

Sunday service times

8am Traditional 9:15am Traditional
11am Families 5 pm Contemporary

Connecting the members of the South East Bendigo Anglican Parish (Holy Trinity)

Reflection

On fire for God!

On the weekend, I was putting a piece of wood into our wood fire and a coal fell out and landed on the hearth.

Within a few minutes, the coal had cooled down and it changed colour. Instead of being a bright red colour, it quickly changed into a dull black colour.

After the coal had cooled down, I was able to pick it up using my fingers and I placed it back in the fire and soon, the coal changed from the dull black colour into the bright red colour again.

This example of the coal reminded me of how important it is that we keep meeting with other believers, both on a Sunday and during the week. We need to meet, so that we can share our faith

with each other and so that we can strengthen each other in the Lord.

When we keep meeting and encouraging each other in our walk with God, we are like the coal in the fire as we are on fire for God (pardon the pun).

But when we stop meeting with other believers and stop

we are not careful, we can end up replacing meeting with believers with other activities.

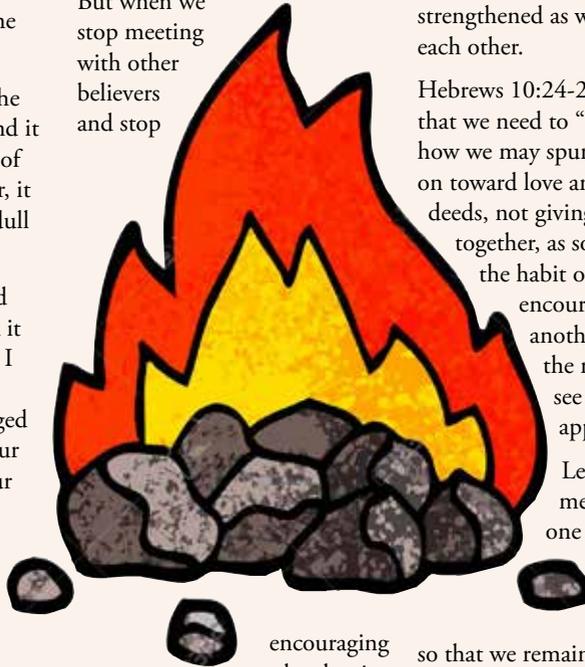
The good news is, just like the coal can change from being cold and black to being hot and glowing red, when we meet with other believers, we also change, as our faith is strengthened as we encourage each other.

Hebrews 10:24-25 reminds us that we need to "...consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Let's keep meeting with one another and let's keep sharing our stories

so that we remain on fire for God!

Rob Edwards, Families and Children's Minister



encouraging each other in our faith, it is easy for our fire to go out. We can become distracted by other things and if

Bible readings

This Sunday Philemon 1-25 (p.1200) Luke 14:25-35 (p.1048)
Next Sunday 1 Tim 1:1-2,12-19a (p.1191) Luke 15:1-10 (p.1048)

Levi McGrath



We are excited to be hosting Christian musician Levi McGrath for our 5pm service on 22nd September. Levi lived in Bendigo (amongst other places) in his childhood and is now based in Melbourne. He is an excellent musician with a passion for Christ, social justice, mission and Indigenous Australia. This is a free event, but there will be an offering taken during the service to support Levi's ministry. You can also buy his CDs on the night. Not to be missed! Invite your friends and family along too!

We hope people will come from other churches (and none) to join us. Let's be good hosts – if you are able to bring something to share for supper on the night, we'd really appreciate it!

Prayer meeting for new Rector

The next meeting time will be on Wednesday 11th September at 11am-12noon (after the Wednesday morning service). Please come to join in prayer as we seek God's provision and anointing of a new Rector.

BCA Annual Spring Lunch

Wednesday 25th September here at South East Bendigo. Starts at 12noon-2pm. Cost only \$20 per person. This year Rev Kristan Slack will be speaking about the joys and challenges of ministry in the Top End. RSVP by 18th Sept on Ph: 9457 7556 or email vic@bushchurchaid.com.au

Bishop's Bible overview

The Bishop invites all parishioners to join him at Kangaroo Flat Anglican Church, 10am-1pm on Saturday 28th Sept where he will help us understand how the whole story of the Bible fits together. Not only will the teaching be excellent, Bishop Matt also promises it will be done and dusted in time to get home and watch the AFL final! Block out the time in your diary now.

SOMA conference for mission

25th October – 2nd November we have a team from Sharing of Ministries Abroad (SOMA) coming to the Bendigo diocese. The team are mostly from South Africa and they are coming for two reasons: to encourage us with what God is doing in his church in the world and to be engaged in mission here in our community. We need mission events – and that means we need you! If you would like to organise a special outreach event (e.g. a dinner with your home group where everyone invites a friend), we'll be able to get some from the team to come and share with your group. Please start thinking about how you might get involved and who you could invite! Feel free to share any of your ideas to the ministry team.

Operation Christmas Child



This September our Missions Focus will be Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project. This is a great

way to show care for kids in places of great need and also an opportunity to share God's goodness and word with them. Collect a pamphlet from the foyer or visit samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child for more information. Completed shoe boxes need to be returned by Sunday 13th October.

Bishop's prayer adventure

It's never too late to start praying! Have you joined the Bishop's prayer adventure? – to be purposefully praying for your neighbour, colleague, family member or friend whom you would love to see know Jesus for themselves. Talk to God about them before talking to them about God. Grab a flier to hear Bishop Matt's vision and to help prompt you and pray from the notices table.

Home group Bible study

Are you a part of a Bible study group? This is one of the very best ways in all the different ministries of the church that we can grow together, support one another and encourage one another in discipleship. If you are not in a home group, please consider joining one. Speak to Karen (or email karen@southeastbendigo.org) or anyone else on the ministry team about how to get involved in a group.

CWCI evening

For the women: Early invitation from Central Victoria CWCI to attend an inspiring evening, Tuesday 8th October 2019 7:30pm-9:30pm. Baptist Function Room, 757 Mclvor Highway, Junortoun. Cost \$10 at the door. Speak to Judy Smith for more information.

Pastoral care arrangement

During the time while Bishop Matt is acting Rector, Rev Geoff Chittenden has been asked to undertake small amounts of pastoral care for to parishioners of the 8am and 9:15am services. As always, should you or someone you are aware of need pastoral care at any time beyond what is naturally provided in our small groups and parish life, please let one of the ministry team know and we will arrange appropriate follow up in a timely manner.

Mission box giving for June-August

ABM 91.10, BCA 647.15, CMS 646.70 making a total of \$1064.95

Offerings

Income Required to meet Expenses 2019



August figures are preliminary results

| | 2019 |
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| Offerings | 237,109.82 |
| Other Income | 38,078.59 |
| Total | 275,188.41 |
| Budget Expenses (Average) | 271,830.00 |
| Actual Expenses | 293,543.27 |
| Actual Surplus / Loss | -18,354.86 |
| Compare to Budget Expenses | 3,358.41 |

Prayer

Church and mission

Parish

Pray that we will be a blessing to the communities into which God has planted us.

Pray for our children and family's ministries.

Pray for our Ministry team, spouses and families.

Pray for God to lead us to the right person to be our new rector and for Bishop Matt and the nominators in the search.

Pray for those who serve as small group leaders.

Diocese

Pray for the Ministry Development Officer – Heather Marten

Mission

Pray for Christian ministry and Chaplaincy at the university.

Pray for our link missionaries Brad and Michelle Jackson in Japan.

Persecuted Church

Nigeria

Nigeria is one of the most violent countries for Christians

in the world, with the Boko Haram terrorists dominating the north of the country. Pray for Christians who live along the border between the Islam-dominated north and Christian-dominated south. Pray for God's enabling to show peace, forgiveness, love and grace to their neighbours in Jesus' name, when to do so may cost everything.

World

Middle East

Pray for peace to prevail as relations between Lebanon and Israel are shaken, for communication not military action to be the first resolution on both sides.

Hong Kong

As clashes become increasingly hostile between protesters and government forces, pray for a spirit of peace to descend on this region and a willingness to negotiate.

Bahamas

Pray for those impacted by the category 5 cyclone and for all the clean up to come.

United Kingdom

With a constitutional crisis and no-deal Brexit looming, pray for the parliament to make

wise long-term decisions and for a way through the messy situation.

National and local

Pray for our government: This week we focus on the federal level and pray for the Prime Minister Scott Morrison and our local member Lisa Chesters as well as all members of federal parliament.

Pray for change in our attitude to refugees, for a greater compassion and wisdom from the government and a generosity of spirit towards those fleeing persecution.

Pray for the evaluation process for the Bendigo Winter Night's Shelter and for the program to return even better in 2020.

Pray for drought-breaking rains across Australia and for those struggling with hopelessness in this unending dry.

Personal

Sick and in need

Lorenzo Santalucia, Eric and Muriel Jencke, Keith Thompson and any others known to us.

Deceased

Norm Quin

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