



Eastern Hills Anglicans

Songs, Readings & Community Information

Sunday 5 August 2007

Festival of the Transfiguration

"We are eyewitnesses of his majesty."

Today we gather to celebrate the Parish Festival of the Norman Park Centre; the Transfiguration.

There is a mistake in thinking that the Transfiguration is a distant event that was peculiar to Christ alone, an event that really is a made up story to promote Jesus of Nazareth as the Son of God.

But this is a slip-up, because the event is about all of us in our journey and pilgrimage into the full life of the Reign of God. You see, for the Christian, the spiritual journey is growing into the image and likeness of God – and that image of God has been made visible and tangible in the life of Christ. John in his first letter states: *That which we have heard, which we have seen with our own eyes, which we have watched and touched with our own hands – the Word of Life.* Precisely, the Christian faith and the knowledge of God are grounded in a concrete reality and experience. So, in one sense, it is simple and straight forward, our task is to lay hold of the life of Christ and to make that life my life. The hard part is that we will do this all the days of our lives as we struggle to attain to this gift, yet the countless number of saints demonstrates this is possible and true. The transfiguration of Christ reveals the goal, the process and the true dignity of humanity – when it is lived in the life of Christ.

You, O Christ,
have fashioned humanity in your image;
and in your Transfiguration has now displayed the original beauty
in this same body formed by you,
but revealing it as you are, being both God and human person.

Orthodox Church's Morning Prayer for the Feast

Training in the Protection Policy for Parishioners

A new training program will commence later this year aimed specifically at those persons who are newly involved in ministry for children and young people – whether lay or clergy, paid or unpaid. These people would include youth workers, Sunday school teachers, youth group leaders, etc.

Anyone who may wish to have a 'refresher session' – now have the opportunity to attend any one of the following training sessions. The sessions are in different locations and on different days of the week to accommodate as many people as possible. The sessions will run for ninety minutes and coffee/tea will be available. Any person can attend any one of the sessions.

The dates, times and locations for 2007 are as follows:

Tuesday 7 August, 10.00am to 11.30am

St Colomb's, Victoria Street, Clayfield

Wednesday 12 September, 2.00pm to 3.30pm

Church of the Resurrection, Ridley Road, Albany Creek

Wednesday 17 October, 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Christ Church, Baty Street, St Lucia

Saturday 17 November, 10.00am to 11.30am

St Phillip's, Cornwall Street, Annerley.

If anyone from your parish would like to attend one of the sessions, all that is necessary is to ring or email Val in the Office of Professional Standards to confirm your attendance. She can be contacted on either 3835 2216 or vkellet@anglicanbrisbane.org.au

Stall holders - Want to buy the Eastern Hills Apron? \$14.00 each

Julian Meeting for Contemplative Prayer: Lectio Divina

7.30pm Tuesday 7 August at Norman Park.

Bible Study 7.30pm Tuesday 14 August: 1 Corinthians 11:2-34

At the home of John Wood, Unit 6, 134 Wynnum Rd, Norman Park.

E-mail John on woodni@tpg.com.au for illustrated directions.

This is our Faith – Adult Christian Education

7.30pm Tuesday 28 August at Norman Park. Study book pages 56-61.

Memorial Flowers

Vic Nicholls has come up with the suggestion for Camp Hill of gifts of flowers for memorials, anniversaries and thanksgivings. Vic has found a florist that works for many churches in the SE. She would come as requested and buy and arrange flowers for \$150 – (or donation towards the cost). A Diary is available to day to book in your gift.

Sunday School Program: Loving the Earth

Over the next couple of months, **Miriam Nyrene** will lead the young people of this parish in a six week program about creation and caring for the earth.

There will be three dimensions to this program:

Firstly, we will explore scripture. What do the familiar stories about creation and God's covenant with Noah, the beautiful words of the Psalms, and the stories of Jesus' ministry tell us about the earth, its plants and its creatures, and our place and responsibility within the creation?

Secondly, we will spend time enjoying nature through outdoor activities in the church grounds and further a field. We will go for a nature walk and go dip netting in a local creek.

Thirdly, our focus will be towards expressing our love for nature in action. We will do some planting in the church grounds and maybe there will some other actions that the young people choose to participate in as they explore this theme together.

The program will culminate with **the Earth Mass on 14 October** a whole parish celebration of our wonderful earth.

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The Safe Ministry Statement:

The Anglican Church of Australia is committed to the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare and safety of all people, particularly within its own community. The Church will:

- *carefully recruit and train its clergy and church workers;*
- *adopt and encourage safe ministry practices by its clergy and lay church workers;*
- *respond promptly to each concern raised about the behaviour of its clergy and lay church workers;*
- *offer pastoral support: to any person who has suffered abuse; and*
- *provide pastoral support to and supervision of any person known to have abused a child or another vulnerable person.*

This Statement was adopted by General Synod in 2004, and later by the Brisbane Synod in June 2005. The Eastern Hills Anglicans Parish Council in 2006.

Next Week's Readings 12 August 2007: 19th Sunday of the Year

Reading I: Wisdom 18:6-9
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33
Reading II: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Gospel: Luke 12:35-40

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