



REACHING OUT

Sunday November 17, 2024

9:00 am at Emmanuel Anglican and Uniting Church

Anglican tradition led by Rev Peter McKeague

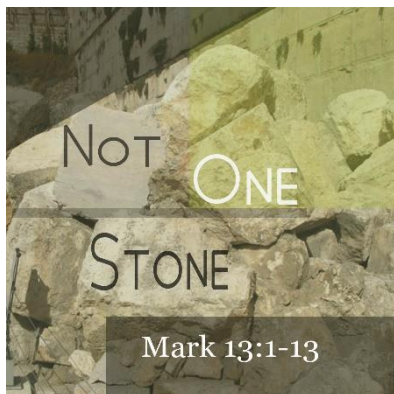
11:15am at Kergunyah Uniting Church

Bible Readings for Sunday November 17

Pentecost 26

1 Samuel 1: 4-20; 1 Samuel 2: 1-10; Hebrews 10: 11-14, (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13: 1-8

The Destruction of the Temple Foretold



As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?'

Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray.

Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Mark 13: 1-8

Bible Readings for Sunday November 24

Christ The King

2 Samuel 23: 1-7; Psalm 132: 1-12, (13-18); Revelation 1: 4b-8; John 18: 33-37

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 of **Euroa and Terip-Ruffy** Sunday November 17.

Coming Events

Wed November 20, 8:30 am

10:30 am

Fri November 22, 9:30 am

Sun November 17, 2:00pm

Sun December 1, 5:00 pm

Grounds and Maintenance

Morning Tea and Fellowship

Craft Group

Songs of Praise at St. Stephen's Church

Joint Anglican & Uniting Worship at St. Stephen's Church
followed by a shared meal

FAITH

Rev Leonie Findlay

PRAYER

Dear Lord, there are times when circumstances and challenges are such that having faith is hard. This is particularly true when sickness strikes us or someone we love. Lord, at such times remind us of all the promises you have given to us particularly the promise that all things are possible with you.

Lord, at times when we are struggling with unbelief help us to work and live as people for whom nothing is impossible because of the promise that you will never leave or forsake us.

This we pray in the name of Jesus

AMEN

SOME THOUGHTS

For a growing faith, the old adage of 'seeing is believing' has to be turned on its head. Contrary to all the rhetoric about faith being mostly a matter of logical conclusion, in fact, faith is a matter of believing our way into seeing. When faith and science clashed in the nineteenth century, many people concluded that the way to faith was first the acceptance of a few basic propositions. Then the use of deductive reasoning from those propositions intending to answer all the questions that arise about the bible and the existence of evil in the world. Through an unintentional result, faith got divided into heart religion verses head religion.

But a vibrant, living, nurturing faith needs all the best of our whole selves.

We can learn to love God with our minds, and we must do so for faith to grow as our intellect and life experiences grow. But the mystics teach us that we cannot stop there. We must go beyond reading, reasoning and evaluation, and turn to prayer, to reading with devotion, to seeking God's presence and grace in all of life.

The ways in which believing is seeing include knowing that there are brilliant stars in the sky

In spite of a murky summer night and a grey day after a grey day. The issue is not how far we can see. It is determined by how far and how hard we are looking with faith. For faith to grow, we cannot depend on what is apparent.

We must look beyond what we can see, beyond what is starkly real in our day to day lives.

Some people talk about faith as if it was easy. But it is not. Faith is hard. Growing and nurturing a faith in God's goodness and grace is a matter of a determined search conducted by a heart open to all the possibilities of that goodness and grace.

Putting our faith in other seemingly deep spiritual persons can be a mistake. They can model faith in practice and discipline for us. But faith cannot be borrowed or exchanged.

One critical aspect of faith is seeing with our hearts that God goes before us. Beckons us forward on the journey of faith and looks upon us with endless mercy and love

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BENEDICTION



Send us now Lord, our God, into the world to accomplish all you have assigned us to do.

Let us live and work without fear and timidity.

AMEN.

Emmanuel Roster

November 17

Elder on Duty: Ted Stabb
Reader: Carol Clutterbuck
Prayers: Carol Harris
Early Word: LouAnne Stabb

TV Screen: Harold Cover
Usher: Rod Clutterbuck
Organist: LouAnne Stabb

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or LouAnne Stabb 0419 644 769 stabb@iinet.net.au by Wednesday.

Refugees Support via Grace



It was lovely to have Grace and her family, including her baby daughter, with us last Sunday. She told us a bit about how the funds we raised earlier this year have been spent to assist young women to gain skills which lead to income earning. See the photos below.

We plan to provide more funds by mid- December so will be accepting gifts for 'refugee support' until Sunday, December 1. Please place in the offering bowl in an envelope marked or note 'refugee support' on a direct deposit to the congregation account.

Bank account details are:

BSB 033-264; Account – 960276.



A young woman is selling fabrics in her community.

A small snack shop for the people in the camp has been opened, giving an income earning opportunity as well as a gathering place.

A young woman has learned to braid hair, something highly valued in their culture and looks very difficult to do.

All of these things our gifts have contributed towards, and we hope to continue to support Grace in her efforts to improve the lives of those who live in the refugee community in the area from which she came.



Joint Anglican & Uniting Advent worship

ST. STEPHEN'S UNITING CHURCH

Nilmar Avenue, Wodonga

Sunday December 1st at 5.00 pm

Worship, singing and creativity for the whole family, followed by a shared meal. Get to know others that worship in the different spaces each week.

ALL WELCOME

Songs of Praise

Sunday, Nov. 17; St. Stephen's, 2:00 pm

Join with people from around the region to sing, praise and worship together. Hear songs old and new and experience some of the fine talent from our local region.

Sponsored by 98.3 the Light, Local Christian Community Radio

Prayer of the Week

World Council of Churches

East Timor (Timor Leste), Indonesia, Philippines



Women winnow peanuts at the United Methodist Church in Banaybanay, a town on the southern Philippines island of Mindanao. They will turn the peanuts into peanut butter they'll sell to raise money for their group's activities. Photo: Paul Jeffrey/Life on earth

We are thankful for:

- the vital witness of churches in this region
- the diversity of ethnicities, cultures and religious beliefs, and especially those in Indonesia who have built bridges between them
- those who have resisted bravely and worked for human rights, justice, peace and reconciliation, especially the National Council of Churches in the Philippines
- those who protest exploitative mining, deforestation and other environmental damage.

We pray for:

- governments in Indonesia, the Philippines, and Timor Leste, that they will eradicate corruption, establish justice and peace, and work effectively for the wellbeing of all their people
- victims of violence, torture, drug and human trafficking, and human rights violations, that those responsible might be held accountable
- all those affected by earthquakes, tsunamis and other natural disasters, and for the rebuilding of communities afterwards
- ecumenical and interfaith cooperation to bring justice, peace and sustainability to these lands.

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Charity Christmas Cards

Send your Christmas cheer and support those in need.

Proceeds from card sales will support individuals, families and communities in crisis this Christmas.

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