



## ***Eastern Hills Anglicans***

### ***Community Information***

***Sunday 14 October 2007***

### ***Earth Mass & Festival of St Francis***

***"All creatures of our God & King lift up your voice & with us sing." St Francis***

**Welcome:** Samuel Johnson, the great Englishman of literature in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century said, "When a man knows he is to be hanged in a fortnight, it concentrates his mind wonderfully." Well it might not be in a fortnight, but the scientific world has been warning all of us of the future of our planet. Biologists tell us of the alarming rate of extinctions taking place on a weekly basis. Surely there cannot be anybody who does not understand what is happening to our world – even if opinion is divided on what to do. And of all the creatures on the face of the earth, we are the only species that can do something about it. **St Francis** of Assisi did not live in a time when the environment was under such stress. The impact of human behaviour was minimal compared to what is happening today. Yet the vision of Francis is valid to us today. Francis saw the value and beauty of creation *in itself*, not for what human beings could get out of it. He clearly understood that human beings are an integral part of that creation, sharing with all creatures in its beauty and diversity. 'Creation', is the key word here; the world is not a cosmic accident or a chance happening. This does not mean that to be a Christian you must sign up on the Biblical story of the world being created in seven days. After all, **the Bible** is not a scientific text book - it is the story of our relationship with God. Its science may be outdated; its understanding of God is not. Science does not devalue faith; it deepens our awe and wonder at the sheer complexity of creation. With St Francis of Assisi, we rejoice for the great gift of creation and understand our spiritual vocation is to care for it. St Francis understood that being embodied and being a part of the world was a spiritual vision. For little children that understanding can begin with a pet, which can grow and mature into a responsible world vision.



### ***Fresh Expression, New Beginnings in Worship***

From Sunday 4 November the Camp Hill centre of the Parish will offer two forms of worship:

**8am** Family Mass, with Sunday School & Crèche.

**9.30am** Sung Mass.

The **Family Mass** intends to be accessible to anybody who has little or no understanding of Christian worship.

Yet at the same time anybody brought upon traditional forms will feel at home, providing a new way to understand the great heritage of the Christian centuries.

**And at 8am?** Most families with ankle biters and babies, who were surveyed about times suitable said, that as they are up at the crack of dawn with kids on the run 8am was a good idea – with the rest of the day for family life and relation.



### ***Eastern Hills Anglicans: Wine Club CHANT Exclusive Wine Tasting Night of Barristers Block Premium Wines.***

**7pm Thursday 25 October**

**Norman Park Anglican Church, 40 Agnew Street. \$10**

Barristers block is based in the picturesque German town of Hahndorf in the Adelaide Hills, with vineyards in the SE of South Australia. Over the last 12 years this wine company has consistently produced excellent wines.



### ***Festive Fundraising***

***Instead of doing your Christmas food shopping in the big supermarkets why not do your spending in your local parish?***

Eastern Hills Anglicans Events and Promotions Team brings you the **Homestyle Bake** offer. This is a range of Christmas foods plus pies, meals for one & sweets. All orders and money to be returned to Janelle Read (3899 0967) & or Robyn Casey (3395 1757) by Sunday 4th November for delivery to Camp Hill on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. *This is our last major fundraiser for 2007 so your support is greatly appreciated.*



**Christian Contemplative Prayer**  
 At the Norman Park Centre, 40 Agnew Street.  
**7.30pm First & Third Tuesdays**  
 Next gathering 7.30pm Tuesday 16 October



Guild of  
All Souls



**All Souls Day Friday 2 November**  
 Requiem Mass for all the Departed  
 10am Norman Park 7.30pm Camp Hill



**Confirmation in 2008**

This will be on the either the last Sunday of August or on one of the first two Sundays in September 2008. As soon as the Bishop has sorted out his diary for 2008 we can fix ours.



**Protection for Children and Young People**

The Diocese is providing training in the Policy for all persons in the parish who are either working with children & young people either directly or who have responsibility for those workers. The training will be provided by Rod McLary - Director of Professional Standards.

**When: Wednesday 17 October at 7.00pm.**  
**Where: Christ Church** [in the hall next to the church]  
**3 Baty Street St Lucia 4067**

The training will take approximately 90 minutes. Tea and coffee will be provided.



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

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**Sunday Services**  
**FROM SUNDAY 4 November**  
**Camp Hill**

**8am 'Gather Us In'**, a new form of worship  
*with Sunday School/ Crèche*  
**9.30am** Traditional Eucharist

**Parish Council: New Date for Meeting**

7.30am Thursday 1 November

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*Diocese of Brisbane Environment Group*

Eastern Hills Anglicans welcomes AngliGreen to today's worship and encourages all people to take their literature and encourages active support of their mission. Read more on the back inside cover of today's worship book.