



Eastern Hills Anglicans

Songs, Readings & Community Information

Sunday 12 August 2007

Nineteenth Sunday of the Year

Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.

Welcome as we gather to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love for us. Being a member of Christ's family is not a static affair – it is one of growth, transformation and renewal. Saint Paul described the process as, *We all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to the mature humanity, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.* The key point he makes is that our growth into full maturity is not an isolated individual process. Paul begins this phrase with the key point, 'We all'. So *Together*, we grow our faith, and that is the point of our Eucharistic gathering; as one we receive the life and being of Christ, mutually we are renewed by the Holy Spirit. This is why our parish life needs a great diversity, so that each one of us can find the point where we can be faithful servants of Christ in a way that builds up our common life together.

As you read this week's pew sheet you will see how this diversity is growing: a new departure and discovery for the Sunday School page 11; Bible Study, Julian Meetings, Adult Education page 10; the 10,00 Steps programme – see below. Fulfilling our Vision, and Goals we worked on 2006 with 'Develop fresh expressions of worship for the un-churched'. You can read about that on page 9. This is an important step as we consciously decide to reach out to seekers for truth in our community, but who have no understanding of the Christian Faith

10, 000 Steps: Active Eastern Hills Community Challenge

Sign up today because it all begins on Sunday 2nd September

1. Walking Group: Meets 1st Sunday of the Month And /or
2. Walking Challenge, in teams, progress monitored weekly



Envisioning the Future

- **What will our parish be like in the future?**
- **Who will be the parishioners?**
- **What will the worship be like?**

These are the big questions facing our Diocese and our Parish in particular. In a sense a lot of our renewal and change has been a preparation to tackle these questions. In doing so we are responding to Christ's command to proclaim the Kingdom & make disciples. We should not be daunted by this as generations before us have faced this problem; how to proclaim Christ in our time and culture? Missionaries are not located in PNG & Africa, but in 101 Watson Street & 40 Agnew Street!

- **How can we reach that ever-growing group in our society; those who have no knowledge of Christ, the Church or the Anglican Tradition?**

As has often been mentioned, we live in a time of great & rapid transition. There are many in our city that have had no contact with the Church for three generations. This is difficult for us & for them. How can they access faith in Christ & how do we explain it? For these people coming to our worship is complicated & difficult to a degree that is hard for us to imagine. Some churches have totally 'dumbed-down' the faith to the lowest & most simple forms. Some newer churches, which have quite high profile, disguise the truth that their average member only stays for two years! No depth, no opportunity to grow and mature in the faith.

- **What can we do?**

One way is create a new opportunity in worship, with new forms and structures for those who seek truth & knowledge of Christ. This can be door and a transition to enter into the life of the Church. This is not a new idea because it is a part of our vision:

Be a vibrant Christian community which offers a place for reflection, growth and action. - with the goals:

To understand the new forms, values, and needs of our society within our local area. - and to: *Establish a way of ministering to them in fresh expressions of church community.* - And: *Develop fresh expressions of worship for the un-churched.*

- **The time has now come to act.**

Over the next 6 weeks the Leadership Team and the Parish council will start to work towards this programme of outreach. Eastern Hills Anglicans need to now reach out and proclaim the Kingdom.

And now the Deanery: Envisioning the Future

Over the last six weeks the clergy of the Deanery have also been exploring the future. We want to work together in our mutual responsibility of proclaiming the faith as the Good News for Brisbane today. For many parishes there is a lack of resources and working together can change that. In the initial steps the priests will look at some ways forward and then create a consultative group which includes the laity from all the parishes. It is that group which will work out the Vision, the goals, and the tasks.

New Training in the Protection Policy for Parishioners

This is aimed at those who are newly involved in ministry for children and young people - lay or clergy, paid or unpaid including youth workers, Sunday school teachers, youth group leaders. The sessions run for 90 minutes and coffee/tea will be available. Any person can attend any one of the sessions. The dates, times and locations are::

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 you would like to attend one of the sessions, RSVP contact Val in the Diocese on 3835 2216 or vkellet@anglicanbrisbane.org.au

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

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.

Julian Meeting for Contemplative Prayer: Lectio Divina

7.30pm Tuesday 4 September at Norman Park.

No Mass on Wednesday because of the Public Holiday

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 be 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 19 August 2007: 20th Sunday of the Year

Reading I: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 40

Reading II: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

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