

Lent Easter falls early this year and so Lent begins early also.
Here are some activities to look forward to:

- Ash Wednesday - 7am, Wed 14 Feb: 'Imposition of Ash'
- Lent Bible Study - 7pm, every Thursday: 15 Feb to 21 Mar at church, 'Remembering the Poor' a study series prepared by Anglican Overseas Aid
- Passover Seder - Thurs 28 Mar - watch this space for more

Parish Council meets 7:30pm, Wed 14 Feb

Resources for ministry

Giving can be made directly to our Bendigo Bank Warrandyte account
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*A welcoming Christ-centred community
seeking and working together
through the power of the Holy Spirit
to worship God, share His good news
and grow as disciples of Jesus*

Sunday 28th January 2024

Anthem

/ 'anθəm/ noun

1. A rousing song identified with a particular group, body, or cause
2. a musical setting of a religious text to be sung by a choir during a church service, especially in Anglican or Protestant Churches.

"Advance Australia Fair", written by composer Peter Dodds McCormick, was first performed as a patriotic song in 1878. It replaced 'God Save The Queen' as the official National Anthem in 1974, only for "God Save the Queen" to be reinstated in January 1976 by the Fraser government. However, in 1984, a plebiscite to choose the national song preferred "Advance Australia Fair", which was in turn reinstated as the National Anthem. "God Save the King/Queen" remains the Royal Anthem, to be used at public engagements attended by the King or members of the monarchy of Australia.

The lyrics of the 1984 version of "Advance Australia Fair" were modified from McCormick's original and its verses were trimmed from four to two. In January 2021, the lyrics were changed once again by the National Australia Day Council to recognise indigenous Australians, with the word "one" in the second line replacing the previous "young".

Australians all, let us rejoice, for we are one and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil, our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in Nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage advance Australia fair!
In joyful strains then let us sing, advance Australia fair!

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross, we'll toil with hearts and hands
To make this Commonwealth of ours renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas we've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine to advance Australia fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing; advance Australia fair.

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Psalm 111

Praise the Lord. Hallelu Yah!

I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

Great are the works of the Lord;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are his deeds;
and his righteousness endures for ever.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and compassionate.

He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant for ever.

He has shown his people the power of his works;
giving them the lands of other nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are established for ever and ever;
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.

He provided redemption for his people;
he ordained his covenant for ever - holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

To the Lord belongs eternal praise.
Praise the Lord. Hallelu Yah!

Deuteronomy 18:9-22

When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. Let no one be found among you who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, who practises divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead.

Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord; because of these same detestable practices the Lord your God will drive out those nations before you. You must be blameless

before the Lord your God. The nations you will dispossess listen to those who practise sorcery or divination. But as for you, the Lord your God has not permitted you to do so.

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. For this is what you asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, 'Let us not hear the voice of the Lord our God nor see this great fire any more, or we will die.'

The Lord said to me: 'What they say is good. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death.'

You may say to yourselves, 'How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the Lord?' If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the Lord does not take place or come true, that is a message the Lord has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously, so do not be alarmed.

Mark 1:16-28

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' At once they left their nets and followed him. When Jesus had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are - the Holy One of God!'

'Be quiet!' said Jesus sternly. 'Come out of him!' The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, 'What is this? A new teaching - and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.'

News about Jesus spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.