

Saint Mary's Newsletter: Nov 2016

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SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday 6th:

10am Family Communion Service

Refreshments - Judy Cole

Sunday 13th:

10am Family communion Service

Refreshments - Trish Smithson

Sunday 20th:

10am Praise Service

Refreshments - Majella Heaton

Sunday 27th:

10am Advent 1: Family communion Service

Refreshments - Melanie Holdsworth



First Sunday of Advent
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Christmas Fair: Sat 3rd Dec at 10am.
We need lots of volunteers from 7:30am onwards. Please see Sally-Ann or Kim

Salt & Light Bible Study meets every second Sunday after the church service and morning tea. Bring along your "purple book." Meeting this month on the 16th and 30th

Children's Church/Juniour Youth:
Date/s for October Children's church/Juniour Youth meet 6th and 20th

Youth Group (Year 9+): Combined churches youth Meet Fridays 7pm at Oaks Church Gordonton.

Scripture for the month:

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging
.Psalm 46:1-3

TIME LINE FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR:

Have the church decorated by Mon 28th Nov.

First Sunday of Nov 6th Nov after church - Put up the trees and decorate them.

Come in 1 night during the week to do other decorating- Tues 8th or Wed 9th Nov

Sun 13th after church- more decorating of church.

Tues 15th or Wed 16th Nov- Wreath making at Old School rooms

Sun 27th after church- tweak church decorations where needed. All finished by this date.

Wed 30th Nov- Bring all the stuff to be sold at the FAIR to be sorted.

DEALING WITH GUILT



The Holy Spirit, who lives inside every believer, convicts them of their sins and instils a healthy sense of guilt in them until they confess and repent (John 16:8). Then, God forgives—immediately and fully and their guilt for forgiven sins should be gone “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).

But some Christians although they believe their sins are forgiven still find it hard to feel freedom of guilt. Mentally, they understand that Jesus Christ died on the cross for their salvation, but emotionally they still feel guilty. These need to realize that feelings are not facts. They need to build their faith on God’s word not on their feelings “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32). The truth is that Christ died for our sins, setting us free from guilt. “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit” (Romans 8:1).

Just because some still feel guilty does not mean they are. These have to take God at His word when He says, “As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us” (Psalm 103:12). Once a person confesses their sins to God and repents, or “turns away” from sin, they can rest assured that God has forgiven them. If they still feel guilty after their sins have been forgiven, that’s not the Holy Spirit speaking to them, but their own emotions or Satan making them feel guilty.

Believers need to claim God’s promise and believe it “I, even I, am he that blot out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins” (Isaiah 43:25). And if they resist the devil’s doubts, they will be free from his lies (James 4:7).

Parish Giving

Please consider giving to the parish via Automatic Payment. Did you know that St Mary’s has to pay for our vicar and all other costs of running a parish, as well as giving a proportion to the Diocese? Please help us to be sustainable by giving via Automatic Payment. It is an easy way to give and is useful for the parish in running its budget. The Parish Bank Account is:

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CHEQUES TO ST MARY’S :

If you are writing a cheque out for the parish, please ensure it is made out to: “Gordonton Anglican Church”

This Month in Christian History:

10 Nov 432: Patrick, a young British man who had been held captive by the Irish as a slave, returns to the land of his captivity as a priest, and begins a lifelong mission to the Irish people. Patrick ministered there for fifty years, and became known as the “apostle of Ireland”.



Anointing for Healing

For those who require prayer for healing, please see the vicar who will pray for you and anoint with oil