

# Saint Mary's Newsletter: July

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## SERVICES FOR JULY

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>:

10am Family Communion Service

Refreshments - Karen Boyer

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>:

10am Family Communion Service

Refreshments - Melanie Holdsworth

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>:

10am Family Communion Service

Refreshments - Rosalie Jennings

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>:

10am Family Communion Service

Refreshments - Catherine Tuwi

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>:

10am Fresh Expressions

Refreshments - Majella Heaton



**Calf Fundraising Scheme:** Donate a calf (if you are a farmer), or townies can donate \$220 which will cover the costs of purchasing a 4 day old bull old calf and rearing costs. Or you could wait until the calves are sold and donate the average cash price of what all the calves sold for. It is an easy and low maintenance fundraiser that has the potential to raise \$450 per calf sold. The better the calf, the higher the price we get for it. Last year we had a huge number of Friesian bull calves made available for you to purchase from the Riddell's and were reared for us and sold as weaned 100kg calves at the sales in late October. We are hoping to buy surplus calves again this year and do the same. Forms and info on the Welcome table, or see Sally-Ann & Richard

### **Salt & Light Bible Study Group.**

Meets after church twice per month. This month, meets 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

**Children/Youth:** Kids activity packs with a choccy treat, and youth: Friday's 7pm @ Oaks church, Gordonton, & Weds 7pm "Ignite" @ - Horsham Downs Church.

### "Is it ever right to lie?"

The Bible nowhere presents an instance where lying is considered to be the right thing to do. The ninth commandment prohibits bearing false witness (Exodus 20:16). Proverbs 6:16-19 lists "a lying tongue" and "a false witness who pours out lies" as two of the seven abominations to the Lord. Love "rejoices with the truth" (1 Corinthians 13:6). For other Scriptures that speak negatively of lying, see Psalm 119:29, 163; 120:2; Proverbs 12:22; 13:5; Ephesians 4:25; Colossians 3:9; and Revelation 21:8. There are many examples of liars in Scripture, from Jacob's deceit in Genesis 27 to the pretence of Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5. Time after time, we see that falsehood leads to misery, loss, and judgment.

There are at least two instances in the Bible where lying produced a favourable result. For example, the lie the Hebrew midwives tell Pharaoh seems to result in the Lord's blessing on them (Exodus 1:15-21), and it probably saved the lives of many Hebrew babies. Another example is Rahab's lie to protect the Israelite spies in Joshua 2:5. It is important to note, however, that God never condones these lies. Despite the "positive" outcome of these lies, the Bible nowhere praises the lies themselves. The Bible nowhere states that there are instances where lying is the right thing to do. At the same time, the Bible does not declare that there is no possible instance in which lying is an acceptable option.

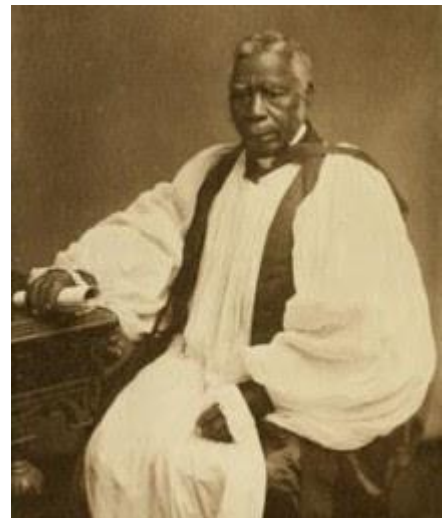
The question then remains: is there ever a time when lying is the right thing to do? The most common illustration of this dilemma comes from the life of Corrie ten Boom in Nazi-occupied Holland. Essentially, the story is this: Corrie ten Boom is hiding Jews in her home to protect them from the Nazis. Nazi soldiers come to her home and ask her if she knows where any Jews are hiding. What is she to do? Should she tell the truth and allow the Nazis to capture the Jews she was trying to protect? Or, should she lie and deny that she knows anything about them?

In an instance such as this, where lying may be the only possible way to prevent a horrible evil, perhaps lying would be an acceptable thing to do. Such an instance would be somewhat similar to the lies of the Hebrew midwives and Rahab. In an evil world, and in a desperate situation, it may be the right thing to commit a lesser evil, lying, in order to prevent a much greater evil. However, it must be noted that such instances are extremely rare. It is highly likely that the vast majority of people in human history have never faced a situation in which lying was the right thing to do.



### This Month in Christian History:

*23<sup>th</sup> July 1825:* Kidnapped earlier by Muslim slave traders from his Yoruba homeland in north-central Africa, Samuel Adjai Crowther is rescued by English missionaries and baptized into the Church. In 1864 Crowther was consecrated as missionary bishop of the Niger Territory.



### CHEQUES TO ST MARY'S :

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

### 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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