

Parish Bulletin

8th May 2011

Third Sunday of Easter



You are welcome

You are worshipping among friends today and all are welcome. We trust that in this time of worship you will know the joy and healing of Jesus Christ our Lord. You are welcome to join us as pilgrims with our Lord on our life's journey. Our Mission statement: "Growing Communities confident in Christ" is lived-out by a people of faith who serve our City in the strength of God's love.

A rainbow is the symbol of God's faithfulness; a dove a symbol of peace and an olive branch a sign of



Mother's Day

This day is celebrated in many countries as a day to honour and give thanks for our mothers who have borne and nurtured us.

After the Civil War in the US, Ann Marie Reeves Jarvis worked to honour and help mothers who had suffered so much. She organised friendship groups and guided mothers in sanitation and hygiene. She died on 9th May 1905 and two years later her daughter Anna Jarvis continued her memory by

organizing a memorial service for all mothers in her church and gave carnations to each participant in honour or memory of their mothers.

She was so moved by the response that she began a campaign to establish a recognised holiday to honour mothers. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Mother's Day as a national holiday to be held on the second Sunday of May.



Sadly the commercialisation of Mother's Day began very quickly. This

dismayed Anna Jarvis and she fought against it throughout the rest of her life.

Any celebration like Mother's Day is ambiguous because even though we all honour mothers, nevertheless for many people this day is tinged with sadness: regret that our mother did not live up to our dreams, sadness because we never knew our mother, or that our mother has passed away, or we were removed from our mother's care. It might be a day of pain for many women who have remained single and childless when they would have made wonderful mothers; or married women who have been unable to conceive; or women who are separated from their children by death or distance.

It is the superficial popularism of Mother's Day that can cause pain. The dream of Anna Jarvis to hold a simple service in church with a token of remembrance, provides a place and occasion where both joy and pain can be offered to God and healing received in return.

The Venerable Ian Palmer



News and Notices

- ❖ There will be a **Special General Meeting** for the Parish on Wednesday 11th May 7pm at St Matthew's. The audited accounts for 2010 have now been received by the PC and are ready

"The Book that Changed the World"

The King James Version of the Bible

An Exhibition in Parliament House Canberra

To commemorate the four-hundredth anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible, *Bible Society Australia* is holding a major exhibition of Bibles in each Capital city. These Bibles date from 1495 to the present day and include a Geneva Bible with Shakespeare's initials against many verses; Governor Hunter's Bible which he carried on the first fleet, and a Bible hand inscribed by Governor Macquarie.

When: Now on until Tuesday 28th June

Where: The Presiding Officer's Area
1st floor Parliament House, Canberra

Also see www.kjv11.com.au

A Lecture on the KJV will be given by *Dr John Harris* (Former Director of the Bible Society in Australia)

At St Mark's NTC, Barton on
Thursday 19th May 7.30pm



for presentation to the General Meeting.

- ❖ **Peacewise:** is offering a "Personal Peacemaking Seminar" on Saturday 4th June at St James' Church, Holt. It will go from 8.45am to 5pm and cost \$50. All are invited but especially parish councillors and wardens. If you would like to attend please contact Ian asap on email or phone 0411 242 596.
- ❖ **Confirmation:** will be in Christ Church on Sunday morning 16th October. Would any who would like to be confirmed please talk to Ian or James.
- ❖ In the face of on-going heritage issues Karabar Housing Cooperative has withdrawn their plan to build units on the Christ Church site. I am angry that people who have no on-going commitment to the vision of our parish and who do not contribute to the mission of our church should use their undemocratic power to frustrate efforts to provide affordable housing for those who need it and to create a caring community around our church.
- ❖ **Mission Giving:** This month our mission giving will continue to be for the church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. At his time of great challenge and difficulties for our sisters and brothers in this region of the world our Mission giving and prayer are ways of expressing our fellowship with them.
- ❖ The National Capital Authority has given approval for the redevelopment of Jamieson House to begin. In June the Diocesan Offices, ADF and Anglicare will move to 221 London Circuit and building the new complex on Constitution Avenue will commence later in the year. The Jamieson will be a residential development with about 90 units. People from the Diocese who are interested in purchasing a unit (off the plan) are invited to give their expression of interest to Peter Masters 02 6248 0811.



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| Readings for 15th May: | | Fourth Sunday after Easter | |
| Acts 2: 4-472 | Psalms 23 | 1 Peter 2:1-10 | John 10:1-10 |

Pray for God's people: Pray for those struggling with on-going illness: George



Wark, Lyn Boucher, Peter Robi n, Janette Hardy, Lea Palij, Bert Young, Deryck Palmer, Enid Kim and Archdeacon Anne Ranse. Pray for those who mourn the death of loved ones.

John Scriven - a close friend of Ian and Liz passed away on Friday in Muswellbrook Hospital. *May the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Prayers for the coming week

Sunday: Pray for our Bishops: Stuart and Trevor and for the work of our Diocese.

Monday: Pray for members of our churches off to work today; those in Defence, the Public Service, in trades or businesses. Pray for safety as they travel and for their homes and families.

Tuesday: Pray for the ministry of HOME in Queanbeyan and St Benedict's Day Centre. Pray also for those who take services and visit in the aged care facilities in our parish.

Wednesday: Pray for our parish especially as we continue to seek God's guidance about the development of ministry in Queanbeyan and its growing suburbs. Pray for the General Meeting this evening.

Thursday: Pray for the ministry in town to children with special needs.

Friday: Pray for the work of the ministry of the church in Jerusalem and the Middle East; for the work of the Anglican Church in hospitals and peace-making. And for all Christians who are persecuted for their faith.

Saturday: Pray for families especially those with young children; take time to hold those you know and love in prayer before God. Pray for lay leaders of youth and children's ministries.



Regular Sunday Worship

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| Christ Church | 8.00am | Holy Communion | |
| | 10.00am | Holy Communion [with Sunday school] | |
| St Matthew's (Karabar) | 9.00am | Holy Communion | 10am Sunday School |
| St Paul's (Burra) | 8.00am | Holy Communion | |
| | 9.45am | Family Worship | |
| St Thomas' Michelago | 9.30am | Holy Communion | [1 st & 3 rd Sundays] |

Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church

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