



Eastern Hills Anglicans
Songs, Readings
& Community Information

Sunday 16 September 2007

Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year

'Rejoice with me!'

Welcome as we gather to eat with the Lord

But who eats with Christ is a serious issue, for as we hear in the Gospel, Jesus is criticised for the company he keeps. For Middle Eastern & Mediterranean people to eat with another is to accept them, not only in this world but also in the next. Therefore Jesus is having more than just a meal; he accepts and forgives *through* the meal. We need to see in this cultural tradition the basis of the Eucharist we celebrate. Today, Christ still receives sinners & welcomes them through a meal. For this reason the Early Church celebrated the Eucharist frequently. In the reading the improbable actions of the shepherd and the women are the basis for joy and celebration – so too whenever someone turns to Christ.

But what if the mode of our celebration and the forms we use becomes the barrier? This is the hard and difficult question. This shows up every time we are asked to conduct a funeral or wedding. The public knowledge of traditional hymns is now reduced to three or four. Many people who willingly come to our doors just can't get into what we do – or even understand the language. And it is equally hard for us because what we treasure, value, understand and wish to share is the problem. The Early Church recognised this problem. You see our Lord spoke Aramaic. But to get his words to be heard and resound throughout the world at that time it had to be in the language that every one knew; Greek. We face the same problem today.



Earth Mass

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

& Blessing of Animals

8.00am Sunday

14 October at Camp Hill
After the service BBQ Brunch

Wine Night

7pm Saturday 6 October 2007

Norman Park Parish Centre, 40 Agnew St

*Savour some exquisite wines and enjoy gourmet nibbles,
great coffee and spectacular views of the city*

\$15 per person all inclusive

All wine & coffee available for purchase or order

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(Tickets may be purchased at the door)*

*Wines from **Drinx**, Morningside. Coffee from **Abrisca**, East Brisbane*

Julian Meeting for Contemplative Prayer:

7.30pm Tuesday 18 September at Norman Park.

Rector & Warden's Consultative Group on Worship

7.30pm Monday 17 September

This meeting will be the third on how we implement the new service at the Camp Hill Centre. This will be at the home of Damien 7 Lyndal Colbert

Clergy Conference at Gympie

Fr Theo and Fr Martyn went to Gympie for the Southern Region Clergy Conference. We had as a guest speaker Dr Mark Durie, Rector of Caulfield in Melbourne and former head of the Linguistics Department in Melbourne University. Having lived in Indonesia he is an authority on Acehnese language and culture He gave an alarming talk on Islam. Mark is fluent in Arabic and is also an authority on the Koran & the key documents by the Islamic scholars who interpret the Koran & the life of Muhammad. Fr Martyn gave a series of bible studies on Abraham in Islam, Judaism and Christianity. **The Archbishop, Regional Bishop & the Archdeacon** also attended. The Archbishop encouraged parishes to '*go for growth*', '*look for renewal*' as he did in the last two Synods. So the conference gave an opportunity For Fr Martyn to explain our goals and the changes to our Sunday worship.

Parish Council

Reminder to members that Council meets next Thursday.

10,000 Steps Congratulations to Anna Mullins, Kathryn Casey and Cameron Watson

for organising last Sunday's walk at Bulimba. Around 24 Parishioners turned up in a variety of attire – some looked as if they were walking the Gobi Desert and some as if they were shopping at Noosa – but a great time.

This is our Faith – Adult Christian Education

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



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***Be a vibrant Christian community
which offers a place for reflection, growth and action***

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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. And the Eastern Hills Anglicans Parish Council in 2006.