

St Mark's Anglican Church Camberwell

We are a church passionate about seeing people come to know Jesus Christ and be built up in Him.



Welcome to St. Mark's, particularly if you are new or visiting us. Please take the opportunity to introduce yourself to one of our welcomers, or one of our service leaders today, and join us for refreshments after the service.

14 June 2009

9am All-Together Service

Leader: Gordon Pont

Preacher: Amanda Lyons

11am Morning Prayer

Leader: Ron Chidgey

Preacher: Ron Chidgey

7pm Holy Communion

Leader: Nate Raiter

Preacher: Ron Chidgey

From the Locum

Christ's Compelling Love

FOR THE LOVE OF GOD URGES US ON, BECAUSE WE ARE CONVINCED THAT ONE HAS DIED FOR ALL; THEREFORE ALL HAVE DIED. AND HE DIED FOR ALL, THAT THOSE WHO LIVE MIGHT LIVE NO LONGER FOR THEMSELVES BUT FOR HIM WHO FOR THEIR SAKE DIED AND WAS RAISED.

FROM NOW ON, THEREFORE, WE REGARD NO ONE FROM A HUMAN POINT OF VIEW EVEN THOUGH WE ONCE REGARDED CHRIST FROM A HUMAN POINT OF VIEW, WE REGARD HIM THUS NO LONGER. THEREFORE IF ANY ARE IN CHRIST THEY ARE A NEW CREATION, THE OLD HAS PASSED AWAY, BEHOLD, THE NEW HAS COME. (2 Corinthians 5:14-17)

Paul declares that: "THE LOVE OF CHRIST URGES US ON" (v14) and we need to hear this in our ministry because the tasks to which our Lord calls us can be demanding.

Likewise, says Paul, there is this far more powerful and persuasive "love of Christ which urges us on" in our service to the Saviour, which seems to imply that there can be no more compelling force in the Christian life.

And that's why he encourages each of us, and all of us, to recognise that particular love as the fuel that feeds the fires of our faithful service. Sustained commitment is the consequence of Christ's compelling love. One writer has rightly confessed that it is only Christ's love - with us, for us and within us - "THAT ENABLES THE MARTYRS TO ENDURE".

Having introduced us to the deepest truth of this towering love, he then gives voice to what is "BOTH THE GREATEST

ACT AND HIS OWN DEEPEST CONVICTION”, i.e., “CHRIST DIED FOR ALL” (v15).

This, then, is the unaltered declaration of the Lord’s own Apostle: “THE LOVE OF CHRIST URGES US ON, BECAUSE WE ARE CONVINCED THAT ONE HAS DIED FOR ALL.” What unqualified confidence with which Paul speaks that truth from one who faced the horrors of stoning, beatings, rejections and yet he speaks with stunning conviction: “WE ARE CONVINCED”, he cries, “WE ARE CONVICTED!”

Paul grounds the life of faith in Calvary. He points to Calvary and to the glory of that first Easter dawn and says, “THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING!” So, “FROM NOW ON... WE REGARD NO ONE FROM A HUMAN POINT OF VIEW” (v16).

And so when we embrace the ministry of service, we do so for one reason only, because Christ: “DIED AND WAS RAISED FOR THEM” (v15)

For reflection: Ministry for our Saviour is not about personal power or charisma. There’s only one source of strength: “THE LOVE OF CHRIST, WHICH URGES US ON” (Walsh).

Quotation: “NOTHING IS SWEETER THAN LOVE” (Thomas a Kempis)

St Mark’s Church Weekend Away - Coming Soon!

Preparations are now underway for our Church Weekend Away. Please mark the date in your diaries **August 28-30**.

We’ll be joined by Rob Miller, Minister at St. Jude’s Carlton, who will speak to us about God’s powerful Holy Spirit. Our accommodation this year is the excellent Phillip Island Adventure Resort. It promises to be a great weekend together. Please plan to join us there!

Invitation

The people, parishes, agencies, schools, lay ministers and clergy of the Eastern Region are invited to attend an **Eastern Region Eucharist to welcome Bp Barbara Darling on Wednesday 29th July 2009 at 8.00pm**

All Souls' Rowville (RAFT), 131 Taylors Lane, Rowville

Clergy not to robe. Supper will follow (each Parish is invited to contribute a plate of supper)

Mission Dinner

This year's Mission Dinner will be held on **Friday 24 July**. Please put this date in your diaries. We need to raise \$5,000 for Mission to Kowanyama and Pam Wardle is looking for items for the silent auction. This year she would like a few more items appropriate to men. If you can provide help or have items to donate, please contact Pam on 0416 114 834.

Incumbency Committee - Parish Consultancy

Parishioners are respectfully reminded that the **Parish Consultancy meeting will take place TODAY**. The meeting, which will be chaired by Diocesan Consultant Rika Mason, will commence at 2.30pm in the Brooksbank Hall. The purpose of this meeting will be to:

- Discuss a report to be distributed at the meeting that summarises the responses to the survey and to agree any variations to the 2007 Profile, and
- Allocate an order of preference to the criteria set out in the agreed new Profile.

All parishioners are urged to attend the meeting, if at all possible.

Incumbency Committee; Mark Chew, Peter Harcourt & Chris White

Prayer for the Incumbency Committee

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Please be prayerful for our elected Incumbency Committee, Mark Chew, Peter Harcourt and Chris White, as they seek the Lord's blessing and guidance, wisdom and discernment.

Debriefing Facility for Parishioners

A facility has been made available for any parishioners who may wish to speak with an independent person with regard to the recent resignation of Matthew Pickering. Ms Rika Mason, who is a consultant to the Diocese of Melbourne, will provide this service to parishioners and staff members upon individual request. This service will be available until **15 June 2009** and will be conducted on a strictly confidential basis. Rika has been asked to report any emerging underlying trends to the churchwardens, but without naming any individuals. Those who wish to speak to Rika are asked to phone her on 0437 810 994 to agree a mutually convenient time and place to meet.

Upcoming June Birthdays

14 th	Isobel Atkinson
14 th	Chris White
17 th	Amanda Lyons
19 th	Ina Macbeth
20 th	Ray Pearce

Footscray Appeal

Southern Sudanese refugee families continue to arrive in Australia and some find their new home in the Western suburbs of Melbourne. They arrive with very little in the way of material needs. If you are able to help provide any of the following items, they would be greatly appreciated:

- Warm, clean blankets
- Warm, clean clothing - for babies, children and adults
- Clean pillows and bed linen
- Good quality, clean kitchen utensils - china, cutlery, saucepans etc **(no electrical appliances)**

I go to Footscray on Tuesday mornings during term time, and am happy to take items over with me. **Please only donate items that are clean and in good condition**, so when received they are ready to wear or use. Donations are sorted through before being taken to Footscray and, unfortunately, in the past many have not been in an acceptable condition to deliver. I would ask you to please be discerning in your selection of goods to donate.

Items could either be left at the church office, or you could phone me on 9888 4909 and arrange for me to collect them or for you to drop them off at my home.

Many thanks, Jan Harcourt

Church Lighting

The replacement of the blown spotlights has been delayed whilst alternative lighting configurations (that might produce lower maintenance costs) were canvassed. This has demonstrated that replacing our ceiling mounted lights as the need arises (scaffolding, labour and fittings) is the most affordable way to go at the present time.

It is expected that the lights will be replaced next week.

Peter Harcourt, Property Warden

Prayer of the week

Lord, we beseech you to keep your family, the Church, in continual godliness, that through your protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve you in good works, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

For your prayers this week

- Pray for the sick and those recovering from illness:
 - Geoff (Lisa Scerri's brother)
 - Bob Johnson
 - Peter
 - Frances Moore
 - Marjorie Wilson
 - Beth Sturzaker
 - David
 - James
 - Brian (Andrew Gibson's friend)
 - John (Pam W's brother-in-law)
 - Libby Harold
 - Sarah Hookey (Margaret & Neil's granddaughter)
 - Brian Connolly
- Pray for our local schools - CGGS, CGS & Auburn Primary

If you know of others who are sick or otherwise in need of prayer, please fill in a Communication Card.

Dates for your diary

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| Today | 2.30pm Parish Consultancy Meeting |
| 12 July | 9am and 11am Bishop Barbara Darling's visit |
| 19 July | Farewell to Bishop Stephen and Karen Hale after 9am service |
| 24 July | Mission Dinner |
| 28-30 Aug | Church Weekend Away |

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Next Sunday - 21 June

9am Prayer, Praise and Proclamation

Leader: Mark Chew

Preacher: Karen Hale

11am Holy Communion

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7pm Prayer and Praise

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