



The ANGLICAN PARISH of
Leongatha

Sunday 30th August 2020

PARISH VISION

Preparing the way for the love of Jesus Christ to reach all people.

A YEAR OF MISSION

On Vision Sunday the Rector designated 2020 to be a Year of Mission.

Sentence

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him.
Matthew 16:24-25

Prayer of the Week

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings

Exodus 3:1-15

Romans 12:9-21

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26

Matthew 16:21-28

Pastoral Care

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Financial Stewardship

Leongatha Anglican Church

Electronic banking details **BSB Number** 083 735 **Account Number** 51 5883623.

Cheques may be posted to PO Box 271, Leongatha, Vic 3953. Payable to 'Leongatha Anglican Church Parish Council Parish Account'.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS- MINISTRY UPDATE

Ordination

Sometimes life throws up the strangest things. During 2020 our Diocese has suffered devastating bushfires and the effects of the pandemic along with the global community. In the midst of all this there has been a slow stream of people responding to the call of God to ordination in Gippsland. The strange thing is that they all come from beyond our Diocese. We are humbly thankful for every person who gets in touch with us but we believe God is doing great things within our own Diocese. If you sense the Holy Spirit nudging you towards ordination please contact Bishop Richard or Graham Knott (0490045581).

Care Packages

In the coming weeks we will be delivering special items to Parishioners including, Holy Communion, The Gippsland Anglican and shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child (Samaritans Purse). We will be in contact by phone over the next week or so to say hello and take delivery requests. If you know someone who may not be on our Parish Roll but would appreciate a care package please let either Belinda or Graham know.

**Deliveries continue throughout the Parish, thanks for your patience and encouragement.

Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer is a structured half hour service that includes Old and New testament Bible readings, a time for reflection and discussion of the Scriptures and a time to pray together. Morning Prayer is offered Monday to Friday at 9am via Zoom. It is easy to join and a special way to meet and worship together in the current lock down.

If you are interested please contact Belinda or Maryann Ashton – maryannashton423@gmail.com

The Gippsland Anglican August edition

The Gippsland Anglican is now available online

https://www.gippsanglican.org.au/assets/00TGA/2020/TGA_Aug_20FINAL.pdf

HELP WITH TECHNOLOGY

St Peter's Church is currently connecting via, home phone, mobile phone, email, website, Facebook, YouTube and Zoom. If you need some help with technology please be in touch, we would be happy to help you.

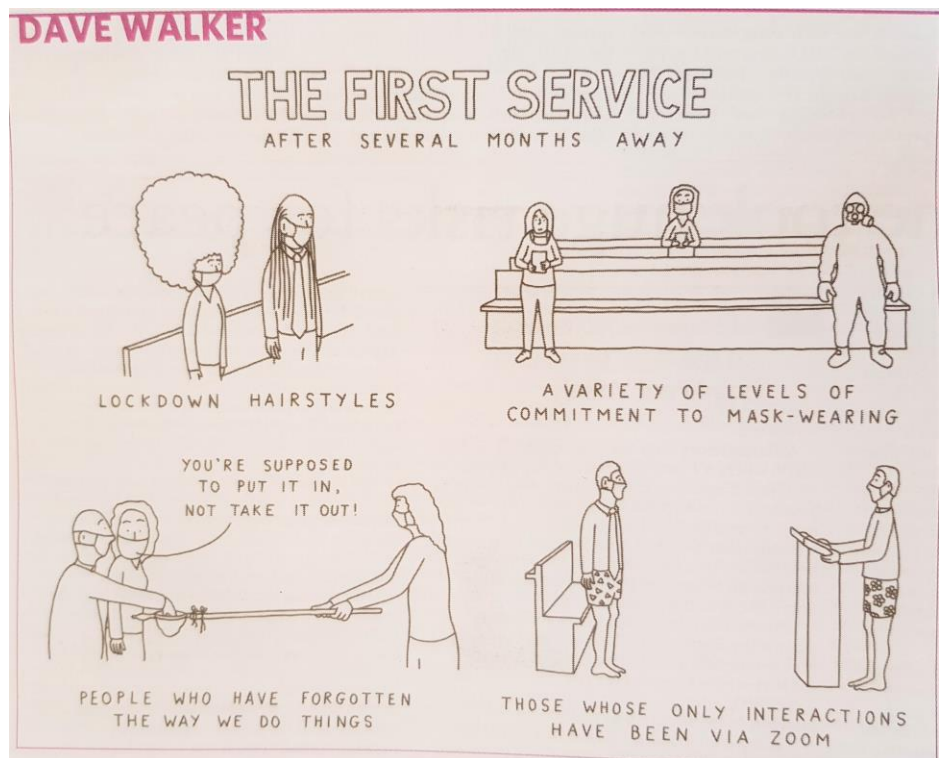
Readings for next week 6th September

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 149

Romans 13:1-10

Matthew 18:10-20



LET US PRAY

Father, I place into your hands the things I cannot do.
Father, I place into your hands the times that I've been through.
Father, I place into your hands the way that I should go,
For I know I always can trust you.

Father, I place into your hands my friends and family.
Father, I place into your hands the things that trouble me.
Father, I place into your hands the person I would be,
For I know I always can trust you.

Father, I love to seek your face, I love to hear your voice.
Father, I love to sing your praise, and in your name rejoice.
Father, I love to walk with you and in your presence rest.
For I know I always can trust you.

Father, I want to be with you and do the things you do.
Father, I want to speak the words that you are speaking too.
Father, I want to love the ones that you will draw to you,
For I know that I am one with you.

Jenny Hewer

Prayer Chain

For prayer chain requests please contact Maryann Ashton on 0438 644 315



GRAHAM'S GEMS – 30th August 2020

Some days you had to wonder whether it was worth it. Standing there at the end of the 50 metre pool in the freezing cold at 6.00am as yet another training morning started. The day was pretty much like yesterday at 6.00am and you knew that tomorrow would be exactly the same. You wondered whether it was worth it. The whole training thing was simply so much work. It hurt at times and what made it worse for some of us was that our hair reacted with the pool chemicals and turned green! Not only did we behave

like aliens with our strange early morning and evening disciplines we actually looked like Martians! There were many of our mates who assured us it wasn't worthwhile. They would ask us why we endured such self-imposed punishment. They wanted to know why we chose to have so little time to enjoy ourselves. Life was for having fun.

What made it more than worth it for everyone was the exhilaration of winning. I was always part of great teams whether at school or club. And nothing beats the celebration of working hard and then finishing first. What mattered was that we had given ourselves totally and we had made it. At that point everybody wanted to be us! The days of hard work were forgotten. Even our mates wanted to be us when we were winners.

The whole of the recorded ministry of Jesus was like our training sessions. Day in and out he did the same thing – shared the life of the kingdom through deliverance, teaching and healing. There were days when he wanted to rest. Yet still every morning through to the evening he persevered.

The reason he persevered was because he could see the podium at the end. Jesus could see that he was heading towards certain death and was in training for that through the discipline of revealing and releasing the kingdom of God. That was the paradox in his life. My friends and I faced the pain of training in the hope of the victory applause on carnival day. People couldn't grasp that Jesus would do so much good initially for it to end in pain and rejection on the target day. Yet the end wasn't death but life on the third day.

Little wonder that Peter, among Jesus' closest friends, couldn't get it. He couldn't see the end – only the pain. That felt totally wrong, undeserved and unjustified. Jesus encouraged him and us to take the long view. We are to be those who give ourselves to sharing the kingdom consistently, day in and out. It feels like carrying a cross and dying to self. However, we are in training for something far greater – the prize of eternal reward and life immersed within the totality of God's love. Most of your friends will think you're crazy now but they can't see where we are headed. How sad. Not much has changed since school days at 6.00am!