

# 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**

Eucharist	9 <sup>th</sup>
Prayer/Praise/Proclamation	16 <sup>th</sup>
Eucharist	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Christmas Eve 6.30pm	24 <sup>th</sup>
Christmas Day 9.30am	25 <sup>th</sup>
Prayer/Praise/Proclamation	30 <sup>th</sup>
New Year’s Eve 6.30pm	31 <sup>st</sup>

**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 Christine Seymour



**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

Anglican “Messenger” now available online

**Bible Study Groups**

Thursday 2pm – Bett 9795 8771

**Dec and beyond...**

**SWOC Christmas Concert**

2pm Today at 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.

**Collecting for Christmas hampers NOW**



Non-perishable food items, including Christmas treats

**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.



**Next Council Meeting**

Tues Dec 18th 6pm  
Please make a note in your diary or mark on your calendar.

**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 – Jan 6th

**Annual Meeting of Parishioners**

February 24<sup>th</sup>, nominations needed by Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, reports by Feb 17<sup>th</sup>

**Parish Roll**

If you are unsure if you are a voting member of this Parish, please ask Barbara and complete an application if required.

**Income/expenses October 2018**

Total income	\$1929.42
Expenses	<u>\$1340.47</u>
Profit	\$ 588.95

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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.

**1st Reading - Malachi 3.1-14**

<sup>1</sup> See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. <sup>5</sup> Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>6</sup> For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished. <sup>7</sup> Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?' <sup>8</sup> Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, 'How are we robbing you?' In your tithes and offerings!<sup>9</sup> You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me—the whole nation of you! <sup>10</sup> Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. <sup>11</sup> I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>12</sup> Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>13</sup> You have spoken harsh words against me, says the Lord. Yet you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' <sup>14</sup> You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What do we profit by keeping his command or by going about as mourners before the Lord of hosts?

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

**Song of Zechariah**

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel: **you have come to your people and set them free.**

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour: **born of the house of your servant David.**

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old: **to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us, To show mercy to our forebears: and to remember your holy covenant.**

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: **to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

Free to worship you without fear: **holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High: **for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,**

To give God's people knowledge of salvation: **by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God: **the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death: **and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Philippians 1.1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: <sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup> constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup> because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup> to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup> having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 3.1-6, Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>1</sup> In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene,

<sup>2</sup> during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup> as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; <sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' '

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