



The Anglican Parish of Geraldton



Holy Cross Cathedral
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St Catherine's
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Holy Trinity
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24th June 2012

The worth of walking in wisdom

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.*

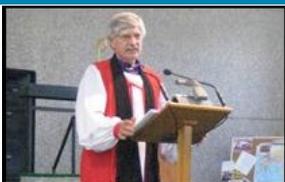
Bible Verse:

We have thought on your steadfast love, O Lord, in the midst of your temple. As your Name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. *Psalm 48:9-10*

Prayer of the Day:

Lord, you have taught us that whatever we do without love is worth nothing: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; grant this, for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen**

Todays Readings:	6.45am	8.15/10am
Proverbs 3:1-12	p.637	p.450
Luke 11:27-36	p.1043	p.736
Psalm 111	Prayer Book	p.343



Faithfully Biblical

Respectfully Evangelistic

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

Sacrificially Loving

Genuinely Worshipping

Notice Board

▶ **Tuesday 26th June 7.30pm**

“Defining Marriage Webcast” in the Cathedral Hall. Organized by the Australian Christian Lobby - A Christian panel of experts will answer the big questions facing Australian contemporary society when it comes to marriage. See: marriagewebcast.acl.org.au for more information.

▶ **Wednesday 11th July.** The “Dawn Princess” will visit Geraldton. We will need volunteers to keep the Cathedral open, **7am-4pm**. Please add your name to the list in the porch if you can help.

▶ **Visit by CMS Link Missionary, Joan Mackie**

Sunday 22nd July: Joan will be in church with us where we will be able to hear a little about her work overseas.

Wednesday 25th July, 11am - Cathedral Hall (after church): Stay for morning tea and to hear more about Joan’s work

Thursday 26th July, 7.30pm - St George’s Bluff Point:

Same presentation as Wednesday. Please bring a dessert to share.

If you would like Joan to visit your growth group etc., please talk to Paul or Jeremy to arrange.

Don’t forget!

◆ **Cathedral Prayer Meeting:** Wednesday 8am-8.30am

◆ **Each Wednesday at 4.30pm**

Bible studies on the book of James in the Hummerston Centre with Jeremy. All welcome.

Lost - 2 Stainless steel sandwich trays

If you have them in your cupboard, would you please return them to the hall for collection.

Dear Friends,

At the moment I am working with a couple who are getting married. Last Tuesday we talked about love, and had to define in a sentence what love is. (Have a go, it is not as easy as it seems.) The word love has such a range of uses; on the one hand we can talk about how we love chocolate, and on the other we can talk about the love of a couple who have been married for 50 years. It is difficult to compare the two.



We looked at God's love. In John 15:12–13 Jesus says:

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

This sets a very high standard for us in loving one another. Paul also writes of God's love in Romans 5.8

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

God loves us because he chooses to, he loves us not because of anything good in us, he loves us because he has made that decision.

When a man and a woman get married, they make deep and profound promises to each other. God's love is to be our benchmark; it is love that is unconditional. Each party promises to love, not because their partner is attractive, appealing and fun to be with, but because they have chosen to. It is a decision that they make, not a feeling that they have.

This doesn't just apply to married couples either. When God calls us to love one another as the body of Christ, as his church, it is again a decision that we make, not a feeling that we have. Some people we will find easy to love, some people we will find difficult to love, but with God's love as our model, it ceases to be about the other person and what they can do for us, and becomes a decision and commitment that we make to them. The challenge for us is to love as God first loved us.

Your brother in Christ

Paul

Prayer Points

- ◆ Give thanks for the work of the Bush Church Aid Society and the support that they give to this Diocese.
- ◆ Pray for Gary, Nikki & Thomas Alexander (BCA supported) in Kununurra.
- ◆ Pray for KGB youth group.
- ◆ Pray for Joan in her time back in Australia as she meets with supporters and has a break.
- ◆ Pray for recovery and healing for Phyl Duncan and Peter Tapscott, (and any others known to you!).
- ◆ Give thanks that everything went well with Marilyn Lee's surgery in Perth,

Missed a sermon? Want to hear it again?
Sermon recordings are available for download as an MP3
from the church website: www.geraldtonanglicans.com.au

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NEXT SUNDAY

1st July 2012

**Don't choose
alienation**

1 Samuel 19:8-24
Psalm 59:1-10
John 3:31-36