



NEWS SHEET 17th March 2024

A warm welcome to St Timothy's and St James' Churches Making lifelong disciples of Jesus

SENTENCE & PRAYER

'This is the covenant I will make with them,' says the Lord: 'I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.'

Jeremiah 31:33

Almighty and eternal God, you have made of one blood all the nations of the earth and will that they live together in peace and harmony; so order the course of this world that all peoples may be brought together under Christ's most gentle rule; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Times

St James' Thursdays - 9am

St Timothy's Wednesdays 9.30am

Sundays - 9.45am

All Welcome

NOTICES



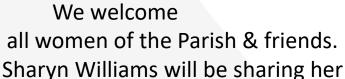
Easter Eggs Needed

Can you contribute Easter eggs again this year? They need to be separately wrapped and can be either minis, or medium size hollow eggs.

Please NO marshmallow ones. (The kids don't like them anymore!)

Burnside - Harewood AAW





amazing experiences in India & more.

Tuesday 26th March, St James' Hall, 750 Harewood Rd, 1.45pm.

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This fortnight our focus is on personal hygiene and sanitary items.



Please give if you are able to.

THIS WEEKS SERVICES

Sun 8.45am Holy Communion Service at St James' Hebrews 5:5-10 (p1865) John 12:20-33 (p1671)	John Fox
Sun 10.15am Family Communion Service at St Tim's Hebrews 5:5-10 (p1865) John 12:20-33 (p1671)	John Fox
Sun 5.00pm Evening Service at St Timothy's	Adrian Brunt
Submit yourselves to God - James 4:1-12	
Wed 11.00am Holy Communion Service at St Tim's	Jill Keir
Pop in for a cuppa and chat at 10.30am.	

NEXT FORTNIGHT AT A GLANCE

March

Wed 20th - Prayer at St Tim's | 9.30am

- Cuppa, Chat & Communion | St Tim's | 10.30am

Knitting Group | St James' | 1-2.30

Study & Prayer | St James' | 9am Thurs 21st

- Gold Card Club | 10am | St Tim's

Sun 24th - Palm Sunday

- 8.45am | Holy Communion Service | St James'

- Family Service | 10.15am | St Tim's | with Kids 4 Christ

Sundays @ 5 | St Tim's

- Tea and Tots | St Tim's | 10am Mon 25th

- Prayer at St Tim's | 9.30am Wed 27th

Cuppa, Chat & Communion | St Tim's | 10.30am

Study & Prayer | St James' | 9am Thurs 28th

- Gold Card Club | 10am | St Tim's

- Good Friday Fri 29th

- 9.00am | Reflective Service | St James'

St Tim's | Pop in between 10.30am - 12 noon

All Age Prayer Reflections

- Easter Saturday "Fun for the Kids" | St Tim's | 2-4pm Sat 30th Sun 31st

Easter Sunday

- 8.45am | Holy Communion Service | St James'

Family Celebration Service with Communion

10.15am | St Tim's with Kids 4 Christ

Sundays @ 5 | St Tim's

A SEASON OF REFLECTION, RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION

MISSION MATTERS

Recently, I felt overwhelmed by the evil and suffering I had been watching each night, as I tuned in to watch the reports from Gaza. As I cried out to my God to do something to stop it, I heard (thought??) the words, "Don't look away." Hence, after a few days of rebalancing myself, I have turned my gaze back to Gaza again, because the reality is, there is no indication in the Bible, that we should pause the working out of the imperative of the Great Commission when wars or major calamities occur. Thus people, I am once again, bringing to your attention, the need for funds to support the humanitarian work the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem is doing in very trying circumstances.

A standout examples of Christian commitment, is the Al Ahli Anglican Hospital in Gaza city, that the Diocese runs. After the first hospital, established by the Church Missionary Society in the late 1800s, was destroyed in the First World War, the current hospital was built once again by CMS. It is one of the few Christian witnesses in that city and is often described as a "beacon of hope". Its facilities are open to anyone in need. To get a glimpse of its services please go to: https:// www.amostrust.org/palestine-justice/partners/al-ahli-hospital/. That link gives you a glimpse of its services when there was relative peace in Gaza. Sadly, that was not often and yet the hospital has bounced back from many disasters. Over the years there have been flare-ups of violence between Hamas and Israel; consider just recent times - war-like hostilities in 2014, 2018, and 2021, the pandemic in 2020 /2021, and now this recent invasion by Israel. The Director of the Hospital once wrote, "I've lived through three wars in Gaza, and I've seen nothing like this. The destruction is everywhere. I can't describe the horror and fear we feel. For the first time I am depressed and terrified." That quote was from 2021 and this war is so much worse.

As I reported last month, miraculously the hospital is still functioning. The structure is still relatively undamaged, and even when the hospital was under siege, operations were still being performed. During that siege some of the staff were detained for questioning and released in Rafah, in the south. They have not returned, as the trip would be too dangerous.

However, medical staff from other non-functioning hospitals, have joined the staff at Al Ahli. As one of the few functioning hospitals they are overwhelmed by injured, traumatised people seeking help, medical supplies are running low, and fuel to run the generators is in short supply. The grounds are like a refugee camp as many people have been displaced and camping where they can.

Food, clean water, and sanitary toilet facilities are in short supply throughout the Gaza strip. According to a doctor working there, 74% of children under 2 have diarrhoea, malnourishment is occurring and there is real fear for the general population's health, particularly that of children and newborn babies. (WHO reports make for sombre reading.) While the situation in Gaza is dire, the situation in the West Bank is also deteriorating, and it is feared hunger will also set in there as Palestinians are denied entry into their normal place of work in Israel. With no income savings are running low.

I have outlined these conditions, as these are the areas that the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem ministers in and why they are part of this year's Lenten Appeal. Please email me if you would like to access a recording of a webinar that gives one an insight into what the people in the Holy Land are currently going through. It features the Dean of Saint George's College, Jerusalem, who not only reports on the current situation, but gives some useful pointers as to how to respond and pray.

Alternatively, consider the words of the Aotearoa Religious Diversity Centre Trust, "Let us continue to pray for a just and lasting peace that addresses core systemic issues of the conflict, from Palestinian rights to freedom and self-determination to Israel's right to safety and security."

If you would like to donate, please:

- Place your donation in a clearly marked envelope (Lenten Appeal, project name) in the offering plate.
- Use internet banking to send your donation directly to AM, bank a/c number 02 0585 0001796 00; ref Lent 24 or project name.

Peace.

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UPDATE OF ALL PARISHIONER DETAILS

Thank you to all who have already filled in the new forms. If you haven't already done it please pick up a form from the foyer and return it to me as soon as possible. Lou

VICTORIA'S LAST SUNDAYS

On Sunday 7th April at St James' after the 9.30am Common Prayer Book service, the congregation will be having a special morning tea (please bring a plate) to say farewell to Victoria. There will be no congregational meeting in April.

Victoria's last Sunday will be 14th April and the St Tim's congregation will have a special morning tea (please bring a plate) to say farewell as she moves on to her new parish.

If you would like to contribute toward a gift for Victoria please direct credit the Parish Bank Account as follows.

Acc Name: Parish of Burnside-Harewood

Acc No: 06 - 0831- 0031780-00 Ref: Victoria Gift

Or put the money in the offertory basket in an envelope labelled Victoria.

SUNDAY @ 5 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Do you love children? Do you have a heart for them to learn more about God? Are you available 5-6.30pm on Sunday evening? If so, there's an opportunity to be involved with the Sunday@5 children on a rostered basis. Please talk to Alison Jephson, ph 027 514 1585 for further information.



VESTRY SNIPPETS - FEBRUARY 2024

Parish Profile

The Parish Profile document used to help in the process of appointing a new Vicar had been completed. Vestry gave thanks to Jen Orange for her work in helping to produce the document.

Prayer Ministry

Discussion on how to build up the prayer ministry.

Vicarage

Agreement on the process to enable the vicarage to be rented out until required by a new Vicar.

Vestry to write to Chris and Joy to express their thanks on how they had left the vicarage in such excellent condition.

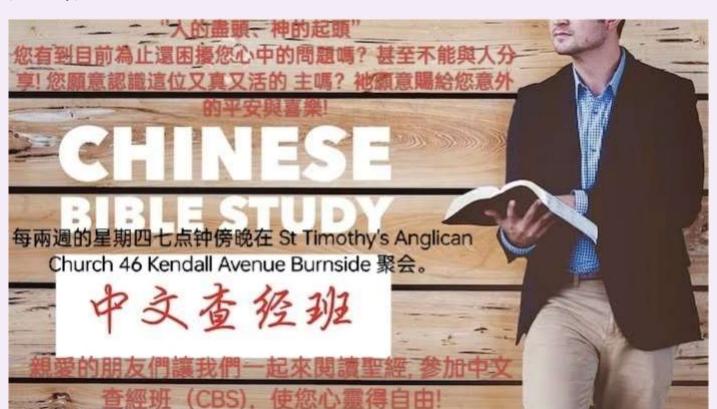
Kitchen repairs

Agreement on allocation of finance to remediate the ceiling of the kitchen at St Tim's.

Live streaming of services at St James'

Vestry noted that volunteers were available to set up the live stream if a phone also became available.

Blessings, Adrian Brunt (Vestry)



WORSHIP & VOLUNTEER ROSTER				
Worship	17th March		Next Week: 24th March	
Roster	8.45am	10.15am	8.45am	10.15am
Leader	C Lee	S Liu	D Huddle	D Mudu
Preacher	J Fox	J Fox	M Chamberlain	M Chamberlain
Celebrant	J Fox	J Fox	M Chamberlain	No HC
Chalices	C Scobie	Child	C Lee	No HC
Intercessors	C Lee	S Williams	J Garza	S Rathayake
1 Reader	P Sundstrum	W Calder	A Jackson	P Meguire
2 Reader	S Steele	J Stringfellow	D Huddle	L Hardwick

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Currently on sabbatical		

24th March	ST JAMES'
Sidesperson	P & L Nelson
Cleaning	L Nelson
Hall Cleaning	M & L Reynolds
Hospitality	N/A
Memorial Wall	P Ruxton
24th March	ST TIMOTHY'S
Ushers	R Kamuhangire
Welcomers	S Williams/J Stringfellow
PA System	J Glue
Data Projector	C Palma
Sanctuary	No HC
Flowers	Palm Sunday
Cleaning	K Smith/F El Morshidi
Vacuum	K Smith
Hospitality	Pinky/D Byrne
Lawn Mowing	R Rendle

February Offertory Budget YTD \$29,000 | Offertory Actual YTD \$24,852

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