arrangements for this year worked well and some further adjustments next year would be beneficial. The council acknowledged and thanked David Bruce for his enormous effort in coordinating many volunteers.



*Fiona Preston and Karen Reid were welcomed into the ministry team last Sunday. Fiona will serve as a Pioneer Minister. Karen is our new curate.*

# Prayer

## Church and mission

### Parish

Give thanks for the bible readers and welcomers who minister to us each week.

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

Pray for the Wednesday service and Seniors Afternoon and for continued growth.

Pray for the new Ministry Team arrangements. Pray for Karen and Fiona as they settle in.

### Diocese

Pray for team at the Registry and their important role.

### Mission

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

### Persecuted Church

#### Maldives

The body of Christ is suffering and most Christians fear the loss of family, friends, property and rights. Pray for the church to come up with creative ways of meeting together to encourage

and support one another. Pray that Christians know they are not alone and are strengthened in the Lord.

## World

### Airlines

Pray for the numerous airlines who have now had to ground fleets in light of the recent crashes.



### Britain

Pray for political stability in light of the tortuous and unresolved Brexit situation.

### Nigeria

Pray for the numerous families grieving the loss of young children after the building collapse. Pray for the emergency crews still searching for survivors.

### Brazil

Pray for those grieving after this week's mass shooting in a school.

## Bangladesh

Pray for this nation as it seeks it deals with thousands of Rohingya refugees.

## 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 local level, and pray for the Mayor Margaret O'Rourke and other councillors.

Pray for various parts of Australia rebuilding after fires and floods.

Pray for those who face bullying at school, in the workplace and in the home.

Pray for our retail industry and the valuable role they play in our local community.

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

## Personal

### Sick and in need

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

### Deceased

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