



# The Abbey Church Epistle

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## June 2014

June with some fun, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

our spirit.

How often we wish only for brightness and joy and how often we reject with fear those cold and dark experiences in our life. Our inner journey also must take us through the whole cycle of seasons.

And yet we know, that buried in the darkness and cold of the earth, a tiny seed commences to grow towards the light. If instead of the dark earth around it, that seed is cast upon the surface, it quickly perishes.

Do not despise the winter and its darkness, for in the shadows, the pain, and the cold through which we sometimes must travel on the mystic pathway we follow, sometimes unknowingly we never-the-less will send down deep roots of faith.

In our struggles with uncertainty and adversity let us then cry for strengthening of that faith. That we may press forward with trust in God's presence always with us. Without struggle we would not develop our spiritual courage, our strengths, our virtues. It is only through battle that we may conquer our foolish fears. And attain the realization of Julian of Norwich that "All manner of things shall be well".

To bear the light of truth we must grow beyond the challenges of life's hard school and become strong in spirit. Like the life giving rays of the sun, the emblem of our Divine Father, on our main altar frontal, God sends down upon us, that fullness of strength which enables us to progress, to help lighten another's burden, to spread joy and peace, and begin to know and experience Love.



My love to you all,  
Fr George



## JUNE

- 1 Ascension Sunday
  - 1 Sunday Services
  - 7 FOTAM Floor Talk
  - 8 Whitsunday
  - 8 Sunday Services
  - 11 Women's Morning of Prayer 9.30am
  - 12 Benediction 7.15pm
  - 14 Pot Luck Dinner & Trivia
  - 15 Trinity Sunday (Phantom Breakfast)
  - 15 Sunday Services
  - 16 The Abbey Church Guild 7.15pm
  - 22 Sunday Services
  - 22 Song Request Night
  - 23 Vigil of Divine Father 7.15pm
  - 24 Festival of the Divine Father
  - 26 Benediction 7.15pm
  - 28 Abbey Medieval Banquet
  - 29 Sunday Services
- JULY (quick look ahead)**
- 5 Abbey Medieval Banquet
  - 8 Kids Medieval Fun Day
  - 12/13 Abbey Medieval Tournament
  - 20 Church BBQ
  - 31 Confraternity Meeting



**THE ABBEY CHURCH GUILD (APR)**  
**Income: \$ Expenditure: \$**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We extend our well wishes to all the congregation members who celebrate their birthday in June!



## Sunday Services

- 9.30am Holy Communion
- 6.45pm Evensong
- 9.15am Sunday School (1st and 3rd Sun)

## CHURCH NEWS

**Request Evening** - We all love singing our favourite hymns and spiritual songs. On Sunday evening at 6.45pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> June we will be holding a night to sing your requests. Please fill in the form in this newsletter so that we can prepare for a wonderful evening. Please use this as an opportunity to bring your friends along as well.

**Condolences** - We extend our prayers, love and sympathy to Father Hugh on the passing of his mother just recently.

**In Loving Memory** - This month we are remembering the souls of our dear friends and loved ones: Ank Blankenspoor (2<sup>nd</sup> 2012), Maria Leitner (16<sup>th</sup> 2005), Jeff Tanner (18<sup>th</sup> 2009), Billie Youngberg (26<sup>th</sup> 2013), Heather de Prada (28<sup>th</sup> 2013). We extend our love and prayers to their families on these special dates.



*We thought of you with love today,  
But that is nothing new.  
We thought about you yesterday,  
And days before that too.  
We think of you in silence,  
We often speak your name.  
Now all we have is memories,  
And your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is our keepsake,  
With which we'll never part.  
God has you in his keeping,  
We have you in our hearts.*

### TRINITY SUNDAY - 15th June

May God bless you with unspeakable joy,  
not only in the world to come, but in this world also.

May your path be bright and full of light  
everywhere you go.

May God tell darkness to flee at your command.

May your feet never stumble out of God's plan.



May you experience  
peace in everything you  
do.

May goodness, kindness,  
mercy come your way.

May you gain wisdom  
and grow in the Lord  
Everyday.

June is a very special month conjuring in our minds the onset of Winter, cosy firesides, and warm fleecy clothes. In our Church it brings to mind the festival of the Divine Father. Do we think of our Heavenly Father enough? The One who gives us the sun for warmth, the moon to light our way through the darkness, the flowers, the trees, the miracle of birth, and the myriad of everyday things we take so much for granted. Let us take a few minutes each and every day to look at the sunrise or the sunset, listen to the rapturous song of a bird, or marvel at the beauty and fragrance of a flower which has arisen from a tiny seed and thank Him for his wondrous Power and Love.



## Pentecost Sunday (8<sup>th</sup> June)

The biblical narrative of Pentecost is given in the second chapter of the Book of Acts. Present were about one hundred twenty followers of Christ (Acts 1:15), including his core group of twelve Disciples (Acts 1:13, 26), his mother Mary and various other women disciples (Acts 1:14). Their reception of Baptism in the Holy Spirit in the Upper Room is recounted in Acts 2:1–6.

*“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other languages, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.”*

While those on whom the Spirit had descended were speaking in many languages, the Apostle Peter stood up with the eleven and proclaimed to the crowd that this event was the fulfillment of the prophecy (“I will pour out my spirit”).

In Acts 2:17, it reads: “‘And in the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my spirit upon every sort of flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy and your young men will see visions and your old men will dream dreams.’” He also mentions (2:15) that it was the third hour of the day (about 9:00am). Acts 2:41 then reports: “Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.”

Peter stated that this event was the beginning of a continual outpouring that would be available to all believers from that point on, Jews and Gentiles alike.

It's not what you have in your life, but who you have in your life that counts.

Lord  
help me to remember  
that nothing is going to happen  
to me today that you and I  
together can't handle.

Amen

The more you give, the more you get,  
The more you laugh, the less you fret.  
The more you do unselfishly,  
The more you live abundantly.  
The more of everything you share,  
The more you'll always have to spare.  
The more you love, the more you'll find,  
That life is good and friends are kind.  
For only what we give away,  
Enriches us from day to day. Anon



## Join Us In Prayer

We continue to pray for those who are sick and more particularly this month Del Hudson, Vaughan White, Shane Pearce, Maria la Spina, Rick Kemp and Coralie Martin.



## MUSEUM NEWS

**Bus Trip** - The Abbey Museum is organizing an overnight heritage tour of the Brisbane and Lockyer Valley regions and the Toowoomba escarpment.. This is a trip with a difference as Michael Strong will be sharing his knowledge of the Aboriginal culture when we visit various sites. The cost includes transport and accommodation in Toowoomba, morning tea and guided tours of Challawong and Gummingurru – significant Aboriginal sites)

**When:** Monday 11th—Tuesday 12th August 2014

**Cost:** \$135 pp

**Contact:** The Museum 54951652



# Book Now!

I think it's true that people are a little bit like stars. There are millions of them to see, but there are always a few that shine better and more beautifully than others. The people that warm your heart and bring you a smile..those that are the kind you want your life to be blessed with.

Of all the stars in the sky, you are one of the brightest. You are a very special light in lots of people's lives, and you are thanked for all the warmth and happiness you bring!  
D Pagels

### I Know Something Good about you

Wouldn't this old world be better  
If the folks we meet would say  
I know something good about you  
And then treat us just that way.

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy  
If each hand-clasp warm and true  
Carried with it this assurance  
I know something good about you.

Wouldn't things here be more pleasant  
If the good that's in us all  
Were the things about us  
That folks bothered to recall.

Wouldn't life be lots more happy  
If we'd praise the good we see  
For there's such a lot of goodness  
In the worst of you and me.

Wouldn't it be nice to practise  
This fine way of thinking too  
You know something good about me  
I know something good about you. Anon

