Second Sunday in Lent

12th March 2017

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 BirthdayDeclanMarch 13thSueMarch 14thQuentinMarch 17thAdamMarch 17th



<u>Weekly Prayer Chain</u> This week please pray for Darren



<u>Mission Giving</u> 2017 10% of all offertories will go to missions Jan/Feb – Anglicord

<u>Bible Study Groups</u> Tuesday evening 7.30pm contact Rob Mc Cafferty 9795 8089

Thursday 2pm – contact Bett Keyser 9795 8771

Articles for next newsletter email barbara.mcdowell@bigpond.com and if you would like the newsletter via email, please send your email address. <u>Next Council Meeting</u> Tues March 14th at 6pm

Gardening Circle Details coming soon

Prayer gathering Before the first service of each month at 9am for 10-15 minutes –next 2nd April

<u>Good Friday choir</u> begins practising at the Lutheran College from Sun 19th Feb at 7pm.

Easter Services

13th April Maundy Thursday at Cathedral14th April Good Friday10am Dalyellup16th April Easter Sunday9.30am Gelorup

Volunteers needed for Good Friday play -Combined service at Dalyellup Community Centre



Care packages

Donations of items for care packages are welcome so these can be delivered to the Women's Refuge before Easter. See Margaret for details.

Women's 11 - Cursillo Weekend

7 – 9 July 2017 –BCGS Prayfully consider attending – forms available; or speak with Barbara or Marion.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - Safe Church

We have received a letter from the Bishop advising that all church leaders and volunteers are required to attend a Safe Church workshop and also complete a Volunteer Form, Volunteer Police Check, and hold a current Working With Children Card (if necessary) in order to continue in current and future positions.

This applies to you if you are on the Parish Council, lead or host groups such as Children's Church or Bible Study, or if you minister or volunteer in any other capacity, like serving, welcoming and/or playing music.

To book into an upcoming Safe Church Workshop, please see Teresa for a registration form.

The dates are: 11th March - Busselton 25th March - Albany 1st April – Coodanup

If you have yet to complete your paperwork, or have not yet received it, please let Teresa know as soon as possible.

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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 - Genesis 12.1-4a

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' ⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills: **but where shall I find help?**
- ² My help comes from the Lord: who has made heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not suffer your foot to stumble: and he who watches over you will not sleep.
- ⁴ Be sure he who has charge of Israel: will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The Lord himself is your keeper: **the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;**
- ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day: **nor shall the moon by night.**
- ⁷ The Lord will defend you from all evil: it is he who will guard your life.
- ⁸ The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in: from this time forward for evermore.

2nd Reading - Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 3.1-17, Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² 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.' ³ Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴ 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?' ⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸ 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.' ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?¹¹ '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.¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ '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.¹⁷ '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. For the Gospel of our Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ