

Prayer Points

- Pray thanks for the Diocesan Office staff, Wayne, Jo, Carolyn and Jeremy and the work they have done leading up to the election Synod. Pray for energy during this busy time after the election Synod, and while they await the arrival of the new Bishop
- Pray for Eldred Royce in his position as Midwest Rural Chaplain. Pray for opportunities, wisdom, boldness and sensitivity. Pray for ongoing funding.
- Pray for the work of Mothers' Union both here in our own Diocese and also in link Diocese Karamoja in Uganda. Pray for Mrs Emma Lilly Loumo in her work with MU in Karamoja.
- Pray thanks for the work of Trinity Theological College. Pray for the staff as they prepare for classes, for good communication, effective committees and good planning and development.
- Pray for Ross O'Hagen, Joyce Hamersley and Peg Wheat as they recover their health and strength.
- Pray for an end to the violence and the beginning of stable government and peace for Syria.

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Next Sunday

19th February, 2012

Life Together

1 Corinthians 12

Psalm 135

John 5:16-30



The Anglican Parish of Geraldton



Holy Cross Cathedral
GERALDTON

St Catherine's
GREENOUGH

Holy Trinity
WALKAWAY

12th February, 2012
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Life Together

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:

Let our prayer come before you, O Lord, incline your ear to our cry. *Psalm 88:2*

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty and merciful God, of your bountiful goodness keep us from everything that may hurt us, that we may be ready in body and soul cheerfully to accomplish whatever you want us to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today's Readings:

Ephesians 4:1-16 [pg. 1175/828]
Psalm 95: 1-11 [pg. APBA 322]
John 15:1-17 [pg. 1083/764]



Faithfully Biblical

Respectfully Evangelistic

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

Sacrificially Loving

Genuinely Worshipping

Notice Board

- ▶ **Tuesday 14th February, 9.30am-12noon** - The MU Aust (G'ton Fellowship) first meeting for the year begins with a service in the Cathedral at 9.30am and afterwards in the Hummerston Centre. 'What's God got in the box?' Come and find out.
- ▶ **Men's Breakfast** - Saturday 18th February, 7.30am - at Wayne Sutton's house. Contact Wayne 9921 7277.
- ▶ **Women's morning tea** - Saturday 18th February, 10am at Tropicanos near Pt Moore Lighthouse. Coffee & Cake \$6. Contact Kerry 9921 4466
- ▶ **Pregnancy Problem House 'Fundraiser Ball'** - Saturday 18th February at the QEII Centre from 6pm till late! Cost: \$100 per head. Enjoy a 3 course dinner; dancing; auction; and guest speaker Michelle Macormic from Perth PPH. Contact Tamara 0408 095 766.
- ▶ **National Day of Prayer and Fasting** - Sunday 19th February. A special meeting will be held at Sun City Christian Centre, The Drome, Simpson Street (immediately behind the Urch Street facility) 6.00pm - 7.30pm. No children's program available. All churches are invited.
- ▶ **School Chaplains' & Scripture Teachers' Commissioning Service** - Sunday 19th February, 2pm at Sun City Christian Centre.
- ▶ **Tuesday 21st February, 6.30pm** in the hall - Shrove Tuesday pancake tea. All welcome. If some could bring fillings (sweet or savoury) that would be, more filling.
- ▶ **Lenten Studies with Rev Peter Smart** – Wednesday 22nd February 4.30pm-5.30pm in the Hummerston Centre. A 6 week series during lent using Bishop Peter Brain's book *Jesus – hope realised* (Romans). The books are available for \$7 each from Cathedral office.
- ▶ **Pages Beach Picnic** - Sunday 26th Feb 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.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ Thankyou for supporting the mini market. \$380.75 was raised.

Dear Friends,

All over the western world, and beyond, on Tuesday, people will be giving and receiving cards, chocolates and flowers for Valentines' Day.

In some places it is a big celebration of love and romance. Even in Syria many shops were decorated and cakes (which are a speciality) were all bright red for the occasion!

Exchanging valentines is a very ancient custom. It can be traced back through the English poet Geoffrey Chaucer who noticed that birds began choosing their mates on 14th February.

In 496AD, Pope Galasius tried to give Christian meaning to the Festival, without much success.

Of course the day belongs to St Valentine—one of two Christian martyrs of that name who was put to death for his faith on 14th February. The Roman Valentine was a priest who was killed under Claudius II in 269. A gate to Rome called 'The Porto Valentini' is named after him.

These days Valentines' Day is all about romantic love, but this is only one kind of love.

Everyone knows that when we talk about Christian love we mean more than romance.

Love is the plain duty of every Christian because:

1. It is commanded "A new commandment I give to you", said Jesus, "that you love one another."
2. It is evidence that we live in the light and possess eternal life. (1 John 3).
3. God is love. He has loved us in Christ and he continues to love in and through us. "If we love one another, God dwells in us and his love is perfected in us."

Not just for St Valentine's Day, but every day our love for one another is evidence of God's presence within and among us.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Peter

