



**SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

***Welcome to our worship this morning.***

Children are especially welcome. We do hope that you will find the worship uplifting and that your relationship with Jesus Christ is enriched through it.

We seek to be a church that loves God, our local community and each other, in the same loving way that Christ loves us.

Please join us for morning tea after the service.

If you have any questions about what we do here or about the Christian Faith in general, I would be happy to make time to discuss them or any other issues with you.

Gluten free wafers are available for Communion, if you require these please speak to a service leader.

***Revd. Debbie***

**PRAYER FOR TODAY**

Loving God,

your Son has chosen us

and called us to be his friends:

give us grace to keep his commandments,

to love one another,

and to bear fruit which will abide;

through him who is the true vine,

the source of all our life,

Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Spirited Generosity**

Beginning next Sunday we will be focussing our worship services on Growing Generosity. You will receive a letter or an email inviting you to take the time to affirm your giving for the mission of our church. We invite you to complete an Affirmation of Giving Card that will be given out today and to place it in the offering on any one of the next three weeks. Thank you for your prayerful response.



### ***God is able to bless us abundantly***

‘And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.’ (2 Corinthians 9:8). How generous are we, on a scale between Scrooge and Bill Gates? Let’s not forget that we have a God who is able to out-give us on all levels!

### ***A God who blesses:***

Paul reminds the Corinthians that we have a generous God, who meet our needs, even when we don’t deserve it. This is demonstrated by the grace of God seen in the death and resurrection of his Son, ‘Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!’ (15).

### ***A Response of blessing:***

Paul calls for generosity as a response to God’s grace, as the Corinthians were reluctant to support the Christians experiencing famine in Jerusalem. He uses an agricultural picture to make the point: ‘Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.’(6).

We sow sparingly when we hold on to what we have and put our needs first. However, by sowing generously we share God's heart and bless others, by using our time, money and talents to serve them.

'Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver'. We should consider carefully what to give, but to do it cheerfully (lit hilariously!). With God, the more we give, the more we bless others and are blessed ourselves!

Has this been true in our own experience? A farmer was known for his generosity; when asked why this was he replied, 'I keep shovelling into God's bin and He keeps shovelling into mine, but God has the bigger shovel!'

### **Men's Bible Study Group**

Paul Inkley would like to hear from any men who might be interested in a mid-week bible study between 7-9pm at his home in Yangebup.

If you might be interested or would like further details please give Paul a call on 0418640093



### **Crisis Care Food and Hygiene Products**

Thank you for your generous weekly gifts of food and hygiene products that Rev Debbie is able to distribute to those in need. The basket for donating these gifts is at the rear of the church. Please ensure that items are well within the sell by date as we cannot distribute items that are past the sell by date.

If you are aware of someone who is having it really tough at the moment and might appreciate a care gift please let Rev Debbie know in strictest confidence.

## **Hospital**

We have several members of our two churches who are either in hospital, planning a trip to hospital, awaiting medical appointments or unwell at this time.

Please pray that good health and Gods healing touch may be upon them and that peace and Gods protection be among us all.

## **Ladies Bible Study**

Our next Ladies Bible Study will be on Monday 10.00am at the home of Ann Punch in Plum Place, Spearwood.

More details from Ann 0424 891 500

## **New 2 You**



Thank you to everyone who came and helped at the New 2 You Sale at St. Edward's on Saturday morning and the week

leading up to the sale. My special thanks also to Lesley, Brian and Terry who did lots of extra work behind the scenes in addition. It is such a worthwhile event and a good outreach and fundraiser, it's so lovely to come along, enjoy a cuppa, find a bargain and chat to local people who pop in.

However, there is always much to do, sorting, arranging, pricing and washing/steaming/hanging clothes, far too much for the small number of faithful willing volunteers that we have, if we could get a few more volunteers it would make the job so much easier so if you can spare a few hours please have a chat with Lesley or Rev. Debbie. Our next Sale is on Saturday 2nd June.

## **High Tea**

Thank you to everyone who supported the High Tea on Saturday at St Michael's on Saturday afternoon and special thanks to Bridgid and Colleen for organising the event.

A great time was had by all and it was lovely to welcome some of our old parishioners to the event. The food and tea was delicious too.....

## **Cleaning Roster at St. Michael's**

We are looking for one more pair of volunteers who are willing to come and clean the church on a roster basis. Being on the roster just involves some light dusting and polishing, vacuuming and cleaning the toilets. If you would like to help on a roster basis, maybe once every six weeks, please let Rev Debbie know. thanks

## **Tonga Appeal**

St. Michael's have given \$200, which were the donations received, to the Tongan Church for them to forward with our blessings to their friends and families in Tonga following the devastating Cyclone Gita.

Please continue to keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers as they rebuild their lives.

## **Grant from Cockburn Council**

Rev. Debbie is pleased to announce that St. Michael's have been awarded a grant of \$3500 towards setting up mainly music group in Spearwood.



Watch this space for more news about this exciting outreach project.

## **St. Edward's Breakfast**

Lesley is looking for a couple of willing volunteers to help her provide a simple breakfast on Saturday 9th June at 8.00am before St Edwards Annual meeting of parishioners. If you would like to help please let Lesley know. Thanks

**Church Membership/Electoral Role Forms** are available at the rear of the church as are nomination forms for Council Warden, Nominator of clergy Auditor and Synod. Please return all completed forms to Revd. Debbie or a Church Warden. Thank you.

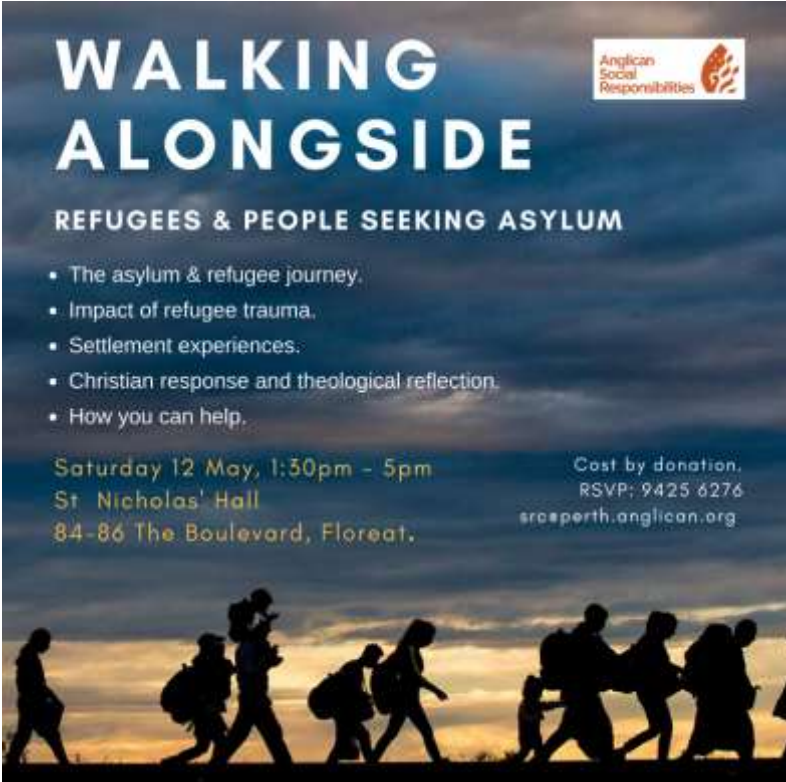
### **HALL FOR HIRE (Hilton)**

Large Hall with wooden floor (fantastic for dancing etc.) available to hire at St Edwards Hilton. Available for occasional or regular use. Disabled Access/Toilets. Baby Change table and kitchen.


### **VISITING REQUEST CARDS**

There are some new visiting request cards in the church. Please complete the details and hand to Revd Debbie if you know of a need in the parish.

Thank you.



**WALKING  
ALONGSIDE**

Anglican Social Responsibilities 

**REFUGEES & PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM**

- The asylum & refugee journey.
- Impact of refugee trauma.
- Settlement experiences.
- Christian response and theological reflection.
- How you can help.

Saturday 12 May, 1:30pm - 5pm  
St Nicholas' Hall  
84-86 The Boulevard, Floreat.

Cost by donation.  
RSVP: 9425 6276  
[srosperth.anglican.org](http://srosperth.anglican.org)

# Kidz Corner

## Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

X	J	R	Y	D	G	O	V	T	F	E	N	H	Q	W	C	L	B	U	A	S	M	K	P	Z	I
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 17-7-8-11 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3-11-22-20-26-12 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2-7-4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10-3-26-11-12-5-21 \_\_\_\_\_
- 21-11-3-8-20-12-9 \_\_\_\_\_
- 22-20-21-9-11-3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10-20-9-13-11-3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 16-7-22-22-20-12-5 \_\_\_\_\_

MASTER	FRIENDS	COMMAND	LOVE
SERVANT	FATHER	REMAIN	JOY



**This Weeks Readings**

Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-12, John 15:9-17

**Next Weeks Readings**

Micah 6:6-8, Psalm 34:1-10, 22, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-16

**SPEARWOOD**

Date	Welcome	Reader	Prayer	Sacristan	LPM&LA	M/Tea	Musician	Counters
6th May	Merv	Ann Bernard	Maxine	Lorraine	Lorraine Len	Bern Barb	Media Desk	
13th May	Len	June Lee Maria	Bernard	Colleen	Colleen June	Maxine	Media Desk	
20th May	Karl	Audrey T Ann	Lorraine	Lorraine	Lorraine Len	June C	Media Desk	
27th May	Merv	Bernard Maryvonne	Maxine	Lorraine	Len Lorraine	Len	Media Desk	

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Notices for inclusion next week to revd.debbie@gmail.com by Tuesday



Now THIS is my  
kind of church!

