

## Prayer Points

- Pray for our Bishop Elect, Rev Gary Nelson. Pray for him and his wife Christine and son Lindsay as they prepare to move to Geraldton and all the changes associated with that.
- Pray for the Rev Frank & Jo Nicol and Lydia as they settle into a new ministry position in Hedland. Pray for them as they get to know people.
- Pray for the Ministry team in Broome, as Tim Mildenhall works with the local indigenous church.
- Pray for KGB youth group. Give thanks for those who help lead. Ask that in all they do that they would in word and deed give glory to God.
- Pray thanks for our church. Pray that we would use the gifts that God has given us to serve and build up the church.
- Pray for ministry in Karamoja, particularly the Training College and Deacon Emmanuel who heads it up.
- Pray for the Galvin family in Tanzania - Give thanks for the many friends that they have made, and pray for the work of the Amani College as it trains people for ministry.

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### Next Sunday

4th March, 2012

The Mind of Christ

Philippians 1:27-2:18

Psalm 119:89-104

Matthew 15:21-28



## The Anglican Parish of Geraldton



Holy Cross Cathedral  
GERALDTON

St Catherine's  
GREENOUGH

Holy Trinity  
WALKAWAY

26th February, 2012  
First Sunday in Lent

*To live is Christ*

**A warm welcome to everyone** at church today. *We invite all who love Jesus as Lord, to share in the Lord's Supper where it is offered, and join us for morning tea in the Hall afterwards.*

### Bible Verse:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

*Revelation 5:12; 1:6*

### Prayer of the Day:

God our Father, whose will is to bring all things to order and unity in our Lord Jesus Christ; grant that all the peoples of the world, now divided and torn apart by sin, may be brought together in his kingdom of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Today's Readings:

Philippians 1:12-26

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Psalm 25:1-9

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Mark 8:31-38

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Faithfully Biblical

Respectfully Evangelistic

Our vision is to grow as a community of believers who are:

Sacrificially Loving

Genuinely Worshipping

## Notice Board

► **Pages Beach Picnic** - TODAY from 12.30pm on grass section at Pages beach, opposite the Belair Caravan Park. BYO chairs, food and drink. There is a playground, and we will organise some games for the more active.

► **World day of Prayer - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 10am** - "Let Justice Prevail" held at Lutheran Church Cnr Howard & Third Street. Focus: Malaysia.

► **Mini Market - Sunday 4th March** - help to organise and all donations will be gratefully received. Contact Kerry on 9921 4466 or 0407 444 466

► **Syrian Night - Wednesday 7th March 6.30pm** - in the Hall. Bring a friend to hear Peter and Elizabeth Smart share about their 12 months in Syria. A light supper will be served. Please sign up today (for catering purposes) on the clipboard in the hall.

► **Sharing Hope in Crisis Seminar - 24th March, 8.30-4.15** at Sun City Christian Centre, Urch Street. The Billy Graham organization is holding a seminar to help equip people to give spiritual and emotional care when it is needed. Information pamphlet on table in Cathedral.

► **Lenten Studies - each Wednesday 4.30pm-5.45pm** - in the Hummerston Centre. Join us for the next 5 weeks for discussion on Romans . Try out a Bible study if you haven't already joined one.

► **Address Book Update.** Please make changes to the Address Book (in the hall). If you are not in it, fill out the form. The new address book will be printed in March.

► **AGM Reports** - These reports needed to be given to Paul by Sunday 4th March.

**If you interested in helping out with the Mini Market Stall and/or arranging flowers please contact Kerry Short for details.  
Ph: 9921 4466. Mob: 0407 444 466**

## Dates for your Diary

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 11.30pm** - AGM of Parishioners in the Cathedral.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March–Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April** - Special week of outreach with a small team from Trinity Theological College, Perth

**Friday 18th-Sunday 20th May** - Church weekend away at Kalbarri

Dear Friends,

I am reading Randolph Stow's story, *The Merry-go-round in the Sea* because a friend sent it to me when he heard we were headed for Geraldton. I have been struck by the author's word-pictures which I can see around me in town and country. I'm loving it!



The story is told through the eyes of a young boy and his life growing up in this area during the war years.

*'The boy's life had no progression, his days led nowhere. He woke in the morning in his room, and at night he slept: the wheel turning full circle, the merry-go-round of his life revolving. There had been a jolt, with Rick's going, but the grief faded,.... and the merry-go-round had bumped, jolting a little on its iron stays, and then grown steady again and gone on turning.'*

The boy would not have been the first one to feel life can be like a merry-go-round. It need not be so, and it is not inevitable. How happy are those who are caught up in God's loving purposes for us and who can step forward in hope.

'For me to live is Christ', writes St Paul in his letter to the Philippians and even though he writes from the frustration of a prison cell, rejoices that even his own adverse circumstances can be used for good in the over-arching purposes of God.

We step off the spinning merry-go-round when we embrace the loving purposes of God through faith in his Son.

Peter

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