

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 birthdayEmily 24th Dec**Congratulations**

Emily & Michael – on the arrival of James

Weekly Prayer Chain

This week please pray for Michelle

**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

7 Christmas hampers went to needy families in the community this year

Bible Study GroupsThursday 2pm – Bett 9795 8771
Wednesday 7.30pm - Rob 97958089Articles 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 ParishonersFeb 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**Christmas Bowl appeal** – envelopes available**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**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**Contacts:**

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<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 33.17-22

¹⁷ Your eyes will see the king in his beauty; they will behold a land that stretches far away. ¹⁸ Your mind will muse on the terror: 'Where is the one who counted? Where is the one who weighed the tribute? Where is the one who counted the towers?' ¹⁹ No longer will you see the insolent people, the people of an obscure speech that you cannot comprehend, stammering in a language that you cannot understand. ²⁰ Look on Zion, the city of our appointed festivals! Your eyes will see Jerusalem, a quiet habitation, an immovable tent, whose stakes will never be pulled up, and none of whose ropes will be broken. ²¹ But there the Lord in majesty will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams, where no galley with oars can go, nor stately ship can pass. ²² For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our ruler, the Lord is our king; he will save us.

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

Psalm 85

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.**

³ You put aside all your wrath: **and turned away from your fierce indignation.**

⁴ Return to us again, O God our saviour: **and let your anger cease from us.**

⁵ Will you be displeased with us for ever: **will you stretch out your wrath from one generation to another?**

⁶ Will you not give us life again: **that your people may rejoice in you?**

⁷ Show us your mercy, O Lord: **and grant us your salvation.**

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 – Revelation 22.14-21

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practises falsehood. ¹⁶ 'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' ¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; ¹⁹ if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. ²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 1.26-38, Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵ The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.' ³⁸ Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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.