# Anglican Parish Of Kingscliff Vicar's Chat – 8 May 2020

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Times of scarcity need to be met with generosity,

times of fear with comfort,

times of uncertainty with presence.

When we care for those around us, we create a field of love.

THOMAS HÜBL

Catastrophe is the essence of the spiritual path, a series of breakdowns allowing us to discover the threads that weave all of life into a whole cloth.

ROSHIJOAN HALIFAX

Thank you for supporting the church in attendance through Zoom or through Facebook. It's impressive to see everybody mastering the technology. Thank you. If you need help just let me know. It's easy to fix!

It's totally inspiring to see the Christian community stepping up in worship, and generosity... the service will come later, or will it? NO! It's actually happening right now through your own networks and circles of friendship.

The challenge is this,

"how do we, in a natural and normal way, a comfortable way, witness to the mind-blowing unconditional love and presence of God revealed in Christ?"

Let me suggest a couple of things,

- 1. Just be yourself! Each morning in your prayer ask The Lord, "I wonder how you will use me today?"
- 2. Just be yourself and TRUST the divine life and prompting!

"The moon does not fight.

It attacks no one.

It does not worry.

It does not try to crush others.

It keeps to its course,
but by its very nature, it gently influences."

DENG MING-DAO

You may not be as wondrous as the moon .... But then maybe you are?!

- 3. Maybe you could do "The Pittsburg Prayer Experiment"? Google it. It's simple and easy. Maybe you could do it in your friendship network or Home Group? I'll talk about it in the next Vicars Chat.
- 4. Do the Spiritual Practice that George and myself develop each week. Why not give it a go with your friendship network? It gets emailed each Friday.

# Home Groups

- Thursday evening home group has been zooming at full speed. They are working their way through Romans. Contact Peter Pine (0407 732 440) to get the zoom links if you'd like to join them.
- Wednesday evening 7.30 pm: I'll facilitate a group. "God likes stories"
- Friday Afternoon 2pm: Chris Parsons will facilitate a group. "God likes stories"
- Is there another time that you'd prefer? Just give me a call and we'll be able to work something out.

# Mikey's Funny

On a visit to New York, an Englishman and a Scotsman go to a pastry shop.

The Englishman whisks three cookies into his pocket with lightning speed.

The baker doesn't notice.

The Englishman says to the Scotsman: "You see how clever we are? You'll never beat that!" The Scotsman says to the Englishman: "Watch this, a Scotsman is always cleverer than an Englishman."

He says to the baker, "Give me a cookie, I can show you a magic trick!"

The baker gives him the cookie which the Scotsman promptly eats.

Then he says to the baker: "Give me another cookie for my magic trick."

The baker is getting suspicious but he gives it to him. He eats this one too.

Then he says again: "Give me one more cookie..."

The baker is getting angry now but gives him one anyway. The Scotsman eats this one too.

Now the baker is really mad, and he yells: "And where is your famous magic trick?"

The Scotsman says: "Look in the Englishman's pocket!"

**And the thought for the day is** ... I hate it when people use big words just to make themselves sound perspicacious.

PASS IT ON! Yeah, you can send this Funny to anybody you want. And, if you're REALLY nice, you'll tell them where you got it! <a href="https://www.mikeysFunnies.com">www.mikeysFunnies.com</a>

## Mother's Day Prayer



A Prayer for Mother's Day

Loving God, we pray:

for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility; for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; for those who are tired, stressed or depressed; for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;

for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;

for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;

for those who raise children on their own;

for those who have lost a child;

for those who care for the children of others;

for those whose children have left home; and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good,

living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others.

Amen

# Sunday Worship

From now on we will make it simpler and less stressful for everybody concerned.

You can connect in these simple ways,

- Website: Go to the parish website, <u>www.apok.org.au</u>, and click on the "church on line" button,
- 2. **Facebook**: Connect to Facebook and the parish Facebook page and watch it. This Sunday I think the service will be posted in the afternoon.
- 3. **Zoom**: Use the zoom link that is at the end of this email. This link and meeting number and password will not change from week to week. Just click on the blue hyperlink.

Giving: We now have the ability to accept offerings and donations through our website (apok.org.au) using the trusted and secure PayPal system. It's quick and easy to do and importantly you are protected by PayPal from fraud. Full details are on the website.

# Sunday Worship Readings

Readings for Sunday 10th May 20

Acts 7: 55-60

Psalm 31: 1-5, 17-18

John 14: 1-14

Readings for Sunday 17h May 2020

Acts 17: 22-31 Psalm 66: 7-19

John 14: 15-21

# Prayer of the Day for Easter 5 and Prayer of The Week

### Prayer of the Day

Ever living God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:

give us grace to love one another,

to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy

Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### Prayer of the Week

Saving God,

who called your Church to witness

that you were in Christ reconciling the world yourself:

help us so to proclaim the good news of your love

that all who hear it may be reconciled to you; through him who died for us and rose again and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

# Sunday Worship Zoom Link

## Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86803759342?pwd=Um1TYXd0dGxvemVTWC9qb3BUVXRXUT09

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# Wednesday Evening Home Group

Facilitator: Greg March 0417 616 256 bushwalkingreg@gmail.com

## Topic: Wednesday Evening Home Group by Greg and George 7.30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85367754008?pwd=bFlzRGhaYXJ1UWpxVGJUU1VJc2Fidz09

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# Friday Afternoon Home Group

Facilitator: Chris Parsons 0466 715 467 <a href="mailto:kpkevinparsons@gmail.com">kpkevinparsons@gmail.com</a>

## Topic: Chris and Kev's Friday Afternoon 2 pm Home Group

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87543324774?pwd=eW5aRE02V3k5QW55ZXJ6aTEyL0JsUT09

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