

## Prayer Points

- ◆ Give thanks for the arrival of Bishop Gary, Christine and Lindsay. Pray for them as they continue to settle into a new house, new job, new school and new state.
- ◆ Pray for Brad Galvin, as he teaches in Tanzania. Pray for Armani College as the students will be sent home early because they have run out of food; next year will be harder as they have even less maize!
- ◆ Give thanks for Messy Church and those who help out. Ask that all who come might grow in the love and knowledge of God!
- ◆ Pray for Joan in her work overseas; that God would strengthen her, as she has much to do.
- ◆ Pray for recovery and healing for George Leuty, Phyl Duncan, Barbara & Peter Tapscott, (and any others known to you!).
- ◆ Pray for Dot Coleman (ex-parishioner) and Marilyn Lee – having surgery in Perth
- ◆ Pray for Carolyn & Murray Wilding going to Cambodia this week and seeking God's will about ministry needs there.

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### NEXT SUNDAY

24th June 2012

### The worth of walking in wisdom

Proverbs 3:1-12

Psalm 111

Luke 11:27-36



## The Anglican Parish of Geraldton



Holy Cross Cathedral  
**GERALDTON**

St Catherine's  
**GREENOUGH**

Holy Trinity  
**WALKAWAY**

17th June 2012

### David and Goliath

**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:

All the earth worships you, O Lord most high; sings praises to you, and worships your holy Name. *Psalm 66:4*

#### Prayer of the Day:

Almighty and everlasting God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and grant us your peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

#### Today's Readings: **6.45am** **8.15/10am**

1 Samuel 17:17-50 p.288 p.203

John 10:11-18 p.1076 p.759

Psalm 89:19-27 Prayer Book p.316



Faithfully Biblical

Respectfully Evangelistic

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

Sacrificially Loving

Genuinely Worshipping

## Notice Board

► **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

Michael Stuart, BCA State Secretary will be preaching at all three services at the cathedral.

► **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Mini Market**

Donations of produce and craft most welcome. Contact Kerry on 9921 4466 or 0407 444 466.

► **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://marriagewebcast.acl.org.au) for more information.

► **Cathedral Prayer Meeting, 8am-8.30am**

Each Wednesday a group meets together in the Cathedral to pray. All are welcome to join us. If this time doesn't suit, but you would like to pray, then fill in the form in the hall and we may start another group at another time.

► **Each Wednesday at 4.30pm**

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

**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**

**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](http://www.geraldtonanglicans.com.au)**

Dear Friends,

In this very brief letter I just want to touch on some of the issues to do with 'gay marriage'.

The first thing I want to say is that if someone is reading this who has a homosexual orientation, I don't want them to feel that they are unwanted, or unloved by me or 'the Church'; I want them to know that they can come to Paul or me and talk.

On the other hand I don't want to 'fudge out' on the issue. Whilst it is often argued that the Bible condemns promiscuous homosexual sex but not faithful monogamous homosexual relationships, in Genesis 2, we have the pattern of the husband and wife becoming one and in Romans 1 homosexual sex seems to be characteristic of rejection of and by God.

Homosexual sex is not the sin of sins, nor is it the only sexual sin. There are many different sins and of course they are all wrong, but by coming in repentance to God and trusting in his Son Jesus as Saviour we receive the gift of forgiveness and a new start. Ideally in church we also find loving fellowship to encourage us to continue following Jesus as Lord.

So, yes, I believe homosexual sin is wrong, but should I impose my beliefs and morality on society at large? It almost seems fair to answer 'no', but to ignore what I understand is God's revealed will for relationships is going to have a harmful effect on the whole of society.

To finish up: to provide homosexual couples the economic protection afforded to heterosexual couples I think is just and fair. To redefine marriage to include homosexual couples is to knock out a foundational building block of society and to take a step away from God.

Love in Christ,

Jeremy

