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Our Vision

Every day
we all
must
make
God
the centre
of our
lives;
and
be
fearless
in
asking
God
what
to do,
and then
do it.

A Message from Fr Peter

I suppose that it is true to say that change is never easy. It might be exciting, it might be interesting, but it is never easy. And I think that it is also true that change seems to be harder for churches than for many other groups or individuals.

This makes sense, from a human point of view. Religion is, for many, about comfort, about security. The religion, the church, that we grew up with is the one that we want now. It enfolds us in the warmth of certainty, cocoons us from the vagaries of the world. Things in church should remain the same, as they were when we were young (but, of course, not the same as they were two hundred years ago!) To change the words; to move an altar; to even – dare I suggest – move the tables used for morning coffee are all abominations; are all things to be refused. Of course, if these things happen, then in a short amount of time the ‘new’ way becomes ‘the way we have always done it’ and even reverting to the ‘old’ way becomes a struggle!

I am thinking of all of this as I am surrounded by packing cases, getting ready to move. From a personal point of view, the change is both exciting and scary; what the future will bring I only partly see. For the parish, a time of real uncertainty begins. To start with, the parish becomes ‘vacant’. Is that not a great word? Without a priest a parish is empty, it has no real value until a new priest can be found. What does that say about our parishes? And then, the search for a new priest begins. Everyone knows what they are looking for: young, experienced, with a family, willing to devote all his/her time to the parish, serious, fun, spiritual, worldly... the list goes on. Our Lord Himself would probably not make it. And the great fear; when the new person is appointed, what will happen? Will things stay the same? Might I have to give up some work or power that I have held for so long?

The trouble is that change is a part of our faith; God has not created a static world. The world He created is not the same as it is now. It has changed, it has developed (for good and for bad). We are created to change: I am not the same person physically or mentally that I was fifty years ago. And that change will continue. Every day, God leads us into the unknown, not into darkness but into a light that we cannot see until we arrive in it. God promises change, not easy change, but growth and development. How we accept this will affect how we change. If we kick and scream, if we worry and fret, if we try to avoid the difficulties because they are too uncomfortable, then it will be hard. If we walk with God, walk in trust, then it will also be hard – but gloriously hard! In *The Great Divorce*, C.S. Lewis constantly talks about moving inwards and upwards, always being on the move, discovering new things, experiencing new ways. Even death is an adventure that leads to something new. If we trust in God, we will embrace change.

“And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”





Forgive and
go on
forgiving.

It means
letting go of
our
treasured
grievances
and
resentments



News From the Wardens

The highlight for our parish during the first part of this year has been the 'Life skills Initiative Program'. This program has enabled us as a parish to have a considerable amount of maintenance done by a group of young people under the umbrella of "Work for the dole". The work done by the group, under supervision, has ranged from painting [lots of work done including woodwork, sheds, entrance railings and Luke's Op Shop], Gardening and pruning, building a ramp for the back of the Op Shop and generally assisting us with the many day to day tasks that a church must carry out each day. We expressed our gratitude earlier in the year by providing the team with a sausage sizzle. Our hope is the the experiences gained at St Luke's will encourage and give confidence for those who need to gain employment in the future.

Fr. Peter's call and acceptance to a cure in Sydney [Balmain] from the end of September has required us to begin the task of seeking a priest to fill the gap he will leave. As wardens we express on behalf of you all our gratitude for his service to this parish, to each of us and wish him and Karolina every blessing as they begin a new ministry. Fr. Peter's farewell will take place on Friday 25th September. Do join us [more details later]. His last Eucharist will be celebrated on Sunday September 20th. Remember to put the parish fete in your diaries for November 7th. we hope to have a fun day together!

Colin Fidock and Margaret Curd

Psalm 91

You who sit down in the High God's presence, spend the night in Shaddai's shadow,
Say this: "God, you're my refuge. I trust in you and I'm safe!"

That's right—he rescues you from hidden traps, shields you from deadly hazards.
His huge outstretched arms protect you—under them you're perfectly safe; his arms fend off all harm. Fear nothing—not wild wolves in the night, not flying arrows in the day,

Not disease that prowls through the darkness, not disaster that erupts at high noon.
Even though others succumb all around, drop like flies right and left, no harm will even graze you.

You'll stand untouched, watch it all from a distance, watch the wicked turn into corpses.

Yes, because God's your refuge, the High God your very own home,
Evil can't get close to you, harm can't get through the door.

He ordered his angels to guard you wherever you go.

If you stumble, they'll catch you; their job is to keep you from falling.

You'll walk unharmed among lions and snakes, and kick young lions and serpents from the path.

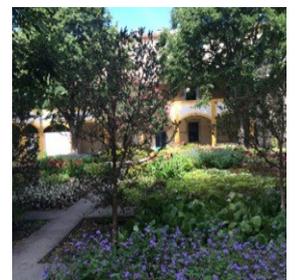
"If you'll hold on to me for dear life," says God "I'll get you out of any trouble.

I'll give you the best of care if you'll only get to know and trust me.

Call me and I'll answer, be at your side in bad times; I'll rescue you, then throw you a party.

I'll give you a long life, give you a long drink of salvation!"

The Message.





As Saint Paul says,
each person
‘is a brother or
sister for whom
Christ died’
(1 Corinthians
8:11).

Lord,
from now on,
help me to see
everyone as they
truly are!



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Discernment

Discernment and Making the right choices.

God is present in all of human existence. The world and all it contains reveals God to us. We should pay attention to our inner thoughts and feelings, and reflecting on our behaviours and actions can reveal God’s call to us and the pattern of our response to that call.

If the choice is between 2 good things- one of the choices is better. So discernment is - a decision making process that takes our faith and ourselves seriously, that discovers what I really want in my deepest self - and where the decision is reached in a context of prayer. What is the decision? Be analytical: define the choice and then list the pros and cons of each choice. How does it make me feel? Imagine yourself in the situation of having made each of your choices in turn - how does that make you feel? Enthusiastic, anxious, joyful? Write down 5 words that describe your feelings for each choice. In weighing and sifting your feelings an answer begins to emerge- but don’t do this if you are anxious or upset wait until you are calm.

What if I still can’t decide?

Think of yourself advising someone you care about in the same situation and do the same for yourself. Think of yourself on the last day - what do you wish you had decided? Imagine you are about to die what decision would you have made?

How can I be sure that I have chosen well?

When God confirms you will have a sense of deep peace that it’s right. If that peace isn’t there yet go back. Always keep God in the picture, it’s easy to think the job is done and then forget about God. The result might be a more discerning life, not a clearly worked out decision just now.

Our decisions can’t be perfect but they can be good and wise. What is important is that we learn to discern the greater good as we go through life.

Ngaire & the Chocolate Factory

Fifteen chocolate lovers gathered in the brightly lit, very attractive Haigh's shop on the 16th of April. We were called together by a tour guide and seated in a small reception room. We learned that Haigh’s is a 5th generation family business and that it is celebrating a centenary of service to Australians this year. There are several Haigh's shops in Adelaide including one at Golden Grove shopping centre as well as a factory at Mile End.

Australia does not have a viable Cocoa growing industry. Other ingredients are sourced from within Australia. Haighs are UTZ certified which stands for sustainable farming and offers better opportunities for farmers their families and the planet. The UTZ program enables farmers to learn better farming methods, improve working conditions for workers and to better care for their children and the environment. Haigh’s chose to partner with UTZ certified providers because of their strong focus on supporting sustainable farming. Haigh's is proud to be the first Australian bean to bar chocolate manufacturer to have UTZ certification. Following the talk we went on a short walk along a series of windows where we were able to see machines roasting the beans, breaking them up, winnowing to remove the husk and grinding them into a thick cocoa liquor. Further along two workers were, meticulously, labourously positioning small blobs of chocolate, some with nuts, onto a surface for drying out. To complete our tour we were given some samples to taste and set free to indulge our spending power. This was a short tour but the feedback has been positive.

Ngaire



Thanksgiving

"Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

On 7th June we celebrated the Family Of God. Jesus puts it very directly. It is not status but action in response to the call of God in the person of this Jesus that marks what it means to belong to his "family." That would seem to sum it all up simple and to the point. Relationships in this family are dynamic; they flow from the encounter and response to this Jesus.

Our 10am service also incorporated thanksgiving by the Obi family for their family and for Chris's recovery after a serious injury.



Real growth happens and real grace breaks in when we have to deal with what is different



Upcoming Events

PARISH SOCIAL EVENT - CHORAL PROGRAMME

2.00pm Sunday 13th September.

Gold coin donation and please bring afternoon tea to share.

FR PETER'S FAREWELL BBQ September 25th

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES

Blessing of the shoeboxes will occur at the end of September.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL 10am Sunday 11th October

Note only one service that day. The Archbishop will join us. Lunch to

follow in the Undercroft. More catering details later.

PARISH EVENT SOCIAL - FETE

10am—2pm Saturday 7th November .

Op shop sales, Devonshire tea, Produce stall, Sausage Sizzle.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENT CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF ST LUKE'S

A celebration weekend starting with a Parish dinner and other activities. Thanksgiving service on Sunday May 1st 2016.



Card Craft



Some of my misconceptions and assumptions about this group were corrected by my visit. Firstly the kits do not come from the craft shop at Tea Tree Plaza, they are created and assembled by Margaret A who is the coordinator. The group has been meeting for ten years; there are foundation members and new comers. The group currently includes Margaret, Faith, Toni, Morag, Sylvia, Cathy, Helen, Sandy, Yvonne H as well as most recently Kate.

All participants are provided with two kits each week costing \$3.00.

As well as cards the group make Christmas novelties, decorations and gift boxes. Contact can be made through parishioners. The group provided this feedback about why they like to come.

- . friendship and fellowship
- .very crafty
- .achievement
- .cards are appreciated by friends
- .cards are able to be recycled
- .friendship and enjoyment.
- .loves creative craft.
- .enables donations to charities such as Mother's Union.

The group share birthday celebrations and Christmas lunch.

When I am feeling a bit more crafty I will think twice about looking elsewhere for a craft outlet. Well done.

Ngairé



Ridgehaven Aged Care



We returned to the nursing home this year on Chinese new Year. We celebrated all things summer and sang hymns. In March, Margaret kindly came and sang Irish songs to the residents. They really enjoyed and appreciated her visit. We also talked about Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. Jack Thomas visited with us to tell us about Anzac Day and Legacy. He told us about his memories of the War Memorial being unveiled in Broken Hill on 11.10.1925. We had a very enjoyable morning with him. In May we collected Autumn leaves, buds, nuts etc and talked about all things Autumn. We enjoyed singing the new songs that Jo had organized for us. Many thanks Jo. In July our guest speaker was a travel manager Cheryl. She spoke about her travels in India and dressed in a beautiful sari for the occasion. The residents enjoyed sharing in the many aspects of Indian life and its wonderful sights and souvenirs.



In August we talked about the world of buttons.





Something to Think About

Mark 16:15,20

¹⁵ And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.

²⁰ And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

After speaking to the disciples for the last time Jesus is taken up into heaven. The disciples then go out and begin

the work of proclaiming the Good News. It's an end, but also a beginning. Jesus tells the disciples, he tells you, to 'go into all the world'.

'The Lord worked with them'. You are not alone. Jesus continues to be with the disciples, and with us, through the Holy Spirit. **Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love, send forth your spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.**

Homes to Grow



On behalf of the St Francis Outreach Trust, I want to say thank you for the contribution you have once again made towards our fund-raising for Home to Grow. We are so grateful for your donation, especially since providing an excellent education for our children is such a big challenge for us. We really appreciate your kindness. You will be glad to hear that we recently held a comedy dinner fund-raiser. The evening was a success and did give our funds another boost. Our efforts alone will never suffice, however, which is why we are so grateful for supporters like you. Last month we had a blessing ceremony for our second home. Please add to our prayers that it will bring us closer to making our dreams for the children come true. Please know that you have played a role in getting vulnerable children out of desperate circumstances and into a loving home and hopefully a great school. Thank you once more Melanie Steyn.

Our differences are part of the mystery of our unity.



If you would like more information or would like to join our monthly envelope collection for the children, please speak to Colin Fidock or Yvonne Brumley.



More information can be found at stfrancistrust.org Homes to Grow.



A CALL TO ACTION:

In South Africa there are more than 3.4 million children under the age of 18, who have lost either a mother or a father, or both parents. It is further estimated that these statistics could increase to 4.6 million by 2015.

The St Francis Outreach Trust was formed in 2009 in response to the call by Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, The Most Reverend Thabo Makgoba, to provide foster homes in support of the children affected through the scourge of the HIV/Aids pandemic.





Film and Pizza

Rev'd Yvonne recently organised a Film & Pizza evening for the young ladies at St Luke's.

Those attending were Grace, Imogen, Hannah, Casey, Jhanelle, Rashel and her friend Victoria.

They met in the Balcony Room at 5.30 pm and the film was the very popular FROZEN. The pizza delivery man (looking very much like Peter Riley) arrived at 6 pm and the girls tucked into a variety of pizzas, crisps and garlic bread, accompanied by soft drinks.

The event was voted a success by all present and plans are being made to do it again.

June Hindmarch

The Friday Group

In response to the initiative to form small groups at St Luke's Helen and June decided to work together to form a friendly relaxed group with the hope that it would assist people to get to know one another and engender a feeling of belonging.

At the first get-together in February it was an occasion of sharing a bit of background information and having 'tea and chat'. At the next meeting we did an information tour of the church and had a look at the Op Shop, Vestry, office, etc. June did not attend as she was visiting the Philippines, so on May 1st she was invited to talk about her visit and she put photos up on the screen and brought various items to show.

In June Rev'd Yvonne joined the group and talked about her Journey; it was particularly pleasing to have the opportunity to chat to Yvonne informally and get to know her better. In July the group was invited to hear about Dorothy Beinke's Egyptian Adventure – she brought with her items from Egypt, showed about 400 photos and gave a most interesting talk. Next month :- September 11th we have : Guest speaker Mandy Tanna - giving an information session regarding The Aged Care System.

We welcome newcomers to attend the group for any of the sessions that might be of interest.

Any queries contact Helen ...
8261 9291

or June ... 8251 2707

Photo Aug 14th—Show and Tell



I am the tenant
of your
vineyard.
For me you
have planted
and protected a
crop,
and from me
you expect
some harvest.

St Luke's Fete

Fete Saturday November 7th 10am til 2pm.

We plan to have the op shop open with a book sale, a produce stall, sausage sizzle and Devonshire Teas so will need any assistance you can give.

Help will be needed to set up trestles/gazebos etc from 8.30am and take down after 2pm. We shall also need: people to help with the stalls and Devonshire teas. Produce like cakes, biscuits, jams etc and of course lots of scones.

Please speak to Helen Mayes, Thelma Tyler and Helen Spencer if you would like to help. Proceeds will go towards overseas mission.



SCHOOLS MINISTRY TTG—how important is it?

Look around our 4 congregations, how many young families with school age children do we see? Yes, that's right, precious few, and the few are precious and attend children's ministry at the 10 am service – I would like to say a huge thank you to the small group of ladies who faithfully prepare and lead this ministry. In the Tea Tree Gully area there are thousands of schoolchildren in both primary and high schools where religious education is no longer part of the curriculum.

So what is God challenging us to do about this? One answer is to give as much support as possible, financial and practical, to the Pastoral Care Workers in 13 schools in our area and to keep them in our prayers. The PCWs have the opportunity to take Christ's love into the schools, to support the children and their parents, the teachers and ancillary staff – an opportunity we do not have. As a member of the TTG Committee I have seen firsthand reports of instances where a PCW has been a central contact and support for a family suffering a death, a family dealing with illness and children experiencing family breakups.

Let me make it clear that all the PCWs receive training, they are not counsellors, they work very closely with teachers, principals and their assistants. There is a Review Process in place so that every 2 years a panel meets and receives reports from the PCW, the school principal, the teachers and feedback from students and parents. I attended a panel recently in my role on the committee and it took over 2 hours to thoroughly review the position of the PCW.

Each supporting church is linked to one of the schools in the area and our school is Fairview Park Primary School. The Monday Morning Bible Study Group recently invited the new PCW Ailsa Roberts to visit us to talk about her ministry and answer questions. Ailsa spends Tuesday afternoons and all day Friday at the school. She has her own 'nook' (see photo) in the activity area and the children know where to find her. She runs lunchtime craft activities that are very popular and these have created an opportunity for engaging with isolated students, she spends time in classrooms working with the teachers and is present in the yard. She makes a point of catching up with parents in the carpark before and after school and through her contacts has been able to assist people with a variety of needs. Our Bible Study Group has supported schools ministry for many years and a money jar is used every week for donations. These extra funds are a bonus for the Committee and are in addition to the mission donation made by St Luke's of currently \$1,000 per year. Extra funding is provided by churches who run events specifically to raise money for Schools Ministry, the Pentecost Service at St Marks is one that is held annually. However the major fundraiser is the bi-annual Christmas Tree Fair which has been held in the Tea Tree Gully area for many years and is very well attended by the local community. This is something that we can support with help beforehand and encouraging attendance on the 3 days it is held.

Federal Funding for the PCWs has been transferred to the State Government and as a result, instead of receiving funding for 15 hours per week, funding is now for approximately 9 hours per week. Unfortunately some PCWs found that this provided insufficient income and left them with no alternative but to seek other employment. In an attempt to help the situation the Tea Tree Gully Schools Ministry Group Committee worked out that it was possible with present donations from churches in the area, plus the main fundraiser the Christmas Tree Festival, to fund a further 2 hours for each of the PCWs in TTG, bringing them up to 11 hours per week for this year and this has enabled most of them to continue.

This is what one of the Principals at a local Primary school wrote about the PCW at her school: -

"The PCW role has been instrumental in providing a layer of support for student and family well being at our school that we otherwise would be challenged to provide."

The PCW in question was also described as being a 'wonderful asset to our school'.



June Hindmarch

