

Newsletter

20th Sunday after Pentecost
7th September 2018

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF SOUTH PERTH

9 Ridge Street, South Perth WA 6151

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Office hours Tuesday and Friday

9.30am – 2.30pm



Welcome to The Church of St. Mary the Virgin and our Parish of South Perth. We extend a warm welcome to those visiting or worshipping with us for the first time today.

Sunday Eucharist 9am

A service of Holy Communion, which is usually sung with hymns and a sermon. Please join us after the service for refreshments in the hall.

Midweek Services

There is a said Eucharist at 10:00 am every Tuesday, at which prayer for healing is also offered for those who want it.

Saturday Celebration

every other Saturday at 5.30pm

The Eucharist with family-friendly music and readings and 'Kidz Time' with fun activities for children to learn from. Following the service, we all share in a 'bring and share' tea.

We acknowledge Wadjuk Bibbulman people as the original owners and custodians of this Swan River Land we are meeting on today.

Music for this weekend

	Saturday Celebration	Sunday
Processional Hymn		432 Christ is made the sure foundation
Gradual Hymn		644 Safe in the shadow of the Lord
Offertory Hymn		347 We sing the praise of him who died
Recessional Hymn		227 Crown him with any crowns
Communion		Aria Ich will dir mein Herze schenken (St. Matthew's Passion: J.S. Bach)

From the Rector

Today's gospel passage unfolds in two interrelated situations. First, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him about his stance concerning marriage and divorce; then the disciples rebuke the people for bringing their children to Jesus. Both situations are confrontational and, in both situations, God's intentions for human relationships are being thwarted. In each case, Jesus upholds human relationships as fundamental to



embracing the kingdom of God, making it clear that those who are faithful are embraced and blessed by God. Jesus exposes the hardness of the Pharisees' hearts in a way which challenges us to look deep within our own hearts. To my mind, this passage is not so much about divorce as it is about hardness of hearts. Jesus says "Because of your hardness of heart Moses wrote this commandment for you". The Pharisees show hardness of their hearts by putting the law of Moses (which allows divorce) ahead of God's plan (what God has joined together, let no one separate). Even the disciples show hardness of hearts in rebuking the children. Hardness of heart cuts us off from God's plan which is why Jesus always challenges human traditions when they diverge from or hinder our entering fully into the life and blessing which God offers us.

The world in which the Creator blessed marriage is the world before sin. The world in which Jesus and the Pharisees debate divorce is a world in which sin is abundant, which is why laws are necessary. Laws delineate clear parameters for making right choices. This is necessary in a world where sin and hard hearts cloud our judgement and sometimes leads us to make selfish choices rather than self-giving choices. The Pharisees ask about a point of law and Jesus answers by pointing out God's intention. This gospel passage highlights the tension between God's plan and sin, between the divine ideal and concessions to human weakness. Marriage is not an absolute – being faithful to the kingdom ideals is. God's design for all creation is that it be harmonious and whole. Paradoxically, it's the rhythm of the Christian life - which is all about dying and rising – that keeps us harmonious and whole. Dying to self means that our own selfish interests are not put ahead of the good of others – which promotes harmony. The new life that always comes from self-giving is a sign of wholeness. Hardness of heart stands in the way of harmony and wholeness – our own or someone else's. The challenge to this lies in the example of Jesus: embrace and bless even the little ones.

Have a great week. Fr. Nick.

For your diary...

Every week

Tuesday – Friday	9am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	10am	Said Eucharist with healing ministry
Wednesday	10am	Mainly Music

This week

Fri 5 – Sun 7 Oct.		Diocesan Synod
Sun 7 th Oct	9am	Sung Eucharist with Cantor
Wed 10 Oct.	10.30 am 10.30 am	Eucharist: Concorde Nursing Home (Pam) Eucharist: Balmoral Nursing Home (Fr. Nick)
Sat 13 Oct.	5.30pm	Saturday Celebration with the blessing of pets
Sun 14 Oct.	9 a.m.	Sung Eucharist with Choir

Save the date!

Thurs 18 Oct.	11:30 am 7.30 pm	Eucharist at Le Fanu Court Church Council
Sun 21 Oct	1 pm	Wedding of Jessica and Paul
Wed 24 Oct	10.30 am	Eucharist at Balmoral Nursing Home
29 Oct – 2 Nov		Fr. Nick away on retreat
Wed 7 Nov	1 pm	Knitting group
Sun 11 Nov	9 am	Remembrance Sunday Eucharist
Fri 16 Nov	Evening	Congregational Dinner
Fri 7 Dec	Evening	Christmas Concert

To arrange home or hospital visits, Baptisms, and Weddings please contact Fr. Nick - Tel. 0447 224 451 Email. Fr. Nick@me.com

For your prayers this week...

Please pray for:

Andrew, Oliver, Necia Drazevic, Amelie Broadbent, Frank Marciano, Ray Frost, Robert Lindsay, Martin Haak, Janet Edmondson, Angela C, Andrew Milne, Ivanka Peters.

The Primate of the Anglican Church of South East Asia, Archbishop Moon Hing has appealed for prayer for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in the Indonesian Island of Sulawesi where the death toll is in excess of 1,200 people.

We give thanks for the life of:

Pattie Bamford Richards, Ken Gallaher, Joan Simpson, Millie Lander, Gail Newbold, Lorna Bird & Violet Pattinson, and for all those whose anniversaries occur during the coming week.

News

Welcome to Kate McNamara



We are very pleased to welcome Kate as our new Director of Music. Kate is a gifted soprano and choir trainer and joins us from the Parish of Swanbourne-Mt. Claremont where she had responsibility for three choirs. She will be our cantor on the first and 5th Sunday's of each month and will be directing the choir on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays. She has already been working very hard to put together our new choir and she will be seeking to develop our choral program to include separate choirs for primary school and high school students next year.

Hall and meeting room

We are looking at ways we can use our facilities to help further the ministry and mission of our parish, and in particular how we can extend our reach into the local community. One way we can do this is by hosting groups in our

community who need somewhere to meet for social occasions, meetings, exercise classes, children's activities, the arts, or something else. The Hall and meeting room are currently underutilised and available for hire and we offer a range of competitive rates. If you or anyone you know would be interested in hiring them, please speak to Catherine in the parish office.

Blessing of the Animals – Saturday 13th October 2018

Next Saturday we will be holding our annual Blessing of the Animals service at 5.30 pm. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite animal and those without pets are invited to bring their favourite teddy bear. Pet owners are asked to make sure pets are either on a lead or in a suitable carrier.

This year we look forward to welcoming representatives from Guide Dogs WA, and local vet (and Rector's warden) Dr. Andrew Buchanan will be on hand to answer any questions you have about the care of your animals.

The Wollaston Certificate in Theology

In term 4, the Wollaston Certificate offers teaching from experts and highly credentialed academics in Church History, Youth Ministry and Ecotheology.

CORE UNITS

Introduction to Church History

This unit, coordinated by the Reverend Dr Ric Barrett-Lennard, gives students an overview of the history of the Christian Church from its beginnings to the modern period. We pay particular attention to the early foundational period, as well as to the Church of England and emergence of Anglicanism. The unit can be completed through attendance and completion of assignments, or is available fully online.

Venue: St Basil's Parish, Murdoch

Day and time: Wednesday evenings: 6–8pm

Dates: 17, 24, and 31 October; 7, 14, 21, and 28 November; 5 December (8 sessions).

Cost: \$150 for credit (completing assignments), or \$80 audit

ELECTIVE UNITS

Introduction to Youth Ministry

In this new unit, coordinated by Mark Davis, Wollaston's Youth and Children's Missioner (Training), you will experience high quality, practical training blending elements from missiology, practical theology, and youth work. Topics include "What is Youth Ministry?" "Models of Youth Ministry (Community Builder, Advocate or Flawed hero) and "Starting Right to Finish Well."

The unit can be completed through attendance and completion of assignments, or is available fully online.

Venue: Holy Trinity Church and Community Centre, Malaga

Day and time: Saturdays 9am–12.30pm

Dates: 20, and 27 October; and 10 November (3 sessions).

Cost: \$120 for credit (completing assignments), or \$80 audit

Ecotheology

This unit, coordinated by the Reverend Dr Evan Pederick, introduces ecotheology as the challenge of thinking theologically about creation and the natural world, and reflecting critically from an environmental perspective on matters of faith including liturgy, Christian ethics and the Church. The unit can be completed through attendance and completion of assignments, or is available fully online.

Venue: St Michael and All Angels Parish, Cannington

Day and time: Tuesdays 6–8pm

Dates: 6, 13, 20, and 27 November; 4 December (5 sessions).

All units fully available via external or online study.

To find out more, and to enrol, please contact Wollaston Theological College:
(08) 9425 7270 info@wtc.perth.anglican.org

Churchsafe Training

In keeping with the guidelines of the Safe Ministry to Children Canon (adopted at Synod 2017), licensing and diocesan policy requirements and our

commitment to safe ministry in the diocese, it is a requirement that those who have not attended Churchsafe since September 2015, must do so before 31 December.

While it is acknowledged by the diocese that there are several options of child protection and protective behaviours training available in the community, it is a requirement of the General Synod office that all church workers attend training that is accredited by and, specific to the Anglican Church.

We encourage all members of the congregation to consider attending a training session, but it is a requirement for Churchwardens, Parish Councillors, Synod representatives, Lay Pastoral Ministers, Children's activity leaders, and welcomers in particular. Please speak to Fr. Nick if you have any questions.

There are sessions coming up at Palmyra (21 October) and Bassendean (10 November). The sessions are free and you can book a place at www.perth.anglican.org/events/.

Music

We are delighted to announce that our new choir will sing their first service on Sunday 14th October. Our efforts to raise \$20,000 to fund the Director of Music and the singers for the rest of this financial year continue, and so far we have raised \$11,035 which is an excellent result in such a short space of time. The choir will sing three times per month. They will also give four concerts per year, the proceeds from which will be offset against music costs.

If you are able to help by donating towards this please, you can do so in three ways:

- By placing cash or a cheque in an envelope marked 'Music Appeal' and placing the envelope in the offertory bowl. Cheques should be made payable to the 'Anglican Parish of South Perth'. Envelopes are available on the table at the back of the church.
- By sending a cheque to the Church Office made out as above.
- By bank transfer to BSB: 706001 Account: 30003039 (Anglican Parish of South Perth) quoting your surname and 'Music' in the reference.

If you wish to make a pledge, there are some forms at the back of the church which you can use to do so.

Typhoon Mangkhut Emergency Appeal

Anglican Board of Mission has launched an emergency appeal in response to an urgent request from our partner, the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. Four of the seven dioceses of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP) are in the northern parts of Luzon island which have been badly affected by Super Typhoon Mangkhut. ABM is aiming to raise \$100,000 to assist the Episcopal Church in the Philippines with the emergency response. More information on how to donate is available at abmission.org/typhoon-mangkhut-emergency

LPM Training Course 2018: Accidental Pastor Saturday 27 October or Saturday 3 November 9 am – 3.30 pm at Wollaston Conference Centre

Accidental Pastor is the theme of the next LPM Training day for 2018. An interactive training day to which all LPMs are invited to attend. Following an introduction by The Reverend Dr Gregory Seach, Warden of Wollaston Theological College, a workshop will be presented by The Reverend Mark McCracken, Anglicare and will conclude with a Eucharist with one of our bishops. Includes lunch and morning tea. Select from either of the two available course dates. For more details please visit the diocesan website.

Tel. 9425 7272 Email. bmcdonald@perth.anglican.org Book at perth.anglican.org/events

Parish Office Bearers Training – Saturday 10 November 8.30am – Noon at Wollaston Conference Centre

Parish wardens and treasurers are warmly invited to attend a second Parish Office Bearers' Training day for 2018. Morning tea will be provided. Registrations open from 8am. Register online - please indicate in the notes field if you are a warden or a treasurer. For further information or for assistance to register, please contact Barbara McDonald at Wollaston Theological College.

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Readings

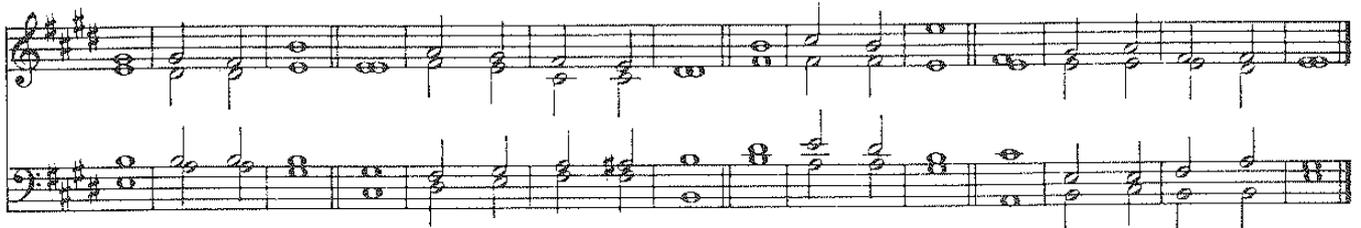
A Reading from Job 1: 1, 2: 1-10.

This passage sets the stage for the faithful struggle and the struggles of faith that Job embodies, and to which we are invited. These struggles are not with Satan, or with our own righteousness, nor are they signs of sinfulness or faithlessness, rather they are offered as expressions of genuine and life-giving relationship with God.

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, 'Where have you come from?' Satan answered the Lord, 'From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.' The Lord said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.' Then Satan answered the Lord, 'Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.' The Lord said to Satan, 'Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.' So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.⁹ Then his wife said to him, 'Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.' But he said to her, 'You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?' In all this, Job did not sin with his lips.

Psalm 26

This psalm is a prayer that can be prayed by any individual at any time. It makes bold assertions about the moral integrity and religious integrity of the individual. No matter who prays this psalm, how they pray it, or where they pray it, its words convey an immensely active desire to act with integrity and enjoy a covenantal relationship with God.



- 1 Give judgement for me O Lord * for I have walked in | my in|tegrity:
I have trusted in the | Lord and | not | wavered.
- 2 Put me to the test O | Lord and | prove me:
try my | mind | and my | heart.
- 3 For your steadfast love has been ever be|fore my | eyes:
and | I have | walked in · your | truth.
- 4 I have not | sat · with de|ceivers:
nor con|sorted | with the | hypocrites;
- 5 I hate the as|sembly · of the | wicked:
I will not | sit | with the · un|godly.
- 6 I wash my hands in | innocence · O | Lord:
that I may | go a|bout your | altar,
- † 7 And lift up the | voice of | thanksgiving:
to tell of | all your | marvel·lous | works.
- 8 Lord I love the house of your | habit|ation:
and the | place · where your | glory | dwells.
- 9 Do not sweep me a|way with | sinners:
nor my | life with | men of | blood,
- 10 In whose hand is a|bomin|ation:
and their right | hand is | full of | bribes.
- 11 As for me I walk in | my in|tegrity:
O ransom me | and be | favourable · to|ward me.
- † 12 My foot stands on an | even | path:
I will bless the | Lord · in the | great · congre|gation.

A Reading from Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12.

When Jews expelled those who believed in Jesus, this letter assured Hebrew Christians that, in Jesus, they have something and someone superior to everything they enjoyed in their ancestral religion. Today the author shows that Jesus, even a suffering Jesus, makes obsolete the mediation of angels, and is a priest superior to the priests of Judaism.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 10: 2-16

As Saint Mark's gospel continues, Jesus continues to inflame his critics with controversial teaching, and continues to correct the misunderstandings of his friends.

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce

her.’ But Jesus said to them, ‘Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, “God made them male and female.” “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.’ Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, ‘Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.’ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Communion Aria

Today’s Aria comes from the St. Matthew Passion by J. S. Bach. The words are translated below:

I will give my heart to thee; Sink thyself in it, my Salvation.
And if the world is too small for thee,
Ah, then for me alone shalt thou be more than world and heaven

DONATING TO THE PARISH

This parish welcomes your donations, both large and small, whether offered weekly or donated during a targeted appeal. Donations may be made via the regular collection at one of our services or via electronic banking as follows:

BSB: 706001 Account: 30003039 (Anglican Parish of South Perth)

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