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HIGH TIDINGS

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WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY: 7.30am Sung Eucharist
9.30am Eucharist

WEDNESDAY: Holy Communion 10.00 am

EASTER GIFT CARDS

Instead of giving a family member or friend an Easter egg this year why not give them a pair of chickens? Of course they don't receive the chickens; some people in a Leprosy Colony in Zimbabwe will receive them. The eggs will provide them with extra protein, vitamins and minerals in their diet, while any surplus will be sold in the marketplace for a source of income. What your family member or friend will receive, through you, is a nice card explaining that in thinking of them you have purchased the chickens for needy people in a desperately poor country.

Cost of the card - \$5.00 for Zimbabwe Challenge. See Tim Dufton. ph 3410 0542

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OUR GOAL

We aim to be a welcoming, worshipping,
witnessing community committed to
Christ as Lord

PARISH ORGANISATIONS

BRIBIE ANGLICAN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Every Wednesday at 10.00am for coffee and chat at the Village Deli
2nd Tuesday of each month for lunch
Denise Shearer 3408 1598, Phyllis Adams 3408 0901

DORCAS GROUP

2nd and 4th Saturdays each month; 9.30 am
Myra Milner 3408 7330, Ventris Williscroft 3410 1240

M.U. AUSTRALIA

4th Monday of the month, 9.30 am,
President Anne Paroz 3408 6545

SEASONS

Groups of 6-8 members, designated Mondays
Margaret Peterson 5497 6978, Lorice Keith 5497 6212

ANGLICARE - COMMUNITY CARE

Caboolture Office 5431 7900

CABOOLTURE HOSPITAL LAY CHAPLAIN
Aileen Johnson 3410 8407 (Tues)
Other times 0412 069 560 or Rector 3408 3191

PRAYERS FOR WORLD MISSIONS

1st and 3rd Mondays, 2.00 pm, Joan Norton 3408 0774
9 Jacaranda Drive. Bongaree

FOCUS ON FELLOWSHIP

(Combined Churches Christian Women's Group)
Margaret Weise 3410 7797, Kay Benson 3408 1058

MAINLY MUSIC

Each Wednesday in Cooina at 9.30am
Wendy Nelson

SINGING GROUP

Monday at 4.00pm in the church
Margaret Peterson 5497 6978

YOUTH, CHILDREN and FAMILIES MINISTER

Wendy Nelson 0421 781 885

HOME GROUPS, MISSION ORGANISATIONS

See Sunday Tidings or phone parish office 3408 3191.

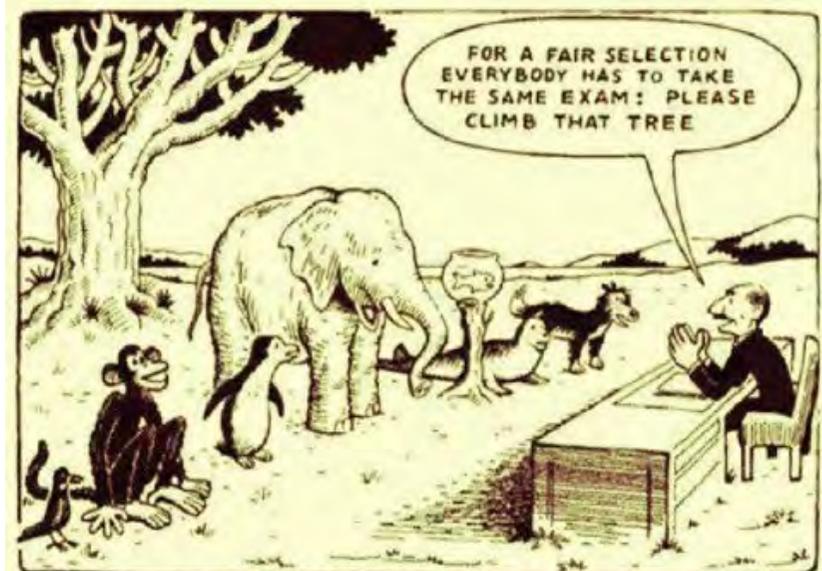
EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday (Eucharist) 7.00 pm

Good Friday Service 9.30 am

Easter Day Dawn Service 5.30 am
(Vigil Sung Eucharist)

Easter Day Service (Eucharist) 9.30 am



Our Education System

"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."

- Albert Einstein

TAIZE

A 5.00pm service has been held on Sundays during Lent. Each of these services has taken a slightly different format, one of them was a Taize service. This was a beautiful service, meditative and peaceful.

Taize is a small village in France, the Taize Community was established there in 1940. During the war Brother Roger began helping refugees to safety but they were discovered by the Germans and advised to return to Switzerland before they were captured. A small group of brothers continued their community life and in 1944 they were able to return to Taize and begin their work of helping people again.



They began with an old farmhouse but the Community has now grown, with several beautiful buildings and space for visitors. The Taize community is ecumenical so the brothers come from a range of religious backgrounds. There are over 100 brothers who have made the commitment to the Taize Rule, many of them now work to assist the poor in Africa, Asia or South America. Nuns from several orders help with welcoming and caring for the large crowds of young people

(17-30) that visit to take part in the worship or assist with the work of the community.

The Taize form of worship became very popular with young people in Australia in the 1960s and 70s and was used in youth groups and camps. It is meditative using repetitive prayer and silence. Simple chants, repeating phrases that can be said in any language, form the basis, with periods of silence and readings from the scriptures. There are usually candles burning which adds to the quiet meditative atmosphere.

Anne Dowd



FROM OUR RECTOR

At St Peter's on Easter day we will gather for a dawn service as we celebrate the light of Christ, the light which comes into our lives to dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds. The light of Christ brings illumination to the darkness in our life and this should cause transformation in our lives, effecting not only ourselves but the lives of those around us.

We prepare for the feast of Easter by travelling the journey of the season of Lent. Lent is a time for us to travel a journey of self-examination and repentance, by prayer and fasting, by self-denial and acts of generosity and by reading and meditating on the word of God.

An important part of the Lenten journey is to take the time to identify the sins sitting in the darkness. This can include our personal sins as well as the corporate sins of our church and wider community. Too often the reason sin stays hidden in the darkness is because we are unwilling to bring it into the light.

Last December the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse presented its final report which cast a light on how many institutions, including our own Anglican Church, had seriously failed to keep children safe and how the Church failed to respond appropriately when abuse was reported.

Lent is an appropriate time for us to consider what the Royal Commission has brought into the light. The fact that members of the Anglican Church, including clergy, teachers and lay leaders, have sexually abused children. The fact that people in authority failed to listen when abuse was reported or failed to respond appropriately, in some cases allowing reported abuse to continue. The Royal Commission has comprehensively brought to light the multiple dimensions of our failures.

In John 2 we hear how Jesus went into the temple in Jerusalem, driving out the animals, pouring out the coins of the money-changers and overturning their tables. Jesus was angry because the Temple was supposed to be a place where people could pray. What does our response as individuals and the church say to those who have been abused, to their families and

supporters. If Jesus was to walk into our Church, would he congratulate us on our response, or would he turn over the tables as a reflection of how we failed respond to the children who were abused while in our care.

A group of us in the Parish have been working through a Diocesan prepared Lenten study that aims to help us learn from our past and to grow in faith, hope and love. It draws on the messages and stories from the Royal Commission and on scripture readings for the season of Lent. While it is painful to listen to the survivors' messages, we acknowledge that through listening and discussing we can try and share the shame and burden they have had to carry since their abuse took place.

Our unwillingness to discuss this topic has stopped the church bringing compassion and justice to those who are hurting. Therefore, one of our sins has been to allow this topic of abuse to remain in the darkness. Through recognition and acknowledgement, we can provide a more supportive environment for victims to move from their place of despair and begin to grasp the hope of recovery.

Arrogance, fear, and ignorance have each contributed to our poor responses to child-sex abuse in the past. The perceived need to protect the good name of the Church, and our financial position, has meant we were too often distant and obstructive, rather than compassionate and constructive.

The Royal Commission has made us ask "How could we have let the abuse happen?" and "What was it about our structures and our community life that prevented us from taking timely action – or, from taking any action at all?" While the Anglican Church has now put in processes to protect children and vulnerable people, unless we recognise the elements of our institutional church culture that allowed one form of abuse to occur, then we risk other forms of abuse flourishing.

While policies are a start, each of us needs to identify and respond to the injustices around us. So how are we bringing justice to the abused, the homeless, the hungry and the displaced? We also need to deal with our responsibility to the environment and the first people of this nation. It is only when we listen to the stories of injustice that we can bring them into the healing power of the light.

As we approach Easter, the time when we revel in the hope we receive through Jesus death on the cross, let us consider how we can bring the light of Christ into the darkness of our lives as well as the lives of those around us. As Christians we celebrate that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. What are we willing to give



Fr. Thomas has identified 20 widows with dependent children near his rural home. These will all benefit enormously from this project. It trains participants to grow a small area of maize/corn which is enough to feed her family for a year and there is some left over to sell for school fees, clothing, medicines and so on. This project will commence later in the year before the rainy season.

We would like to extend the program to the carers of the 37 orphans we have helped under Pastor Gideon. They are all destitute and struggle to survive. To train and equip each person with the necessary items such as a hoe, seed, and fertilizer is about US\$70 (A\$95).
Thank you Lord.

Disabled Children's cattle project.

Fr. Thomas continues to buy and sell cattle to establish this farm and make it self-sufficient. The profits will go to the Jairos Jiri Children's Rehabilitation Centre. Sales of the cattle are still hampered by the shortage of cash in the country as buyers cannot readily get the cash required. For a time the movement of cattle was stopped following an outbreak of the cattle disease foot and mouth. That has now been overcome.



Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre.

Our 3 self-sufficiency projects here, 2 piggeries and a 450 laying hen house, continue to provide protein and financial income to the colony. A further hen house would substantially increase the income through the sale of eggs as demand exceeds supply! Easter Gift cards are available.



***We THANK YOU LORD for the end to the persecution of Fr. Thomas
ALL GLORY TO GOD***

"Salvation is to be found through Jesus Christ alone; in all the world there is no one else whom God has given who can save us." Acts 4:12

Zimbabwe Challenge

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"Helping the poorest of the poor gain dignity through self-sufficiency"

Helping leprosy sufferers, disabled children and destitute women, *Jesus said, "Whenever you did this for the least important, you did it for me."* Matt 25:40

From Tim Dufton

We thank the Lord that the leadership issues in Zimbabwe were settled peacefully. We pray now for prosperity and democracy in that country.

Zimbabwe Challenge Self-Sufficiency Projects

Sponsored Tertiary Education - Takudzwa.

Wonderful news! Takudzwa received very good results in her final school exams. She said, "My heart's desire is to go to university and get a degree in mineral processing and extractive metallurgy or mining....I believe God is my provider. Isaiah 54:13 *'All your sons will be taught by the Lord, and great will be your children's peace.'*"

Zimbabwe has many mineral resources, including gold, iron ore, coal, diamonds and copper. Rio Tinto has an operation there.

Even more wonderful news!! Takudzwa has been accepted into a BSc Hons degree in Geology at the University of Zimbabwe. UZ is the best of the 3 universities in Zimbabwe. She texted us, *"Thank you very much for your love and support. I cannot thank you enough, only our Lord will thank you for us. I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart. May God Almighty bless you and the donors. May He enlarge your territory."*



Getting ready for life at university - lap top, mobile phone, iron and large jug!

Before the university term started Takudzwa completed a 4 week computer course. The University Orientation Day was on 22 February and her first lecture was on Monday 26th February 2018.

There must be great joy in her home at this wonderful news. We are blessed to be part of it. **Thank you Lord.**

Destitute Women self-sufficiency – Farming God's Way/Foundations for Farming.

to help those who have been abused and forgotten by the church? How are you going to be an agent of the Light to those desperately in need of justice?

Fr Steven Schwarzrock

St. Peter's pastoral care

Part of the Pastoral Care program in the parish is the ministry in the retirement villages.

On the first and third Tuesday of each month St. Peters Pastoral Care Team provide a Communion service at the Churches of Christ Retirement Village in Foley St. Bongaree. The service is conducted by Rev. Carolyn Payne who takes communion to those in wheelchairs or walkers. About five to ten attend. We sing a few worship songs from their Keep the Faith songbook. I provide the music (harmonica ..an unusual instrument for worship songs but great for a sing-a-long.) Gillian Parry and Don Keith assist the residents with finding the place in the book and also offer friendship with a chat to those who attend. Before the service I play the piano with the "old songs" providing a chance for those listening to remember, hopefully even some of the words. A short talk, bible reading, prayers, communion and a couple more songs and the residents go on to the next activity, usually Bingo.

Each seventh Thursday Fr. Steven conducts a worship service at what used to be called Golden Age Day Respite Centre in Woorim. I go along to chat with the residents and if they are not going straight to lunch I stay to entertain them afterwards with songs and readings ..."Man from Snowy River" or similar.

Bill Dowd

Spending time with children is more important than spending money on children.

Anthony Douglas Williams Inside the Divine pattern

Anglicare Information Seminar

The Bribie Island branch of Anglican Mother's Union Australia hosted an information seminar by the team from Anglicare Caboolture on 26th February at Cooinda. The morning was well attended by parishioners and their friends to learn of all the community services that are provided by Anglicare.



In her welcome address Kay Benson, the branch Social Responsibility Representative, mentioned to the group the appropriateness of Mother's Union hosting this Anglicare information morning, as historically it was the first Mother's Union branch in this Diocese, at Christ Church Milton in 1904, that saw the need for a community nurse to tend to the mothers and children in the inner suburbs of Brisbane, where mortality rates were high. Thus through the members and their vision, Sister Emma Jane Packer was employed by the branch, and ultimately St Luke's Nursing service came into being.

Sister Emma rode her bicycle up and down the hills of Paddington and the surrounding suburbs, providing much needed care and service to the mothers and children of the area. This organisation has had several name changes, St Luke's Nursing Service, Anglicare and Spiritus. In 2012 three services, Anglican Care of the aged, Anglicare (Southern Queensland) and Spiritus were amalgamated. Thus Anglicare Community Services was born.

At the end of the presentation the president of the branch, Mrs. Anne Paroz thanked the team for a most informative presentation and expressed the appreciation of the branch with the presentation of gifts. At the end of the formal presentation guests enjoyed morning tea and the opportunity to speak to the presenters privately and to access numerous information leaflets on the Anglicare Community Services that are available.



Kay Benson

If...

*If you could plan the way of life,
There'd be no tears, no loss,
But then how should we ever learn
The meaning of the Cross?
How learn to bear our burdens
With courage and good cheer?
No need to do a kindly deed
If all were perfect here.*

*If everyone had everything,
What need of sacrifice?
Would things have any value
If they did not have a price?
If troubles never came our way,
How peaceful life would be,
But then perhaps we'd never learn
To face reality.*

*If nothing ever interfered
With life's calm easy flow,
How should we learn to brave the storm?
How would the Spirit grow?
If all were well, what need to serve,
To love and sympathize?
The things that make us humble
Are the things that make us wise.*

Submitted by Joan Norton, origin unknown

Ordination of bishop henry bull in labasa, Fiji, 10th December 2017



Members of St. Peter's Parish may recall that back in July 2015 Archdeacon Henry Bull from the Diocese of Polynesia preached at the two Sunday services. Archdeacon Henry was ordained as a Bishop on Sunday, 10 December, 2017, and my husband and I travelled to Fiji to share this special day with Henry and his family. Fellow clergy from across Fiji and other Pacific Islands plus New Zealand attended (I counted 8 Bishops and 2 Arch Bishops) together with

family and friends from across those same regions, plus Australia. The article below is composed of extracts taken from dispatches from the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia as passed to me by their Media Officer.

About 800 people gathered to support Henry Bull's ordination as Bishop of Vanua Levu & Taveuni in the Diocese of Polynesia. They gathered, not in a splendid neo Gothic cathedral – but rather in a shelter pitched in the playground of St. Mary's Anglican Primary School, Labasa, under a large corrugated tin roof, propped up by scaffolding, open on all four sides to the elements. So what was this about? Bishops are supposed to get ordained in cathedrals, aren't they?

Well, Henry was born and raised on the remote coast of Vanua Levu, near the mouth of the Dreketi River and, to this day, his ministry radiates from the Church of the Holy Cross, Dreketi – which he helped build. Around these parts and across the Episcopal Unit many folk are subsistence farmers and for them a long, expensive and complicated trip to Suva on Fiji's other main island, Viti Levu, for an ordination in Holy Trinity Cathedral was possible in theory, maybe – but so too is flying to the moon.



So there was never any question where Henry would choose to celebrate God's faithfulness (that's how he sees his ordination); he'd rather be with his many family and friends. There's another thing about that setting too, says Bishop Henry; "I wanted the people to know that the real church is not the buildings – but they themselves, the living stones".

Archbishop Phillip of New Zealand said, "today is a celebration of the people of the islands of Vanua Levu & Taveuni. Bishop Henry is one of their own, and his connections to this "shenua" (land) goes back a long way. You see that in the way we ordained him under a simple shelter – but in the compound of a church he's known since he was a boy. This is a place with no walls, no doors and no windows. So anyone could come; no-one was excluded – everyone was invited. That seems to me the heart of the ministry of the church, embodied in this man".



So why did they hold the ordination in the playground rather than inside St. Thomas', Labasa, which is next door to the school. Well a simple question of fit: there was no way 800 plus well-wishers would fit into the church. The open-air setting seemed to fit the life message of Bishop Henry himself -- which is all about sharing the love of God. The playground finishes on Labasa's main street in the heart of the shopping strip. So even before the clergy and bishops had processed into the open air church, as the choir gently sang welcoming the Holy Spirit into the gathering – the sounds of that love washed over passers-by on the main street.

Finally there was Bishop Henry's brief speech in response to his ordination. He gave thanks to God for His faithfulness – and thanks to the people for their support. He finished by saying "my dream and my desire as a bishop is to talk to people about the greatest thing – and that is the love of God. Because God's love is stronger than whatever we face in life. Thank you God so much. It is through your love for me that I am able to stand here today. I cannot mention you all by name but God has not forgotten you. God loves you. God bless you. God be with you.



Helen Lower