

Parkdale Church of Christ

News & Views



Ethics at large

I was born in West Yorkshire, and spend most of my school years in East Yorkshire, which is of course in the north of England. My accent betrays this origin, though it's not particularly strong as Yorkshire accents go – my Dad's family were from Lancashire really, so my accent is more of a generic northern accent that specifically Yorkshire. Anyway, this week I was reading a page on a website dedicated to the Yorkshire dialect of English, and I came across this little story:

At a cricket match a fast bowler sent one down and it just clipped the bail.

As nobody yelled "ows att" the batsman picked up the bail and replaced it.

He looked at the umpire and said "windy today int'it".

"Ay" said the umpire "it is, mind it don't blow thee cap off walking back to t'pavillion".

As I read this, I thought of the German goalie who picked up the ball from behind the line in the World Cup match against England and, the referee not having seen, continued the play, even though it was clearly over the line.

This week The Age has made some serious allegations about corruption in Australia's bid to bring the 2022 World Cup here. Whatever the rules say about gifts, it seems to me that there is no level playing field in this process! Huge sums of money are involved in lobbying, and most of the time the referee is not looking.

Young people look up to sporting stars, celebrities, and the powerful. They will do what they see these people do. When dishonesty, anger and greed in the public eye go unnoticed, and even bring reward, is it any surprise that respect for the law in general has declined? And so now a major role of religion in years gone by is revealed by its absence. It has been replaced by a vacuum. Yet there is still another Way!

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TODAY: Steve is speaking this morning and leading evening worship at 7:00pm.

NEXT SUNDAY: Steve will be preaching again and on the next Sunday after that, after which he and Annie will depart for Europe.

Having considered the effects of jet lag on Steve's return, it seems best if the evening service breaks for three weeks beginning with July 18th, so it will resume on August 8th.

DURING THE WEEK:

Monday: No **Play Group** due to the school holidays.

Wednesday: **Friendship Centre** meets as usual in the Arthur Scott Hall from 10:30am to 3:00pm with lunch at 12:15pm. (Arthur's Table is on holiday until August 4th.) Thanks to Kath Gillard for managing the food while Debby is unable to attend.

Thursday:

- **Coffee and Chat** from 10:00am to 12noon. Maria joined us again last week, having left her job and moved to Moridalloc. Thanks to Kathryn Perry for standing in for Gwenda as food organiser for this, and to all others who have contributed!
- **Board Meeting** at 8pm.

Friday: This **Play Group** is carrying on through the school holidays after all. Wendy is our contact for this group.

TEMPLE DAY: We traditionally take this offering on the last Sunday in August, in this case, 28th August. Taking the Old Testament concept of bringing gifts for the Temple we dedicate this offering to renovations and improvements to our buildings. This year we have the Arthur Scott Hall in our sights for rejuvenation.

REPORT FROM OBERAMMERGAU: Gwenda rang on Thursday evening direct from Oberammergau in Germany. The weather there is hot, 38°C, but so far all has gone well on her trip. The Passion Play performances last 3 hours at a sitting, and two sittings make up the day. There is seating for 5000, which somehow breaks my mental image of a quaint village hosting the play!

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A Gaelic Blessing

*May those who love us, love us.
And those who don't love us,
May God turn their hearts;
And if He doesn't turn their hearts,
May He turn their ankles,
So we will know them by their limping.*

The Divine Praises

*You are holy, Lord,
the only God,
and Your deeds are wonderful.*

You are strong.

You are great.

You are the Most High.

You are Almighty.

You, Holy Father are King of heaven and earth.

You are Three and One,

Lord God, all Good.

You are Good, all Good, supreme Good,

Lord God, living and true.

You are love.

You are wisdom.

You are humility.

You are endurance.

You are rest.

You are peace.

You are joy and gladness.

You are justice and moderation.

You are all our riches, and You suffice for us.

You are beauty.

You are gentleness.

You are our protector.

You are our guardian and defender.

You are our courage.

You are our haven and our hope.

You are our faith, our great consolation.

*You are our eternal life, Great and Wonderful Lord, God Almighty,
Merciful Saviour.*

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Please pray for...

- Pray for our Temple Day offering. It will cost a large sum to make the hall more bright and clean looking. Whatever we do with the floor will cost a lot.
- Pray for our October programmes – concert, hymns and antique valuations. It is important that more people come into our buildings and realise what we have to offer, and the October activities are part of this; but also, it is important that they are enjoyable!
- We heard during the week that Danny, who has a rare form of epilepsy, is still quite unwell and will remain in hospital for many weeks as his treatment is adjusted. Please pray for him and his mother, Hannah.
- Pray for Jarrod, who has attended Arthur's Table in the past and who came to Coffee & Chat last week with his violin, that he may succeed in bringing order to his life.
- We understand that Paul Payne has been able to go home to Cheltenham Manor; please pray for him and Ursula during this difficult time.
- Pray for Steve as he tries to balance part-time ministry with computer work for various individuals and organisations (Southern Community Church of Christ, Chelsea Church of Christ, CCTC, UNOH, and of course our own computers).
- Continue to pray for Australia as we get to know our new Prime Minister. Pray for Julia Gillard, that she will exercise integrity, be open to listen to points of view and open in her communication with her team and with others involved in the issues she has to deal with.
- Pray for all who are away or travelling this winter!

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen

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I saw a stranger today.

*I saw a stranger today.
I put food for him in the eating-place
And drink in the drinking-place
And music in the listening-place.
In the Holy name of the Trinity
He blessed myself and my family.
And the lark said in her warble
Often, often, often
Goes Christ in the stranger's guise.
O, oft and oft and oft,
Goes Christ in the stranger's guise.*

Order of Service – 4th July, 2010

Welcome – Steve Jackson
Worship in song – Nicole East
Announcements – Lyle Yates
Reading 1: 2 Ki 5:1-14 – Leonie Hargreaves
Worship in Song
Lord's Table – Jessica Oakes
Church Prayers – Lyle Yates
Worship in Song
Reading 2: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 – tba
Sermon – Steve Jackson
Final song
Benediction

Door: Lois Woodward

Creche:
Jessica Oakes
Sunday School:
On holiday

Serving next week (11th July, 10:15am)

Organ/keyboard – n/a
Piano – David East
Worship Leader – Leonie Hargreaves
Announcements – tba
Lord's Table – Kath Gillard
Reading 1: Amos 7:7-17 - tba
Reading 2: Luke 10:25-37 – Warwick Newland
Helpers – Andrew Hargreaves, Hedley Hartrick
Church Prayers – Steve Jackson

Sermon – Steve Jackson
Children's talk – n/a
Flowers – Wendy Scott
Door – Joan Maxwell
Hall Cleaners – Bob & Wendy Scott
Foyer Cleaner – Lois Woodward
Crèche – Nicole East
Sunday School – holidays
Evening music – Daniel Payne

Service times: Sunday mornings 10:15am; 1st Sunday evening of month 7pm



We love our faith, we live our faith

Readings during the week

Sunday: Philippians 1:1-11
Monday: Philippians 1:12-30
Tuesday: Philippians 2:1-4
Wednesday: Philippians 2:5-11
Thursday: Philippians 2:12-18
Friday: Philippians 2:19-30
Saturday: Philippians 3:1-11

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