



Oakhurst
Anglican Church
To Make and Grow Disciples of Jesus Christ

June 7, 2020

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<http://www.oakhurstanglican.org.au>

A warm welcome to everyone at church today. Let us worship God together and seek to grow in our ability to follow him more closely and grow in our love for one another. The service should be available at the church website, (www.oakhurstanglican.org.au) or the church Facebook page

Overall Series Title: They will know that I am the Lord their God

Today's Sermon: Free For Service

Bible Reading: : O/T Exodus 19 N/T 1 Peter 2:4-12

Free For





Rector Writes

"The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry;

the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth." (Psalm 34:15-16)

Small injustice often irritates, doesn't it? When little things don't go right, or escape censure, we get annoyed. But large injustice is more than irritating, it makes us angry. As we have seen in the US over the past week, and as we have been reminded in Australia, with the plight of indigenous people, large injustice cannot last forever. When those in authority are perceived to have been responsible for the injustice, there seems no way to redress the situation. Unfortunately, that has led to violence and further injustice, from which there seems no escape.

Looking on these events from across the world, it can be easy to 'look down' on America, or to think that we would be different, or to immediately identify with one 'side' or the other. As followers of Jesus, however, we want to say that the gospel of Jesus Christ, which invites repentance and faith, is God's 'No!' to injustice. In fact, if we are honest, we know that we are no better than Americans (or anyone else). We know that only the gospel can truly change hearts. We also know that the follower of Jesus cannot allow racism to stand, that to treat a fellow human being, let alone a brother or sister, differently because of their skin colour is an affront to the cross of Christ, who died to break down those barriers.

When we see injustice, or suffer it ourselves, we can also be comforted by the fact that God sees it. Psalm 34 reminds us that those who do evil will be judged, and that we do not need to perpetrate further injustice to correct the current injustice. We can and should speak out against injustice, especially on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves. Most of all we need to pray for ourselves and for our world, that all will know the peace which only God can provide.

Praise and Prayer Points

- Give thanks the Op shop is opened for a couple of short days a week, helping many who are depending on our shop for warm clothes and linen with the cold weather upon us.
- Continue to pray for those recovering from illness and operations.
- Uphold those who you know who are grieving, those grieving the passing of a family member or friend.
- Continue to uphold the children and teachers who have returned to school. Pray protection for them from the COVID 19 virus.
- Pray for Jason, wardens and parish council as they make decisions for our church and the future months.
- Pray for our country's leaders, for decisions made to bring us back to some form of normality following the COVID virus. Pray for the economical recovery also.
- Pray for those out of work and that their needs will be met, and a new job soon be found.

Notices

New Arrival

Praise to God and congratulations to Dean and Ros Dempsey on the safe birth of Jack Dempsey on Wednesday!

Fiona's Farewell

Fiona has been attending our church since the beginning of this year and will be returning to Melbourne soon. We are very sad to see her go and would like to farewell her with an afternoon tea at church.

Date: Sunday 21 June, 2.30pm

RSVP: to Melissa (ph 0425 368 293) by 18 June

Equip at Home - Eternity

Ladies, the Equip women's conference is always a time of great Bible teaching! This year it will be live-streamed in 2 shorter episodes across 2 weeks, with talks from 1 Corinthians 15-16. This is the perfect chance to gather together again in small groups for some fellowship and encouragement. You can also watch it at home if you prefer not to go out at this time.

Dates: 20 & 27 June

Cost: only \$15 per person

Registration: www.equip.org.au

Each episode will premiere at 10am and be followed by a live Q&A with that episode's speakers.

- **EPISODE 1:** Saturday June 20, 10am-12noon

Is the resurrection true? - Alli Muscat | Does the resurrection matter? - Tash Leong
- **EPISODE 2:** Saturday June 27, 10am-12noon

Our resurrection body - Lesley Ramsay | Our resurrection work - Di Warren

If you would like to watch the livestream with a small group of women, please contact Carolyn (ph 0410 960 133) or Melissa (ph 0425 368 293) by **Tuesday 16 June**, and we will organise groups in houses according to COVID-19 restrictions.

Queens Birthday Conference

The Queens Birthday conference runs each on the Monday of the long weekend. This year it will be a free livestreamed event from 2pm to 4:30pm. You can register here: <https://phillipjensen.com/events/queens-birthday-conference-2020/>

The theme for the conference is "2020 - A Vision we didn't expect to see" and will be thinking about how we respond as Christians to the coronavirus crisis. It will be a great afternoon, but the free registration closes on Sunday evening.

Survey Response

Thank you to all those who have responded to the survey this week. Around 65% of responses indicated a willingness to return to church. We intend to work towards making that happen, but we are still working out how to manage the cap of 50 and to clean thoroughly. In all likelihood, we will still be totally online for another couple of weeks at least. When we do return, we intend to livestream the service, so that those who are still self-isolating or are reluctant to venture out can still be part of church at home. We do not want anyone to miss out!

A new group for senior high and young adults as started at church. It meets at 4:30 on Sunday afternoons at the church (at least while no other church meetings are going on). If you would be interested in coming, or know someone who may want to come, please let Jason know.

We will have a Zoom catch up at 3pm on Sunday afternoon. The details are as follows:

It was great to catch up with some church members over Zoom last Sunday, so we will make this a regular event at 3pm on Sunday afternoons. Here is the link to join the meeting each week:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/217396806?pwd=VUJKL09ITnI5OHVEODg4SGZwS6ZiQT09>

Meeting ID: 217 396 806

Password: 745380

If you wish to ring in on the phone, then dial 80156011, then enter the meeting ID and the password. If you can't make an afternoon, but would be interested in an evening catch up, please let me know.

If you would like to put a notice in the newsletter please send an email to Darlena at bndwilson7@gmail.com by Wednesday so it can be added in time.

Next Week's Roster For 14/06 Service

Service Leader: Steve

Bible Reader: Grant Davies

Bible Readings: O/T Exodus 20 N/T Romans 7:7-12

Prayers: Denise

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