

## Prayer Points

- Pray for the six nominations that have been received for Bishop (nominations period is now closed). Pray for them as they go through this unsettling time. Pray that they would trust in God's majesty and sovereignty.
- Pray for the synod members as they read over material on each of the candidates in readiness for the Election Synod, 10-12 Feb. Ask that God would grant them wisdom and discernment. Pray that God's hand would be upon the Synod as discussions and the election takes place. Pray that Synod representatives will have safety in travel.
- Pray for Ross O'Hagen recovering from a heart attack.
- Pray for teachers and students who returned to school this week. Pray for scripture teachers as they start back too. Give thanks that we are still able to enter schools and teach scripture.
- Pray for Joyce Hamersley recovering from hip replacement surgery last Tuesday.
- Pray for Peg Wheat recovering in Joondalup Hosp. after an episode of hugely raised blood pressure.
- Pray for an end to the violence and the beginning of stable government and peace for Syria.

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### Next Sunday

12th February, 2012

Life Together

Ephesians 4:1-16

Psalm 95:1-11

John 15:1-17



## The Anglican Parish of Geraldton



Holy Cross Cathedral  
GERALDTON

St Catherine's  
GREENOUGH

Holy Trinity  
WALKAWAY

5th February, 2012  
Fifth 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:

The sinner cries to God: Do not forsake me, O Lord. O my God, be not far from me, make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation. *Psalm 38:21-22*

#### Prayer of the Day:

Merciful God, it is by your gift alone that your faithful people offer you true and acceptable service; grant that we may so faithfully serve you in this life that we fail not finally to obtain your heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Today's Readings:

Romans 12:1-8	[pg. 1139/803]
Psalm 116:12-19	[pg. APBA 347]
John 7:1-12	[pg. 1071/756]



Faithfully Biblical

Respectfully Evangelistic

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

Sacrificially Loving

Genuinely Worshipping

## Notice Board

► **Thursday 9th February, 5.30pm** - Brigade (for boys and girls) 5-18yr olds. Contact Nic de Vries 9926 1717.

► **Friday 10th February, 6pm - Election Synod Service** in the Cathedral. No procession, no robes, but as with any church service the focus will be on what God has done for us in Christ and our unity in Him. All welcome to the service. The business of synod will follow immediately after service.

► **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.

► **Saturday 18th February, 7.30am** - Men's Breakfast at Wayne Sutton's house. Contact Wayne 9921 7277.

► **Saturday 18th February, 10am** - Women's morning tea at Tropicanos. Coffee & Cake Special is \$6; or your choice. Contact Kerry 9921 4466

► **Saturday 18th February - Pregnancy Problem House** 'Fundraiser Ball' 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.

► **Sunday 19th February, 2pm** at Sun City Christian Centre - School Chaplains' & Scripture Teachers' Commissioning Service.

► **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.

► **Ash Wednesday 22nd February, 4.30-5.50pm**, - Lenten Study in the Hummerston Centre. All welcome. Contact Peter Smart for details 9921 4653.

► **THANK YOU** to all who prepared meals for Cameliers last Tuesday; a very successful evening.

► **Name Tags** - If you would like a name tag (approx \$13) please sign sheet in the hall.

Dear Friends,

After the sermon series on Proverbs you are all wise owls sitting in your pews. When I'm leading, there's even a 'twit (t'woo)' out the front.

Our next series starts today and is on our life together as the church family. Colossians 3 is not a passage we are to look at but I just love it. It both encourages me and rebukes me; it is both a balm and a goad.

*<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

It's wonderful to know that as Christians we are God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved. We are saved, forgiven, adopted through Christ's saving work on the cross. So then, to take on the family likeness, we are directed to change our 'clothes'.

Earlier in the chapter there was the challenge to take off all sorts of soiled, smelly clothing, eg. sexual immorality, lust, greed, anger, slander, filthy language. Here in verse 12, we are directed to dress ourselves with compassion, kindness, and so on.

Although it's hard to think about in this heat, we are to finally put on, as an 'overcoat' over all the other 'clothes' love which binds them all together.

These are some 'clothes' that we should wear all the time, whatever the conditions. So, when you get home from church will you change your clothes, or keep them on – and your 'overcoat'?

Love in Christ,  
Jeremy



## Dates for your Diary

**Sunday 26th February** - Pages Beach Picnic

**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

**Blog address for Peter and Hannah Knausenberger in Niger:**  
<http://medicsinafrica.wordpress.com/>