



Welcome to
Eastern Hills Anglicans
23 October 2011
30th Sunday of the Year
Web Page Edition

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus said, "You shall love the, your God...and your neighbour as yourself."

"Christmas in Camp Hill"
3pm-6pm Sunday 11 December

As has been advertised, Cr Shayne Sutton has invited us to co-host a family this event in Perth St Park, Camp Hill. This will be a significant local event. It gives us a great opportunity to advertise our parish and our Christmas events and to raise money. **So we need everyone's help**, over and above the usual resources of the Events Team. **Please respond to this appeal** as we need. cooks for 3 BBQs, people to sell items, bakers for Christmas treats and donations to help purchase food and drinks for the BBQ.

TODAY: Bible & Brunch 23 October:
Kingship in Ancient Israel

Every king in Israel was anointed as 'the Lord's anointed' and that is the meaning of the words "Messiah" and "Christ". Obviously, the hope of a Messiah had a lot to do with expectations for a Messiah in the time of our Lord, which caused him many problems and conflicts.

PARISH AGM: Sunday 6 November.
To Elect the Parish Council for 2012

Martyn's Mutterings - Teaching & comments by Fr Martyn
Thanksgiving & Planned Giving

If you want to have a topic that raises tempers of irate parishioners then planned giving is the one for you. So what is the problem? In part, this goes back to the late 1950s when the *Wells Planned Giving Programme* was introduced from the USA. The mistake was in thinking that it could be brought in without any adaption to Australian attitudes on the issue. American approach to giving, both corporate and church, is quite different from our own. Therefore, the *Wells Programme* came across as aggressive, overbearing and pushy. Many were offended and upset by it and felt shamed or embarrassed by the demands put upon them for money. Some Anglicans have never forgotten this and still get worked up by the issue. However, do we still need to maintain the rage for 50 years, especially as the *Wells Programme* was abandoned around 35 years ago? However, it worth noting the Baptists, Methodists and others had no problem with it, which must say something about our attitudes! Whatever were the issues it is not how programmes are conducted now.

The second enraging issue is the tithe. This is the Biblical 10% giving. Again, this is considered an brazen request that such a demand is made, even if it is Biblical. In Ancient Israel, this was how the priests and Levites were paid. In England, it was how the Church of England was maintained. Gladstone, the PM of the time, abolished this, as it was a requirement on all citizens, whether you were an Anglican or not! Is there anything positive that can come out of the objections and can anything be learnt from these two issues? I think so.

Planned Giving: well if you do not plan your finances then you are nuts! We all keep a close watch on our accounts and credit cards and have in the back of our minds what we must pay, what we can afford and what we can splurge on from time to time. Christian Planned Giving is saying "fine" – just extend that same discipline to your giving to God and his Church. The Tithe is an act of *awareness* and without necessarily adopting the 10% fixed amount. It our awareness of the Lord's total ownership over their lives. That out of the 100% He gives me I return in gratitude a *certain* percentage back in thanksgiving. However, of course, that may need planning. That is why we have Thanksgiving *and* Planned Giving.



Festival of Our Lady of Walsingham

***The National Pilgrimage led by Bishop Lindsay Urwin,
The Administrator of the Shrine at Walsingham, England***

10.30am Saturday 29 October St John's Cathedral

Eucharist, BBQ, workshops, Healing ministry, Evening Prayer)

See www.stjohnscathedral.com.au for more details.

Sunday 30 October, 6.30pm Evensong at All Saints Wickham Terrace

Saint of the Week, 26 October. Alfred the Great

Alfred the Great was added to list of the saints by the Church of England in recent years. He born in the year 849 and became the King of the West Saxons in 871 at the age twenty-one. He effectively brought to an end the constant threat of Danish dominion in the British Isles and made peace so that so that they could become part of the English nation. After establishing that peace, he set about bringing stability to both Church and state. He gave half of his income to founding religious houses, as they would become Christian centres for education, care of the sick and poor and respite for travellers. He daily attended mass and himself translated many works into Anglo-Saxon so that ordinary people could have access to the culture of Europe. He evolved a legal code based on common sense and Christian mercy. Above all, his whole life was marked by the compassion of Christ and as an enduring example of Christian kingship. He died on the 26 October in 899.

Project Love & Care

Brochures about this project are on the entrance table. If you would like to contribute to this – along with the food we bring for the Inala food kitchen - then our EFM students will take them to that parish each Thursday evening. Please speak to Viv Cowie if you have any questions about this project.

Readings for Next Sunday, 30 November

Festival of All Saints Day

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 How do envisage what eternal life and the Kingdom of Heaven is like. It cannot be presented as a scientific document because the information is beyond rational calculations – so scripture uses poetry and symbolism borrowed from worship. This is what this piece of scripture is all about.

1 John 3:1-3. One mistake about eternal life is to think of it as an eternal Noosa or Port Douglas holiday resort – nothing changes – its just better room service. John says “no”. However, one fact is sure if we are to be the children of God then we can assume that we will be like the only child of God, Jesus the Lord.

Matthew 5:1-12a. If we want to know, what are the requirements of being a saint then this reading is the shopping list. It is worth comparing this reading with Matthew 25:31-46, for this is the Beatitudes in the ordinary, everyday actions of Christ's disciples



Give them Eternal Rest Lord

All Souls Day Requiem Mass

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

10am & 7.30pm Wednesday 2 November

Record names to be remembered in the folder provided.

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Regular Sunday Services.

8am PowerPoint Mass. 9.30am Sung Mass

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