

Gelorup Anglican Community Church

The Chapel of St Francis & St Clare

Jenour Court Gelorup 6230



Sharing Christ Together

“Nothing is so awful that you can’t talk with someone about it” Kids helpline **1800 55 1800**

Happy birthday

Holly 16th Dec



Weekly Prayer Chain

This week please pray for Adam



Mission Giving 2017

10% of all offertories will go to missions

Jan/Feb – Anglicord	\$381.54
March – Jerusalem Appeal	\$159.04
April/May – Mission to Seafarers	\$399.16
June/July – ABM	\$363.89
Aug/Sept – Boniface Care	\$305.20

Bible Study Groups

Thursday 2pm – Bett 9795 8771
Wednesday 7.30pm - Rob 97958089

Articles for next newsletter email barbara.mcdowell@bigpond.com and if you would like the newsletter via email, please send your email address.

Income/expenses Oct 2017

Total income	\$2239.47
Expenses	\$ 922.20
Profit	\$1317.27

Annual Meeting of Parishoners

Feb 25th 2018, nominations due by Feb 11th

Changes to Diocese Legislation

Some changes have come from Synod, a summary may be found on the notice board, see Geoff for any clarification

December

Please contribute to the **Christmas hampers** to brighten the Christmas of a needy family.

Posada is coming – see Bett if you’d like to host our Mary & Joseph figurines as they journey to Christmas Eve.

TEAR Useful catalogue

Stuck for gift ideas?
<https://www.usefulgifts.org>

Christmas Bowl appeal – envelopes available



SWOC Annual Christmas Choral Concert

Sunday 10th Dec – TODAY at 2pm – St Boniface Cathedral. Tickets at the door.

Next Council Meeting Tues 12th Dec 6pm

Teenagers Fun night

Thurs Dec 14th at 6.30pm at Clare & Andrew Kirke’s home – 7 Swain Place Gelorup for pizza and games

Rehearsal for the short play in the service of **Carols on Christmas Eve** - will be held 5pm Friday 15th Dec. If you would like to be in it, or were already in the play on 24th Nov, please come to this rehearsalor let Marion know, if you can't be there.

Garden Circle Dec 16th 8.30-11 at Jill’s

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December 6.30pm

Christmas Day Monday 25th December 9.30am

New Year’s Eve Sunday 31st December 6.30pm - Followed by BBQ at Jill’s

Prayer gathering

Before the first service of each month at 9am for 10-15 minutes – Jan 7th

Contacts:

For latest rosters, sermons and other information please visit us on facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/gelorupanglicancommunitychurch> or website <http://gelorupanglican.weebly.com/>

Further Sermons and Worship resources at: www.bunburygoodshepherd.com

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Parish Council: Geoff Chadwick, Marion Prowse, Barbara McDowell, Emily McKelvie, Bett Keyser, Lorie Dawson, Margaret Davies, Teresa Partridge (minute sec.)

Direct debit offerings: Gelorup Anglican Community Church: BSB & Account Number: 036-810 300031586

Please consider prayerfully the amount you would like to give. Thank you for supporting the church!

1st Reading -Isaiah 40.1-11

¹ Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. ³ A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' ⁶ A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. ⁹ Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' ¹⁰ See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.
Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13

¹ O Lord, you were gracious to your land: **you restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

² You forgave the iniquity of your people: **and covered all their sin.**

⁸ I will hear what the Lord God will speak: **for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.**

⁹ Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him: **and his glory shall dwell in our land.**

¹⁰ Mercy and truth are met together: **righteousness and peace have kissed each other;**

¹¹ Truth shall flourish out of the earth: **and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹² The Lord will also give us all that is good: **and our land shall yield its plenty.**

¹³ For righteousness shall go before him: **and tread the path before his feet.**

2nd Reading –2 Peter 3.8-15a

⁸ But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. ¹¹ Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³ But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. ¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵ and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him.
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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 1.1-8, **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

¹ The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', ⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'
For the Gospel of our Lord, **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Prayer at the time of choosing a Bishop

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this diocese a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your Church be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.