



Eastern Hills Anglicans Songs, Readings & Community Information

Sunday 2 September 2007

Twenty-second Sunday of the Year

"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind;"

Welcome

Well, it may not seem much, but it is important none-the-less and related to today's Gospel – our offering of food for the poor at our weekly Eucharist. Each week those baskets from our two centres add up. A couple of weeks ago we gave Spiritus six cartons of food for their inner city programme. They visit the people who live on the streets and give medical treatment and food – the food we offer. Another class of people, who are made poor, because of misfortune, are those who contract HIV. In due course they become debilitated and unable to walk – but before that there is the sense of being outcast- poverty is more than a lack of money. Our old Rectory is the HQ and administrative centre for Spiritus Positive Directions. This is a programme to help these people to gain support and dignity. Our Eucharist on Sunday stands at the heart of these two programmes.

Sacrifice

Today is also the feast day of the Martyrs of Papua New Guinea. These martyrs of our Church died during the Japanese invasion of the Pacific. Instead of fleeing in front of the advancing enemy they stayed with their people as ministers and servants. The 10 martyrs included Papuans as well as European missionaries from Australia and England; a few came from Brisbane. They will be commemorated in the Eucharistic prayer. However, next year and following years, we will keep their festival in a fuller celebration on the Sunday nearest to 2nd September.

Envisioning the Future: Part 3

This is the third article about envisioning the future and to start to prepare for it as a deliberate and conscious choice. We started this process 12 months ago with our Vision Statement: '***Be a vibrant Christian community which offers a place for reflection, growth and action***'. To bring that about we set up these specific tasks: **1. Establish a way of ministering to them in fresh expressions of church community. 2. Develop fresh expressions of worship for the un-churched, and 3. To raise the Christian profile and our Parish community through this ministry.**

Now the time has come

Twelve months on, since these goals and tasks were first adopted, we are now in a position to do something about them. Through a lot of hard work to raise our profile, build up our community and gradually transform our worship we have built up the congregation at Camp Hill. Eighteen months ago our Sunday worship at Camp Hill averaged 29 to 39. Now it is around 39 to 55. Indeed, when it hits around 55 the church feels full. Studies tell us that when a church is $\frac{2}{3}$ rds full *it is full* – we do not like being packed in like sardines. So we have now arrived at the time when we have enough worshippers to create a new congregation with a totally new style of worship, whilst still keeping a service with our current worship traditions.

The aim of the new worship service

Remember last week's statistic? In our two suburbs there are nearly 3,000 Anglicans – 3,500 if you add Seven Hills. Just to attract 6% of them will give us a congregation of over 200, at 7% 245. These are the average national percentages for our church across Australia. So we do have a mission & a task, which we clearly understood 12 months ago. The new service would be a Eucharist that is more accessible for those who have lost contact with the Christian tradition, but without reducing it to sheer banality. A form of worship that is straightforward & easy to use, whilst still having enough depth for existing members to feel at home with. Fortunately, our Church in England, and the Taize & the Iona Communities, have now developed proven models for this purpose, which we can adapt & use. ***The challenge & risk is to take this step for the sake of Christ and the Kingdom, which will change and transform us. To take this step can expand & enrich us.***

Choir of Westminster Abbey Payment is needed ASAP

Thank you to those who have responded with a prompt payment for this concert outing. However, there are still a few who need to pay, especially as the parish has forked out the funds already. Children & students are \$32.00, Senior Citizens \$53.00, Full paying \$55.10. It will be convenient if you put your money in an envelope. On the outside of the envelope write your name, the amount you are paying and the category of your ticket.

TODAY: 10,000 Steps Active Eastern Hills Community Challenge 3pm at the Rotunda in the Bulimba Memorial Park

The park is found in UBD Map 160 L3 or Brisways Map 55 G6, bounded by Oxford, Goodwin and Stuart Streets.

It is not too late to join in, so sign up today for the monthly walks and the Walking challenge Teams



Julian Meeting for Contemplative Prayer: Lectio Divina

7.30pm This Tuesday 4 September at Norman Park.

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

At the home of Fr Martyn 20 Noble Street Camp Hill.

This is our Faith – Adult Christian Education

7.30pm Tuesday 25 September at Norman Park. Study book pages 56-61.

Camp Hill Hall Kitchen Renovations continuing

Our thanks again to Vic Nicholls and Robyn Casey as work progresses on the kitchen. During the week the stainless steel benches arrived. Soon the plumbing and finishing will complete the task. During the week Fr Martyn and Robyn spent time sorting through the mass of china and glassware that had accumulated over the years. Much of it was damaged and unusable and the hundreds of saucers and other odds and ends will end up in the local op shops.

The Safe Ministry Statement of this Parish and the Anglican Church of Australia is on the foyer notice board at Camp Hill and on the entrance table at Norman Park.



Earth Mass

A Festival to Celebrate the Vision of
St Francis of the Beauty of
God's Creation

&

Blessing of Animals

8.30am Sunday

14 October at Camp Hill
after BBQ Brunch

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Sunday Services

Camp Hill 8am
Norman Park 10.30am