



The Auburn Newsletter

Hawthorn Uniting Parish

Sunday 6th May 2018

Service Today
10am Worship Service
Rev Steve Crump

Next Sunday
10am Worship Service
Rev Ross Carter

BENEDICTION:

Go, knowing that you are blessed as a child of God, loved as a friend of Jesus, and filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia Alleluia.

In the name of Christ. Alleluia Alleluia

ORGAN POSTLUDE

(You are invited to remain seated until the end of the postlude)

Notices

Congratulations and appreciation to the following office bearers who were elected at the Council Meeting on 2 May: Warren Clarnette (Chair), John Suriano (Treasurer), Alec Nothnagel (Secretary) and Vicky Rose (Auburn Representative at Yarra Yarra Presbytery).

Planned Giving: If you'd like a box of envelopes for your weekly offering, please see Daphne Arthur. The new envelopes date from the end of June.

Plans for the refurbishment of the kitchen have been approved and the work will be completed during school holidays – probably 22 Sep to 7 Oct rather than 30 June – 15 July.

Reader Today: Bruce Macrae
Next Week: Anne Friend

Flowers Today: Daphne Arthur
Next week: Judith Walker

Readings next week

Acts 1: 1-11;

Ephesians 1: 15-23;

Psalms 47 or 93;

Luke 24: 44-53;

Sunday Service

10 am weekly

Holy Communion:

monthly:

10 am: 3rd Sunday

Music in Liturgy:

monthly:

10 am: 4th Sunday

Morning Coffee

10.15am monthly

1st Thursday in the

Eileen Pawsey

Room

Church Council:

7.45 pm monthly

1st Wed in the

Pawsey Room

Church Lunch:

12 noon in the Hall

monthly 3rd Sunday

*NB: Dates and times
may occasionally
change documented
in the pew sheet
notices*

Welcome to all who worship at Auburn today.
Please remain for tea or coffee in the church after the service.

EASTER 6

Organ Prelude

Introit: *Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands (TIS 364 v. 1)*

Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands

For our offences given;

But now at God's right hand he stands

and brings us life from heaven:

Let us then with joy adore

And thank our God for evermore

And sing loud hallelujahs.

Hallelujah!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to God a new song,

make a joyful song.

Sing praises to God

with instruments and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and didgeridoo

make a joyful noise before God.

From the Great Australian Bight

to the Gulf of Carpentaria

let the sea roar, and all that fills it.

Let the world and those who live in it with praise unite
to sing together for joy in God's presence,
who judges the world with righteousness
and people with fairness.

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HYMN 166: "Sing a new song, sing a new song"

PRAYER OF APPROACH

We, who so often take the wonders of creation for granted, welcome the opportunity to make a joyful noise before you O God. We come here this morning to worship and to praise you, glad that we live in this country filled with such diverse and beautiful examples of your creation. Yet, joyful noises are not easy for everyone to make, as we come from differing situations and lifestyles. Some are burdened down with the stresses of daily living and all that it involves; some are wearied from tasks of serving others; some are worried over the state of the world and where all that is leading. Speak to us all, O God, in the stillness of this time and remind us of Jesus' willingness to take our burdens upon himself and to learn from him - to experience his gentleness and steadfast love for all. Jesus also offers us his joy so that our joy might be complete. Confident in these promises, we offer this time of worship to you, O God, praying that it may reflect our praise and thanksgiving for the gifts of creation and for all that Jesus has done for us.

This we pray in his name. Amen

Anthem: *When I needed a neighbour* (TIS 629)

(words and melody; Sydney Carter; arranged James Whitbourne)

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Based on Acts 10*

The story of Cornelius and Peter is one we could listen to over and over again as barriers which had divided Jew and Gentile were wonderfully broken down by God. And the conclusion is even more dramatic, when all who were there in Cornelius' house were astounded when the Holy Spirit fell on those who heard Peter's testimony about Jesus - Lord of all. Even the ones regarded by the believers as 'outsiders' experienced a mighty infilling of the Spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: We give thanks that you, merciful God, overcame Peter's prejudice and used him to proclaim the gospel with vigour and authority, but we confess that there are times when we feel safer clinging to our prejudices rather than opening ourselves up to the possibility of you creating any dramatic change in our or other people's lives. So, forgive us if we dismiss the story of Peter and Cornelius as something that happened a long time ago but wouldn't happen today.

Dispel any reluctance on our part to testify to the love and power of Jesus - especially to those whom we might describe as 'outsiders'. Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Peter found himself proclaiming the gospel in unexpected places and surprising situations. Strengthen us also with your Spirit to be willing and confident disciples of Jesus Christ, following where he leads - loving as he loved, and living as he lived. **Amen**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus tells us that as we dwell in his love so his joy will be forever in us and he tells us we have already been cleansed by the word that he has spoken to us. Surely this does make our joy complete. So, hear and believe the good news that through Jesus who dwells in us, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God Alleluia! Amen!

HYMN 147: "To God be the glory"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 10: 44-48

Psalm 98 (TIS 570)

EPISTLE: 1 John 5: 1-6.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia.** Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the end of the age. Alleluia.

(Matt. 28:19, 20)

GOSPEL: John 15: 9-17

SERMON

HYMN 164: "The great love of God"

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN 552: "Come, my way, my truth, my life"