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

December Services	
Morning Prayer	2^{nd}
Eucharist	9^{th}
Prayer/Praise/Proclamation	16^{th}
Eucharist	$23^{\rm rd}$
Christmas Eve 6.30pm	$24^{\rm th}$
Christmas Day 9.30am	25^{th}
Prayer/Praise/Proclamation	30^{th}
New Year's Eve 6.30pm	31^{st}

Happy Birthday

Ryan Dec 3rd



Weekly Prayer Chain

Several years ago at our church camp we started an initiative to pray each week for a member/ family of our community. This week please take time to pray for Ferdi and family



Mission Giving 2018

10% of all offertories will go to missions
Jan/Feb – Anglicord \$349.48
March – YouthCARE \$142.80
April/May - Mission to Seafarers \$362.65
June/July – ABM \$342.95
Aug/Sept – Boniface care \$330.17

Donation to Medical Kids Bunbury \$200

Dec and beyond...

Prayer gathering

Another initiative from our camp was to gather for prayer each month before the service. Please join in. Before the first service of each month at 9am for 10-15 minutes – TODAY

Income/expenses October 2018

Total income \$1929.42 Expenses \$1340.47 Profit \$588.95

Bible Study Groups

Thursday 2pm - Bett 9795 8771

Collecting for Christmas hampers NOW



Posada

Bett will be gathering names for our Posada tradition again this year. If you could host Mary & Joseph for a night or two and pray with them as they travel to Bethlehem, please let Bett know.

SWOC Christmas Concert

2pm Sun 9th Dec, St Boniface Cathedral. Enjoy uplifting, heavenly Christmas music sung by this very talented choir, and accompanied by an orchestra (including Breanna on violin). \$25 per person, \$20 conc. Tickets at the door.

Next Council Meeting

Tues Dec 18th 6pm

Please make a note in your diary or mark on your calendar.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

February 24th, nominations needed by Feb 10th, reports by Feb 17th

Anglican "Messenger" now available online

Canterbury Window

A sample of the window design with the glass donated by The Archbishop of Canterbury (on his visit some years ago) is available to view. Parish Committee made a contribution to this but tax deductable personal contributions are also welcome to the school building fund.

Thank you to our visitors from Gideons last week. Please pray for their ministry.

Congratulations to Jim on his scholarship for Trumpet in 2019.

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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. Your support helps us in our service to others.

First Sunday of Advent 2nd December 2018

1st Reading - Jeremiah 33.14-16

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.' Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Psalms 25.1-10

- ¹ In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope: in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- ² Let none who wait for you be put to shame: but let those that break faith be confounded and gain nothing.
- ³ Show me your ways, O Lord: **and teach me your paths.**
- ⁴ Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me: for you are the God of my salvation.
- ⁵ In you have I hoped all the day long: because of your goodness, O Lord.
- ⁶ Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness: for they are from of old.
- ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: **but according to your mercy think on me.**
- ⁸ Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he direct sinners in the way.
- ⁹ The meek he will guide in the path of justice: and teach the humble his ways.
- ¹⁰ All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true: for those who keep his covenant and his commandments.

2nd Reading – 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 21.25-38, Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ ²⁵ 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.²⁷ Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' 29 Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 34 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.' 37 Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. ³⁸ And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

For the Gospel of our Lord, Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ