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The Church of the
Resurrection

Welcome to The Church of the Resurrection and our Parish of Swanbourne-Mt. Claremont. We extend a warm welcome to those visiting or worshipping with us for the first time today.

Sunday Services

9:00am Eucharist

A service of Holy Communion, which is usually sung with hymns and a sermon. On the 4th Sunday of the month the service is said.

Children's Church meets in the meeting room at 9 am on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month and at 5 pm on the 4th Sunday. Children are encouraged to join us in Church on the 2nd Sunday, when our music is led by the Junior Choir.

5:00pm

4th Sunday of the month: Choral Mass with music led by the Mapstone Scholars

Midweek Services

There is a said Eucharist at 9:00 am every week, which, on the first Wednesday of the month is a healing Eucharist.

Today's Hymns and Music

Holy, holy, holy!..... 202 CP
Bright the vision that delighted 392 CP
Ye watchers and ye holy ones 230 CP

Setting Missa Ascendens Christus in altum
(Victoria)

Motet..... God so loved the world (Stainer)

From the Rector

What do you imagine God looks like? Most of us have, at some time, had a picture of God in our minds notwithstanding that we know that God is invisible, in this world anyway.



The Bible makes several attempts to describe God – all very different, and if we weren't so over-familiar with them, I suspect we would find that each one takes us by surprise. There are no descriptions of God in the Old Testament until Abraham meets three angels. That's very significant on Trinity Sunday, but the angels are not described. The same goes for Jacob wrestling with the angel; all we know is that both Abraham and Jacob thought they were dealing with men, and then realised their mistake.

The first description of God in the bible comes from Moses who said that God looks like a bush, which is on fire but never burns out. Isaiah saw God on a throne, high and lifted up, but he doesn't describe him. Ezekiel describes God as being like burning coals of bright fire, like torches moving to and fro with lightning issued from the fire'. In the New Testament, the book of Revelation gives us a Technicolor® description of God seated on a throne looking like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald.' The book of Daniel says 'an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool' an image that Michelangelo seems to have included on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

It doesn't really matter what God looks like. What's important is that when we think of God, we do so in ways that will startle us into realizing that God loves us as no human ever loved us. The descriptions of God that we read in the Bible, or sing about in our hymns, or see in paintings are only symbols and shouldn't be taken literally.

The Holy Trinity may be incomprehensible, but God is real – more real than we are. God is everything we need God to be and more. But we mustn't take God for granted, because God is the God of Surprises.

Have a great week. Fr. Nick

For your diary...

Every week		
Monday	5 p.m. 6 p.m.	Junior Choir Practice (term time) Senior Choir Practice (term time)
Tuesday – Friday	9 a.m. 5 p.m.	Morning Prayer (except Wednesday) Evening Prayer
Wednesday	9 a.m.	Said Eucharist (with ministry of healing on the first Wednesday of the month)
This week		
Sun 27 th May	9 a.m. 5 p.m.	Said Eucharist for Trinity Sunday Choral Mass for Trinity Sunday
Wed 30 th May	9 a.m.	Said Eucharist
Sun 3 rd June	9 a.m.	Sung Eucharist for Pentecost 2. Guest Preacher: Fr. Gregory Davies
Save the date!		
Wed 6 th June	9 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	Healing Eucharist Education For Ministry course taster session in the Meeting Room (1 of 3)
Thurs 7 th June	2 p.m.	Bible Study at Romily House
Sun 10 th June	10:30 a.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting
Tues 12 th June	7 p.m.	Eucharist followed by Church Council
Wed 20 th June	11 a.m.	Eucharist at The Beaumont
Thurs 21 st June	10.30 a.m. 2.30 p.m.	Eucharist at Lisle Lodge Eucharist at Romily House
Fri 22 nd June	7 p.m.	'Cabaret' Concert by the Mapstone Scholars
Sun 24 th June	9 a.m. 5 p.m.	Said Eucharist Choral Evensong with the Choir of John Septimus Roe School
Sat 14 th July	p.m.	Congregational French-themed dinner

To arrange home or hospital visits, Baptisms, and Weddings please contact Fr. Nick Tel. 0447 224451, Email. Fr. Nick@me.com

Please send any items for next week's PewNews+ to the church office (office@resurrectionswanbourne.com.au) by Wednesday evening. Thank you.

Holy Communion

The Anglican Church of Australia offers the hospitality of the altar to all baptized Christians. Please come forward to receive from the Celebrant and then move to receive from one of the chalices. If you cannot come to the priest, please let one of the sides-people know and the sacrament will be brought to you. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward, holding your Order of Service. Gluten free wafers are available.

For your prayers this week...

In the Diocese we pray for the Parish of Beverley-Brookton; Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy AO, Chair and Members of Diocesan Council; St John of God Hospitals (Midland, Murdoch and Subiaco, staff and patients; Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy AO, Bishop Jeremy James and Bishop Kate Wilmot.

In the Province we pray for the Parish of Collie & Parish of Shark Bay.

In our Partner Diocese of Eldoret, we pray for the Sigowet Secondary School, Andrew Tarus, Diocese of Eldoret, Kenya

In the Anglican Communion Jerusalem and the Middle East Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Primate of Australia, Archbishop Philip Freier

In the Parish we pray for Fr. Rowan Strong, Fr. Raymond Molyneux, and The Reverend Eileen Warby

Those who are sick, Ethel Kaye, Beryl Staunton, Fred Banyard, and Barbara Meys.

The faithful departed, those who died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur this week.

Next week's readings

3 June – Second Sunday After Pentecost

9 a.m. Sung Mass – Fr. Nick presiding and Fr. Gregory Davies preaching.

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 2 Corinthians 4:5-12, Psalm 13:16- & 13-18 and Mark 2:23-36.

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Listening through Lent and beyond...

Archbishop Kay has been working her way around the diocese listening to various groups. There will be sessions for lay people on the following dates and it would be good if as many of you as possible could attend:

- **Parish of Mosman Park** *20 Monument Street, Mosman Park*
10.00am to 12.00noon Saturday 2 June
- **Parish of Guildford** *Stirling Square, Guildford*
2.30pm to 4.30pm Saturday 2 June
- **Parish of North Beach** *22 James Street, North Beach*
2.00pm to 4.00pm Sunday 3 June
- **Parish of Bull Creek-Leeming** *All Saints' College Chapel, Ewing Avenue, Bull Creek* 2.00pm to 4.00pm Sunday 10 June

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by email to Susan Harvey at sjharvey@perth.anglican.org or by telephone on 9425 7200.

Produce stall

Thank you to everybody who contributed to our Produce stall over the past two weeks. There was an abundance of produce and the stall raised \$508....a great result!

Knitting Circle

Calling all knitters....if you are interested in joining a knitting circle to help make things for those less fortunate than ourselves, please register your interest on the sign up sheet in the Narthex. If you need wool, please speak to Ilona.

Choral Evensong

Our next Choral Evensong will take place on Sunday 24th June at 5 p.m. Our musicians will be joined by the choir of John Septimus Roe School for this service. **Please note that the only Eucharist that day will be a said Eucharist at 9 a.m.**

Annual Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place after the Eucharist on the morning of Sunday 10th June. Notice of the meeting and a draft agenda are on the noticeboard in the Narthex. At the meeting we will elect Wardens, Nominators of the Clergy, Church Council members and members of Diocesan Synod. Enrolled members may nominate and be nominated for any of these positions. Nomination forms are available from the table in the Narthex and should be returned to the Parish Office please.

Flower Roster

If you are able to help with the Flower Roster in the second half of the year, could you please sign up using the sheet in the Narthex. Thank you.

Congregational Dinner – save the date!

Our next congregational dinner will take place on Saturday 14th July. This will have a French theme as 14th July is also Bastille Day.

Readings

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

Isaiah 6:1-8

Hear the Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare;
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'

The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Psalm 29

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Romans 8:12-17

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Thanks be to God.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3:1-17

The Gospel of the Lord.


Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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The most efficient way to give is by bank transfer. You can, of course, continue to give by other means but if you are able to switch to bank transfer you can set up a regular donation using the following bank details. BSB 706-001, Account No. 30004478.

If you already use the Direct Debit system for your contribution, you are encouraged to place one of the laminated Direct Debit cards in the collection bowl as it passes you during the Offertory. You can collect a card from the welcomer as you enter the church.

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We acknowledge Wadjuk Bibbulman people as the original owners and custodians of this Swan River Land we are meeting on today.

