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# Anglican Parish of Grovely

THE COMMUNITY OF ST MATTHEW'S & ALL SAINTS'

## E-Newsletter

3 April 2020

### *From the Wardens*

During this current time of church closures please take the opportunity to click into the Cathedral live feed on Sunday at 9.30am.

During the week the Bishop has been in contact regarding the Parish Profile, this has now been updated and is available on the Diocese website. Not sure what you have been up to, however the team leaders are getting back to us and informing of any needs, remember the leaders will phone each week so make sure you let them know if you need groceries or phone the office and something can be arranged.

The team leaders are: Rev'd Judy Shepherd, Robyn Murray, Melanie Dobbs, Narelle Betts, Peter Hartshorn, Simon Lamerton, Matt Siggins, Kathryn Lum, Heather Kennedy, Carol Black, Trish Siebold and Tyler Vaughn.

Please stay home, wash your hands and stay safe. We are very thankful for a neighbour from St Matthews who contacted us and volunteered to mow the lawns at the Rectory.



Please note that our Church buildings will not be open for private prayer.

The **Mothers Union Meeting** for April has been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings.

### **PARISH OFFICE**

From Monday 6 April Elizma will be working from home. The office phone will be diverted to Elizma's mobile phone. The best way to contact the parish office is via email: [office@grovelyanglican.org.au](mailto:office@grovelyanglican.org.au)

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### **Services streamed online**

The Cathedral and various parishes in the Diocese, including St Andrews at Indooroopilly, are streaming services online, or posting recorded services online. Follow the link to find an online service. The live stream service from the Cathedral is at 9:30 am on Sunday morning.

<https://anglicanchurchsq.org.au/livestream/>

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### **How to stay in touch with the Parish**

If you haven't done so, and you are on Facebook, please like our Facebook page to stay up to date with news around the Parish. Rev'd Jenny is also posting a daily prayer on our Facebook page. **Like and share** this with your family and friends.

Connect here to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GrovelyParish/>

Or visit our Webpage <http://www.grovelyanglican.org.au/>

**A sermon by Fr Rod is attached to this email.**

Below is the link to "Journey with Jesus" <https://>



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**Readings for Sunday 5 April—Palm Sunday**

Isaiah 50.4-9a  
Psalm 31.9-18  
Philippians 2.5-11  
Matthew 26.14-27.66



**SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE**

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2.10-11

**COLLECT**

Everlasting God,  
in your tender love for the human race  
you sent your Son to take our nature,  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
in your mercy enable us to share in his  
obedience to your will and in the glorious  
victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**JUST FOR FUN**

With all the time on our hands being at home we are all sorting out cupboards and doing a bit of "Spring" - or rather "Autumn" cleaning. Share with us what you have been doing and what is the oldest item you found in your pantry. Elizma found a box of Weetbix that expired in 2017!



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**Prayer Space**



**Wish**

Sometimes I wish  
that God had made  
my heart of steel,  
so that pain would not  
slip through and grip me  
so unkindly.  
Sometimes I wish  
that God, like a magician,  
would sweep upon us  
and banish all our darkness.  
Sometimes I wish  
that God had simply  
made us angels  
and left us to play harps  
and fly around,  
cocooned in cotton ball clouds  
Sometimes I wish  
that God hurt, too,  
or long to run away  
or have misgivings...

Then I am overwhelmed  
for I know,  
that in my heart  
not made of steel,  
God is also me.

(Edwina Gately)

**FOR THOSE IN NEED**

**All parishioners and their families**

Shirley (Sister of Lynn Rymer )  
Alan McNaught (friend of Carol & Mal)  
Moyra Faulkner  
Andrew (son of Jeanette R)  
Stephen ( nephew of Alma G)  
Visaya (friend of Rebecca A)

**A prayer that Bishop Jeremy shared.**

Eternal and everlasting God,  
in the growing quietness of the evening and the  
deepening shadows of the night,  
grant us sleep and rest.  
With the stilling of the day's doings,  
and the end of coming and going about us,  
make us to be sleepy with heavy eyes and tired limbs.  
As your creatures are lying down in the wood,  
as the bird is quiet in its nest and the burrowing  
animal in its hole, as the stream is still in its bed  
reflecting the great expanse of stars above, may we in  
our sleep reflect our confidence in you, and our  
assurance in your constant peace. In our sleep  
give us that deeper communion of our souls with you  
who restores us to health.  
For your name's sake. **AMEN**



**From Rev'd Judy**

I share with you below an order of service entitled 'Spiritual Communion' which I have received from one of the clergy in our diocese. I thought you may find it useful to pray at home in this time when we are unable to celebrate communion together. It has come from the Church of England in the UK. I think it could be a powerful and spiritually nourishing way of being at one with God and our brothers and sisters in Christ as we are physically isolated from one and other.

Please use as you are moved to and if you would like to forward it on to others, then by all means do so. Blessings on each of you and those whom you love,

*Rev'd Judy Shepherd*

**Spiritual Communion**

*When Unable to Attend a Celebration of the Eucharist*

*If a household are praying together one person may act as leader and the others as the congregation and they join in the sections in bold type.*

*If alone read all the words aloud.*

*You may want to light a candle before you begin, and have a bible and cross to help your focus.*

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*You may want to pray the Collect of the Day here*

*Or you could use one or more of the readings of the day or the following short readings:*

**First Reading - Revelation 3:20**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to them and eat with them, and they with me.

**Psalm - Psalm 62**

On God alone my soul in stillness waits;  
from him comes my salvation.  
He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

**Gospel - John 15:5**

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me, and I in them bear much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

*Spend a few moments praying for the people you know and love, the needs of the world and for an end to the current Pandemic.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those that sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial;  
and deliver us from evil:  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**Act of Contrition**

I love you, Jesus, my love above all things, and I repent with my whole heart of having offended you. Never permit me to separate myself from you and grant that I may love you always, and may conduct my life as you call me to.

**Act of Spiritual Reception**

**In union, dear Father, with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries who gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though I am exiled from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us. Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence.**

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

**Amen**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

**OFFERINGS**

Offerings can be transferred into the Parish bank account by internet, the details are:

Account name: Grovely Anglican Parish  
BSB 704 901  
Account 00000910

Reference: "St Matts Giving",  
or "All Saints Giving"  
(or something similar)

Another method of giving is using ANFIN direct debit system, **ParishDirect**, this allows you to make regular contributions to the parish. **ParishDirect** contributions can be quickly and easily adjusted by contacting the ANFIN Customer Service Team. Your personal details are entirely confidential.

For more information about **ParishDirect** please contact ANFIN on (07) 3838 7755 or via email at [askus@anfin.com.au](mailto:askus@anfin.com.au) or :<https://anglicanchurchsq.org.au/wp->

**News and Notices**

**Containers for Change:** Cans and bottles can still be dropped off at All Saints and St Matthews for the container for change scheme.

Please stop supplying **lids for kids**. Lids are not currently being received for processing.  
Thank you for your contribution. Kathleen Carman"

**Doing Justice**

Doing Justice have just started up a Christian Covid19 Resource Group on Facebook. It is open to anyone from Christian faith communities to join. It will be a place to share ideas, resources and information for how we collectively confront the global Covid19 Coronavirus) pandemic.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/897153097400573/>

Stay safe

Ann xx

<content/uploads/2020/03/ParishDirect-brochure.pdf>

**If you are not comfortable with electronic banking please hold your offerings to the parish until we return, just put in your envelopes and bring when church resumes.**

**St Williams Pantry:** Dry food donations can be dropped off at St William's Church office on Dawson Parade, office hours are Monday 8 – 1, Tuesday – Friday 8 – 4

However not open to public, so knock on the door and leave goods at the door.



### ***Can we still take care of our church property and do routine maintenance?***

Routine maintenance and cleaning by individuals such as mowing, gardening, vacuuming can continue provided that the following social distancing measures are strictly followed:

- “ ensuring four square metres per person in enclosed spaces.
- “ keeping a distance of 1.5 metres between yourself and others.
- “ avoiding all physical contact, including handshaking.
- “ practising good hygiene, including cleaning surfaces (door handles, tables, chairs, books)
- “ practising good hand and respiratory hygiene.
- “ individuals staying away if feeling unwell, even if mildly so.
- “ Working bees and group maintenance activities are suspended.

### ***How can we implement this at Grovely in order to maintain the gardens and church buildings at All Saints and St Matthews?***

**Working Bee Pairs:** please arrange a working buddy and go along to work in pairs for an hour sometime during the week. Communicate with others when a pair will be on site and what has been done or needs doing.

Archbishop Phillip Aspinall encourages parishioners to stay connected during the COVID-19 pandemic. The link below shows how parishioners can keep up to date with events, access Sunday Devotions and lectionary readings by subscribing (free) to the Anglican Focus e-news and the Wednesday Weekly e-newsletter.

<https://www.faithfulandeffective.com/2020/03/17/coronavirus-staying-connected-during-the-pandemic/>



## Youth Group News

The world changed dramatically only a few weeks ago when the government placed restrictions on how we meet, talk, and interact due to the COVID-19 virus.

Since closing our doors, we have been trying to find new ways to support fellowship with our youth. Inspiration came to me when I recalled a game that one of the youths mentioned he played during our first youth session. It was a crazy idea, and I wasn't sure how it would be received – surely the church wouldn't support a computer game for youth ministry, but Beverly and Rev'd Nicholas were surprisingly keen on the idea as soon as it was suggested.

### **Minecraft.**

Minecraft is an online multiplayer sandbox video game about adventure and creativity. The term Sandbox refers to its genre –playing is like being in a vast sandbox or playing with virtual Lego pieces. The entire world is constructed out of pixelated cubes of different materials that can be destroyed. They represent base materials like dirt, wood, and stone that can be used to construct buildings; or iron, gold, diamond, and "redstone" that can be used to make tools and complex machinery. In addition, the world is inhabited by villagers, cows, horses, bees, fish, and other animals that can be domesticated and cultivated for food and other resources.

The possibilities are endless!

While we aren't meeting in person, I am planning to use Minecraft to facilitate community and fellowship for our youth. By having a set time for us to meet, we can engage in youth activities on the server, and then work together on the projects they want to build. More than anything, though, I think it is important they engage with each other while social distancing guidelines are being practiced.

This week we set-up a secure server and will soon start letting youth join in to begin their adventures. I will help them with their projects, and occasionally undertake my own as they fit with the ministries of the church. Alongside Minecraft, I will be meeting with youth over Zoom on the weekends for prayer and conversation.

### **Minecraft creations**

Here are a few interesting creations that people have made in Minecraft. They are time-lapsed so it seems like only a few minutes pass. In reality, these projects could take several hours, days, or months to complete. Remember that each building, tree and mountain, is made of small Lego-like blocks. These projects include thousands of those blocks, individually placed according to the grand plan of the architects who made them. The final video (Bonus video) is a project that uses thousands of "sound boxes" to compose Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata."

Enjoy.

#### **Notre Dame**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHz0grwemU&t=6s>

#### **"Lothaven" City**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTQZCsSQK5A>

#### **Bonus:**

**Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" 3rd Movement** made with Minecraft "Sound" boxes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5tdJ3hB50o>



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*"Why don't you go out and get some fresh air?  
you've been stuck in the house all-day."*

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