



## *Eastern Hills Anglicans*

### *Songs, Readings & Community Information*

*Sunday 19 August 2007*  
*Twentieth Sunday of the Year*

"I have come to set the earth on fire,  
and how I wish it were already blazing!"

**Welcome** If you are a subscriber to, 'Gentle Jesus, meek and mild', the nice guy with soft, cuddly, little lambs then wait till you get a load of today's Gospel reading! After all our Lord was not arrested, tortured and then crucified for being nice to children – he was seen as a serious threat. Our Lord had no illusions either – Jesus understood the tradition that the prophet's were martyrs (see the first reading) and that the same fate awaited for him. Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'this generation may be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah'. Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador (Catholic) and Archbishop Janani Luwum of Uganda (Anglican), Patriarch Tikhon of Moscow (Orthodox) all died because they were prophets in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

So why did our Lord utter the difficult words in today's Gospel? It is because the urgency of proclaiming the kingdom is so pressing and urgent that no time must be wasted. He knows that those who embrace his proclamation will face trouble – even within a family. Christ came to preach the good news of radical fidelity. Paradoxically, being faithful to Jesus is how we know lasting peace.

### **10,000 Steps: Active Eastern Hills Community Challenge**

Sign up today because it all begins on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

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



### **Well Met**

At our Diocesan Synod in June Debbie Mullins met up with Kathy Hammer, the priest at the Leichhardt Parish. It soon emerged that they had not been receiving the money we had collected for them. Further enquiries were made and it seems our money was going into the general funds of the Bush Ministry Fund. This has now been corrected and in September they will receive a cheque for over \$1,000. Kathy Hammer has now been invited to visit us, and with a bit of luck she may visit us on the last Sunday in September, as it is a fifth Sunday and ecumenical combined services take place in her district.

To renew the contact in-between Kathy has written us the following news:

*To all at our sister parish of Eastern Hills Anglicans - Thank you so much for your support - without it, I know that we could not survive. Currently, it is again very dry out here and farmers after such a positive beginning several months ago are now looking to the sky for that follow-up rain which is not coming.*

*However, things are moving in the mining sector, the large brown coal deposits around Wandoan are being opened up and there is a possibility of that helping the area financially, but at the expense of others. Many farmers and graziers around Wandoan have now lost their land, which will be resumed after being in their families for generations and so they are devastated. And sadly many seem to be our parishioners, which mean that we will now lose more from this parish. The shire amalgamations also were devastating for our Taroom people, while for the past 125 years the shire of Taroom has worked with their sister shire, Murilla (Miles) now Murilla and half of Taroom (Wandoan) go to Dalby Shire 200kms away, while Taroom goes over the range up to Banana, which for the Taroom people seems senseless, seeing that all their services come from the south, it has also served to make them feel even more isolated.*

*Nevertheless, on a more positive note, St Luke's Miles held a Debutante Ball on the 21 July - while we only had three debs, it was a great success and we were excited that we had nearly 200 people attend. Holy Trinity Taroom have been extremely active with their Street Stalls and catering jobs and St Margaret's Wandoan also have worked hard for catering and are looking forward to their Flower Show on the 15th September, always an exciting day! Thank you once again for your support. We wish you peace and love from your sister parish of Leichhardt.*

### **Ron Cameron of Planned Giving Counsellors of Australia**

Many of you will remember Ron from our Planned Growth Mission last year. Ron will be visiting Camp Hill again next week to speak to St Thomas' Roman Catholic Parish with a view to give them a programme early next year.

### **Julian Meeting for Contemplative Prayer:**

7.30pm Tuesday 21 August at Norman Park.

### **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.

### **Bible Study** 7.30pm Tuesday 11 September: 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.

### **Memorial Flowers**

Last Sunday we had the first of the memorial flowers. Vic mentioned that these were \$100, not \$150 as previously mentioned. A diary is available to book in your gift of memorial flowers.

### **Camp Hill Hall Kitchen Renovations Have Begun**

Our thanks to Vic Nicholls who has started the process of gutting the old kitchen in preparation for installing the new.

### **Camp Hill Rosters Available Today**

### **Congratulations To Our New Liturgical Assistants**

Rita Singleton, Rose Richter have received licenses to help in the Pastoral Care Team with Viv Cowie. Anne Perkins has a license to assist with the chalice at the Wednesday Eucharist, and Rita Laurie for the Sunday Eucharist. Kathryn Casey has a license to assist in the leadership of worship along with Cec Melbom and Miriam. When Cameron Watson turns 18 he will also join them.

### **Entrance Hymn**

IH186 – Tune: Thornbury

- 1 O God, renew our vision, and help us to discern the truth and honest wisdom with which your prophets burn. Then let our words and actions uphold your righteous name confronting all creation with your compelling claim.
- 2 When kings and politicians abuse their earthly power; where greed and exploitation make all the world seem sour, then let us look to Jesus, and run our earthly race, as earth and heav'n bear witness to his abundant grace.
- 3 When opposition rises, let us not seek to hide, or shirk the confrontation that Jesus glorified. He takes his place in glory by God's eternal throne, his perfect grace disposing to make creation one.

### **Appreciating the Entrance Hymn – Politics & Religion**

One of the supposed taboos in Australian thinking is not to mix politics and religion. Generally speaking that is a helpful principle, because a secular, civil government must treat all its citizens equally. International obligations also require the government to assist any in need, regardless of faith or race, who are fleeing from murderous regimes, whose behaviour is unimaginable to us.

Yet the hymn points to another set of circumstances when elected leaders go off the rails, or behave in ways that attack the foundation of national life in its moral and spiritual values. Our Lord and Saint John the Baptist were fearless in this sort of situation – read how Jeremiah was treated in the first reading.

And then there is the most dangerous and subtle threat to our body politic and our values in facing terrorism. It is right that this be confronted and dealt with here and overseas. The real danger however is not that the free world might be defeated – *it is that we might be corrupted, brutalised and degraded by the conflict itself in the means we deploy to secure victory.* The Guantanamo Bay prison, the use of torture, the abuse of legal rights are clear examples of this happening.

### **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 26 August 2007: 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year**

Reading I: Isaiah 66:18-21  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117  
Reading II: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13  
Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

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