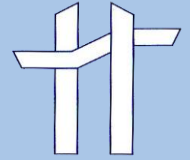


Gelorup Anglican Community Church

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

Darren 17th Dec
Sarah 23rd Dec



Weekly Prayer Chain

This week please pray for Lorraine & Vic



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
Oct/Nov - CMS \$354.53

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 Nov 2017

Total income \$1465.05
Expenses \$1055.00
Profit \$ 410.05

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

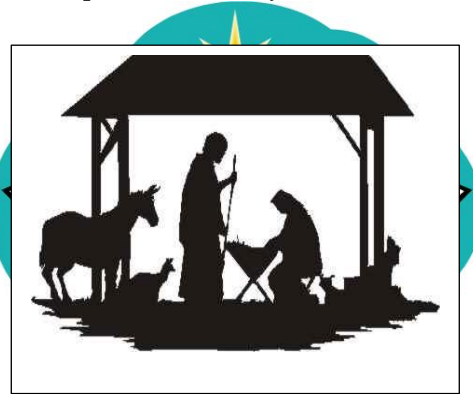
Stuck for gift ideas?
<https://www.usefulgifts.org>

Christmas Bowl appeal – envelopes available



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



January

Prayer gathering

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

Next Council Meeting Tues Feb 13th 6pm

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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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 61.1-4, 8-11

¹ The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;

² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

⁸ For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹ Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

¹ When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion: **then were we like those restored to life.**

² Then was our mouth filled with laughter: **and our tongue with singing.**

³ Then said they among the heathen: **'The Lord has done great things for them.'**

⁴ Truly the Lord has done great things for us: **and therefore we rejoiced.**

⁵ Turn again our fortunes, O Lord: **as the streams return to the dry south.**

⁶ Those who sow in tears: **shall reap with songs of joy.**

⁷ They that go out weeping, bearing the seed: **shall come again in gladness, bringing their sheaves with them.**

2nd Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5.12-28

¹² But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; ¹³ esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴ And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. ¹⁵ See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²² abstain from every form of evil. ²³ May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. ²⁵ Beloved, pray for us. ²⁶ Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. ²⁷ I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them. ²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 1.6-8, 19-28, **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ¹⁹ This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' ²⁰ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' ²¹ And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' ²² Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' ²³ He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord"', as the prophet Isaiah said. ²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵ They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' ²⁶ John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷ the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' ²⁸ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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.