

FOR ALL THE SAINTS (continued)

ST. LUKE wrote the Gospel which bears his name, and also the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. He was a doctor (Col.4:14), and probably lived and worked in Antioch. He probably never met Jesus, but was converted when Paul visited Antioch. After that he went with Paul on many of his journeys, and spent some time with him in Rome. His Gospel shows him as deeply sensitive to the role of women, including that of Mary, and records Jesus as being kind and deeply humane. Luke records eight vital instances of prayer in our Lord's life which are not in the other Gospels. He is thought to have died in Greece, aged 84.

SS. SIMON & JUDE. The Epistle of Jude was written to warn against false doctrine. It has a generally gentle and peaceful tone, in contrast to Simon with whom he is always linked. They have the 10th and 11th places in the New Testament list of the Apostles – Simon wrote no epistle, and his nick-name is “the Zealot”, for he was a radical, nationalistic, anti-Roman, revolutionary. Simon and Jude together remind us of the acceptance of the great diversity which existed among the Twelve Apostles, and which should exist in the Church today.

St Francis Peace Prayer

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master,

grant that I may not so much

seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

[from http://www.lords-prayer-words.com/famous_prayers_make_me_a_channel_of_your_peace_lyrics.

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Season of Creation!

The Wamindi Update is a monthly newsletter designed to celebrate our mission for God in our particular communities, to provide encouragement through news of past events and notices for future activities. Contributions are invited for inclusion from each of the congregations, especially with images, that promote our missional life. Articles can be emailed to Father David (thompsondm09@gmail.com), (wmdhome.org.au) or addressed to P.O. Box 34, Clare, SA 5453.



Blessing of the Animals

On a picture perfect day, the congregation of St. Barnabas ventured outside for a celebration of Creation through the eyes of animals and in the memory of the most well renowned saint of God's Creation, Francis of Assisi. Fur, feathers and scales were represented by live representatives or by symbolic gesture in the form of soft toys; even the local resident rabbits, magpies and galahs listened to Fr. David's encouragement and ventured closer to the action. The setting was near the old cemetery which provided a wonderful back drop for the altar.

The liturgy challenged us to better integrate our faith with God's created world and his creation of life. Such integration is meant to reflect the deepness of



connection that Jesus demonstrated during his ministry.

The service was adapted from the *Season of Creation* website and part of the Thanksgiving prayer is quoted below.

“Your Word is the impulse for all things to be, for space, stars and stardust to appear, for Earth to emerge from the deep, for life to be born of Earth and for humans to be born of Earth and the Spirit.

You chose to be born a human being, to become a part of Earth, to suffer, die and rise from death to redeem humankind, renew creation, and affirm all born of Earth and the Spirit.

Your presence is the living impulse in all things, the Christ deep among us, filling Earth—land, sea and air; filling every element and place; filling the grain and the grape we share with you this day.”

St John's church at Auburn and National Trust have shared in the planting of native species in the block they share between the church and a heritage listed house supervised by Gerald and his brother Tom.

Memorial Park in Auburn, just across the road from St. John's has been an on-going program in which the council could not develop the land owing to the presence of an ephemeral creek. The decision was made to dedicate the park to the fallen. The layout and planting of the area has been jointly shared by several Auburn residents, including Gerald and another Anglican member Tom Marling.

Gerald's reputation as an artist is wide and his willingness to teach others the finer skills has been a passion of his for many decades. He has been instrumental in taking budding and skilled artists alike on art camps throughout the Flinders Ranges; a place Gerald loves with a passion so much that his children still speak of family camps in those isolated but God-created places of the rugged north.

On a recent trip north to a clergy retreat, Gerald could keep up a running commentary from Orroroo to Moolooloo of pastoral stations he had visited, particular locations he had painted and points of interest about the landscapes.



Shearers Quarters, Moolooloo Station. <http://www.moolooloo.com.au/content/images/SQs.jpg>

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Saturday 4 th	Francis of Assisi , friar and preacher (d.1226)
Monday 6 th	William Tyndale , biblical scholar (d.1536)
Wednesday 15 th	Teresa of Avila , teacher (d.1592)
Thursday 16 th	Hugh Latimer & Nicholas Ridley , bishops and martyrs (d.1555)
Friday 17 th	Ignatius of Antioch , bishop and martyr (d.115 approx.)
Saturday 18 th	LUKE , evangelist and martyr
Thursday 23 rd	James of Jerusalem , brother of our Lord, martyr (d.62 approx.)
Friday 24 th	United Nations inaugurated 1945
Tuesday 28 th	SIMON & JUDE , apostles and martyrs
Friday 31 st	Martin Luther (d.1546) and other Continental reformers.



We were reminded that honouring the Creation includes requires us to honour each other with all levels of society to ensure social justice. We are reminded of this obligation in the prayer attributed to St Francis :to be humble and ask for forgiveness (even when we feel like we are the ones who are owed an apology).

“The Peace Prayer of St Francis underscores the principle of *going first*. Often in situations of deadlock, where relationships have broken down, the route for resolution is In *going first*, the other party is more likely to be open and responsive. They may even "say sorry" as well.

The Passing the Peace also included a blessing to all the animals brought to the service, including one Chirpy the chick and one “Ratbag both *pictured above* who sat on a chair throughout the service!

THINKING ALOUD ALLOWED

Jesus was a Jew. A people who through the persecution, danger and death, the one true God.

By Canon Ian

member of those centuries have endured yet stuck faithfully to their belief in

The Book of Exodus tells of the earliest expulsion, when the Pharaoh of the time kicked them out of Egypt in about 1400BC. (Exodus 1:8-14 & 12:31-42).

Ever since, they have experienced unparalleled pain as a nation and as individuals. Hundreds of years of persecution built up to the Holocaust as Hitler and the Nazis systematically attempted to wipe out the Jewish people. Six million Jews were nevertheless murdered.

Their fight still continues today. War follows war as Israel strives to survive.

As Christians we struggle with the idea of praying about war. Even as we read the Bible we find difficulties. Jesus lived in a time of political turmoil. The Israelites were under the uncomfortable domination of Rome. Many of the Jews advocated revolt. One of Jesus’ chosen Twelve was nicknamed “The Zealot” [*Simon...more about him later*].

Lutheran-Anglican Service and Fellowship

The St Paul’s Lutheran congregation travelled across the Hutt River valley to St Barnabas’ on the opposite hill of Clare recently. We celebrated River Sunday together where the altar was decorated with a ribbon of blue, river stones and candles as a symbol of the water of life and the flowing energy of rivers.



Rivers can be mighty and powerful but all too often, especially in the Australian context they are fragile in times of drought and overuse.

Likewise our faith can reflect the moods of rivers. By acknowledging God’s gift of rivers to us, each day, we can give thanks for our faith but in our thankfulness we have to be ever mindful and heartfelt in whatever the Spirit inspires us to do.

Following the Eucharist the members of both churches enjoyed fellowship and a well provisioned morning tea in the hall.

Eco-versations-A reminder

This article about Gerald Moore that follows serves as a reminder that the Centenary is gaining ground on us and the request for each congregation to record the faith stories of those who champion the environment is becoming more urgent. It is a repeat from last year but with a bit more added to it. That is what these faith stories are meant to convey; a record of what has happened but a living one where new information can be added. These stories can be in picture, in video, as an audio or in print. These firstly should be distributed among your own members so that thanksgiving can be given for what God has achieved through their lives. They could also stimulate further exploration of the faithful and new incentives to actively live our faith through God’s Creation. The choice is open but Fr. David needs them for next year!

Gerald has lived all his life at Auburn, firstly as a farmer during which time he became a founding member of the local landowner group called the Coolibah Club. Its membership was committed to tree planting on their properties at a time it was considered unfashionable to do so.

Gerald became involved with the Riesling Trail group. As a member, he was involved with tree planting of the former rail corridor from Greenwood Park Road into Auburn. This program also involved the Auburn Primary School which sourced their own plants from Gerald’s *Marydale* property at Pine Creek and the Vandeleur’s Road native patch.

Trees For life began in Auburn with a Greening Auburn program that Gerald became involved with as well.

After the Resurrection the disciples asked Jesus:

“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by His own authority” (Acts 1:6 & 7)

Not that Jesus was a pacifist. He picked up a whip and drove out the traders to preserve the sanctity of the Temple (John 2:15). Many have been shocked that He declared:

“Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.” (Matthew 10:34)

That doesn't sound like a pacifist!

Even though we serve the Prince of Peace, clearly He does not expect us to sit by and allow evil to triumph. We live in a time when Christians are being martyred for their faith across the Middle East and Northern Africa by extreme fundamentalists. So we must pray earnestly for peace – for Israel, for other countries in the Middle East, for Africa, Asia – and for ourselves.

Pioneer Day, St. Mark's, Penwortham

On Sunday 21st September, a Eucharist and Service of Thanksgiving for the Pioneers of the district, and the local men and women who died in World War II. The names of the latter were read during the service – an amazing number.



The service was conducted by Archdeacon Prue O'Donovan, assisted by the Rev'd. Gail Hardy local Lay Assistants and the children. Members of the Mount Horrocks Historical Society attended the service, which was addressed by Mrs. Janet Morran, of the Society.

Following the service there was a display of memorabilia in the Interpretive Centre adjacent to the Cottage on the Main North Road, with home-made soup and rolls available for lunch.

Advent 2014

Yes, the New year in the Church's calendar is fast approaching. The first Sunday in Advent falls on November 30th. Traditionally Advent Wreaths are blessed and lit on such a Sunday and as it is the fifth Sunday of the month each congregation is asked to consider



having their own service, if they intend to use an Advent Wreath for the season. It may be desirable for two or more centres to combine and bring the wreaths to be blessed at one location. This can be a service that involves everyone and can be held at a time that may encourage fellowship afterwards.

This year has been particularly difficult and they way ahead may appear worrying to quite a few people. This Advent may we consider undertaking a daily cycle of prayer, perhaps using the resource put out by the Ministry of Spirituality. It comes as a printable copy or as an eBook download. Many of you don't have access to computers or printing facilities so (perhaps you could attend a workshop. (See the advert on the below).

A Guide to Daily Prayer

*The Ministry of Spirituality
Diocese of Wollombi*

Experiencing the wonder of God's time: using the Daily Office

A Workshop led by Fr Michael Hillier
At St Barnabas Church Hall
Tuesday 28th October
9.30am to 3.00pm
All welcome.
BYO lunch
Enquiries to Rev Joan Reed 8842 3234

With such continuous prayer we can uphold the communities in which we live, seek God's blessings upon particular groups, ask for the Spirit to guide our minds and hearts to the needs of the people and to stir afresh a renewal of faith expression. Even though the Advent of the Lord Jesus is filled with commercialised joy and festivity, there can be an underlying sorrow or gripping mental anguish. By praying we can lift the spirits of those whom we care the most; our neighbours.

Late News-Bishop Visit



Our diocese is hosting the visit of Bishop David Nyi Nyi Naing (of the Diocese of Mandalay) in the next fortnight. He is visiting our patch on Wednesday October 15. We hope to host Bishop David and his family at St Michael's, Bungaree in the morning and then at St. John's Auburn for afternoon tea at 3pm where a small contribution of suitable food would be welcome.

Our Bishop John recently visited Mandalay (a part of Myanmar) as one member of Australian aid and mission groups to get a better understanding of the needs of the Christians in a country where they are very much in the minority