



REACHING OUT

Sunday February 25, 2024

9:00 a.m. at Emmanuel Anglican and Uniting Church

Uniting tradition led by Rev Rhonda Kissick

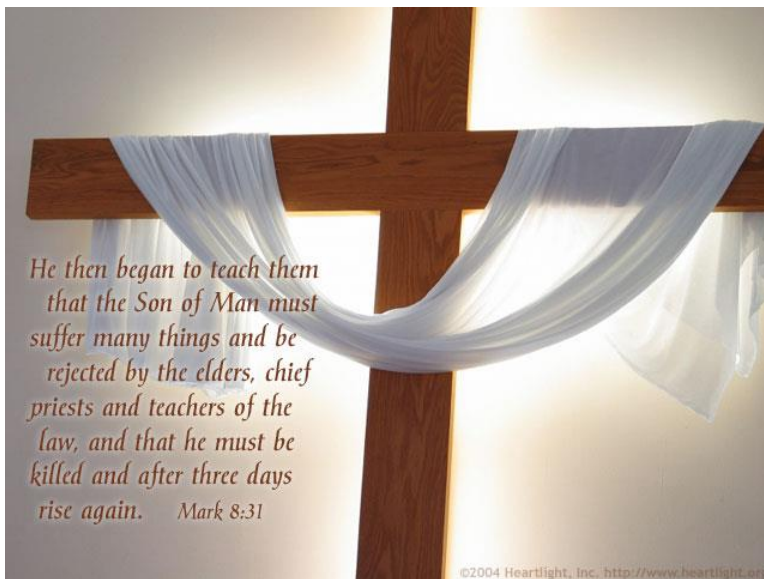
11:15am at Kergunyah Uniting Church

Bible Readings for Sunday February 25

Lent 2

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22: 23-31; Romans 4: 13-25; Mark 8: 31-38 or Mark 9: 2-9

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection



Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers,

let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Mark 8: 31-38

Bible Readings for Sunday March 3

Lent 3

Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25; John 2: 13-22

Praying For One Another 2024

In the Uniting Church Presbytery of North East Victoria.

Congregations in the Presbytery are called to pray for one another each time they meet. By naming each other in prayer we enhance our pastoral support with each other, in God's company. This invitation builds our faith linkages every year. This week we pray for the congregations **Alpine and Rural Resource Ministry (ARRM) and Small Church Network** commencing Sunday February 25.

Congregation AGM

The Annual Congregation Meeting will take place after worship on Sunday at 10:30am. This will be an opportunity to receive reports of Emmanuel Church activity for the past year and ratify our Treasurer's Report. All welcome to attend.



Lenten Studies

-still time to join!

At St. Stephen's

Meeting Jesus at the table, Wednesday mornings, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. led by Judy Bedford.

On Zoom

Grounded: Finding God in the World – a Spiritual revolution; Thursdays 8:00 – 9:30 pm; led by Ian Bedford. Zoom link available from Ian or <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84918137081>

At St. John's

Safety net discipleship, Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. (follows worship); study book \$15 available at Parish Office.

At Emmanuel

God's Own Country, First Nations voices speak to the Church, Tuesdays, 2:30 – 4:00 pm.

Lectionary Comment – Mark 8: 31-38

Jesus has asked his disciples: "... who do you say that I am?" (v. 29); Peter has answered him: "You are the Messiah". Jesus now predicts his Passion for the first time. He teaches them something unexpected: that the Messiah ("the Son of Man", v. 31) will suffer, be rejected, killed, and rise again was contrary to contemporary (and their) expectation. When Peter impetuously rejects Jesus' teaching, he is told that he is under the influence of the devil: he is relying on human values, not divine ones (v. 33). Jesus then describes true discipleship: first, a disciple must renounce self-centeredness ("deny themselves", v. 34) and follow him. Those who are prepared to give even their lives ("take up their cross") for his sake and for the sake of spreading the good news ("gospel", v. 35) will have (eternal) life. Those who seek worldly well-being and deny their true selves will be the losers (vv. 35-37). View things from a divine, rather than human, viewpoint! At the Last Day ("when he comes in ... glory", v. 38), Christ will not stand up for those who shirk from being identified with him and the good news.

Chris Haslam of the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton

Emmanuel Roster

February 25

Elder on Duty: Carol Harris
Reader: David Robinson
Prayers: Karen Robinson
Early Word: Carol Harris

TV Screen: Harold Cover
Usher: David Robinson
Pianist: Colin Harris

March 3

Elder on Duty: David Robinson
Reader: Betty Bjorksten
Prayers: LouAnne Stabb
Early Word: LouAnne Stabb

TV Screen: Harold Cover
Usher: Ted Stabb
Pianist: LouAnne Stabb

Coming Events

Sun February 25, 10:30am
Tue February 27, 2:30pm
Wed February 28, 8:30 am
10:30 am
Fri March 1, 9:30am

Emmanuel Congregation AGM after Worship
Lenten Studies at Emmanuel
Grounds and Maintenance
Morning Tea and Fellowship at Emmanuel
Craft Group meet at Emmanuel

Ministers of the Word & Other Contacts

UCA: Rev. Leonie Findlay
(currently unavailable)

Anglican: Fr Jacques Jefferies
02 6024 2129 or 0434 063 069
stjohnsw@bigpond.net.au
[weekly RDO: Friday]

Emmanuel Pastoral Care: speak with an Elder or Warden
Emmanuel Prayer Chain: give requests to Betty Saggars on 0427 761 044
Address: PO Box 435, Wodonga 3689
Office Phone: Emmanuel Meeting Place: (02) 6059 5460
Reaching Out: Items to Harold Cover 02 6024 7929 hcover@bigpond.com
or LouAnne Stabb 0419 644 769 stabb@iinet.net.au by Wednesday.

World Day of Prayer

Please join us as we gather for World Day of Prayer

WHEN: Friday, March 1ST @ 10:30 A.M. -Morning tea to follow

WHERE: Sacred Heart Church, 285 Beechworth Rd., Wodonga

CONTACT: Anne Ph: 6024 3366

MORNING TEA PROVIDED: ALL WELCOME



Prayer of the Week

World Council of Churches

Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands



De Glind, Netherlands. Photo: Albin Hillert/WCC

Give thanks for:

- the important roles political leaders here have played in European integration.
- how people here have led in creative solutions to environmental, economic, and cultural challenges.
- how churches here have overcome barriers and reached out to assure a good life for all.
- the ecumenical contributions that have come from this area, and their continuing support.

Pray for:

- overcoming cultural, linguistic and political barriers and suspicions that remain divisive.
- the haunting legacies of colonization and quests for economic gain.
- immigrants who are alienated or marginalized in these societies.
- greater tolerance and solidarity with all in these societies and around the world.

Photos from Grace Mukozi



Late last year Emmanuel sent \$AUS 1,000 for improvements for the community in which some people from William and Grace's family live in the refugee camp in Uganda. To the left is a cabin which had a very poor roof. Our funds helped to provide the new roof you see in the photo above.

Malaria is a problem in the camp and funds shared provide netting to protect the most vulnerable especially.



These people are part of a Christian community, and they would observe the birth of Christ with special gatherings and food. The photo to the right shows a mother (a child is on her back – see the little legs!) and provisions below that will help her get ready for their 'Christmas'.



Grace and the community thank us for the assistance we have given. Towards the end of June we hope to send another contribution to this community. Your donations can be deposited directly into the church account (details available from LouAnne) or in the envelopes provided on Sunday mornings.