



The Abbey Church Epistle

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October 2014



On this the first Sunday in October, we celebrate the last of three major Feasts of our Church – All Souls, All Saints and today Michael and All Angels.

This Sunday afternoon we are also holding our pet service in the Church.

This an opportunity to thank God and ask for his blessings on all our faithful friends of all descriptions, who show us such unconditional love and affection often lifting our spirits when we feel discouraged or lonely. Just consider the unrestrained wagging of a dog's tail when it greets you!

These Services all remind us that we are souls at differing stages on the same pathway back to God. We are once again reminded of God's Almighty plan for all creation wherein it is by service unto others that we progress closer unto God. We can affirm with St Paul, that great Apostle of Christianity that "ALL of creation will ultimately return to the Maker of it ALL".

The beautiful tapestry that is God's universal plan is woven from darkness and light, sadness and joy. Out of seemingly insignificant threads of our daily lives is woven a whole picture. In some mystical way we can but dimly comprehend our actions, prayers and thoughts are woven together with those of other souls, Saints, and Angels to fulfil God's Eternal purpose for each and every one of us.

However humbling it may be to contemplate this marvellous tapestry woven under the guidance of the gentle hand of God, we find it reveals many of life's answers in the simple joys of friendship, caring and love. And encompassing it all, is the God of Love who forever holds us in the palm of His loving Hand.

Love and blessings, Fr George.



OCTOBER

- 2 Benediction
- 5 Heavenly Hierarchy Sunday
- 5 Sunday Services
- 5 Blessing of the Pets 3.15pm
- 8 Women's Morning of Prayer
- 11 Pot Luck Dinner & Trivia
- 12 Sunday Services
- 16 Benediction
- 18-19 Church Camp
- 19 Sunday Services
- 20 The Abbey Church Guild
- 25 FOTAM Lunch & Floor Talk
- 26 Festival of Christ the King 6.45pm
- 26 Sunday Services
- 29 Synod Meeting 7.15pm
- 30 Benediction

NOVEMBER (quick look ahead)

- 9 Church BBQ
- 20 Confraternity Christmas Break-up
- 30 Advent Sunday

Sunday Services

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

A special welcome to all those who are attending our church for the first time.

CHURCH NEWS

- **Chairs** - There are still some metal chairs for sale. They are a bargain at \$5 each – sturdy but need a new coat of paint.
- **Church Camp** - Don't forget our camp coming up in October - we'd love to see you there! Many people arrive on the Friday and stay for 2 nights, however anyone is welcome to come up for a BBQ and sing song on Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning for our outdoor Communion Service. We will be at the Landsborough Caravan Park from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning on 17/18/19th October.

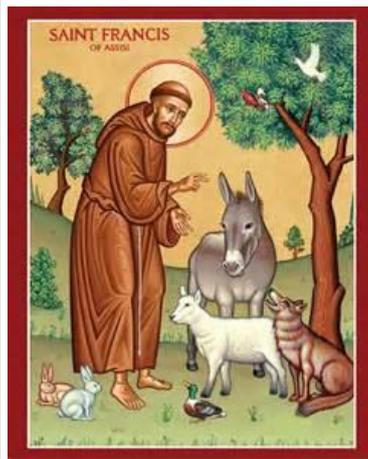


- **Pot Luck and Trivia Night** - Now the weather is warmer you might like to come along to this evening of fun and fellowship. Just bring along a meal & dessert to share at 6pm. Trivia challenge starts around 7pm.
- **Vale** - This month of October we are remembering the souls of our dear friends and loved ones – Rita Anderson (24 Oct, 1997), Thomas Brown (15 Oct, 2009) Norman Verity (2 Oct, 2012). May they rest in Peace.
- **Rest In Peace** - Elsie Kriesch who we have been praying for passed away just recently after she celebrated her 90th Birthday. Her funeral was 2 October here at our Church.
- **Church BBQ** - We had 25 people stay after Church for our BBQ. This happens on the second Sunday of every second month. Date claimer for the next one is 9th November. A great opportunity to catch up with each other as we don't have Baptisms that Sunday.
- **Weddings/Baptisms/Funerals** - For the month of September we've had 4 Baptisms and 2 Weddings.
- **Church Website** - Don't forget to visit our new Church website at www.abbeychurch.com.au



A man, heart breaking from the pain and injustice all around him, once stood before God and cried "Dear God, look at all this distress, this suffering, this anguish. Why don't You send help?" And God replied, "I did send help. I sent you!"

You can't live a positive life with a negative mind. Anon



Blessing of the Pets

This afternoon we will be holding the Blessing of the Pets Service at 3.15pm in the Church. This is the Sunday closest to St Francis' day. He was the Saint who called the birds and animals his sisters and brothers. This is a special time when we ask for a blessing on all our faithful friends, who give to us their companionship and unconditional love...last year we had dogs, cats, birds and many, many guinea pigs!

If we noticed little pleasures as we notice little pains.
If we forgot our losses and remembered all our gains.
If we looked for people's virtues, and their faults refused to see.
What a comfortable and happy, cheerful place this world would be.

The Best things in life are Free
When we count our many blessings, it isn't hard to see
That life's most valued treasures are the treasures that are free
For it isn't what we own or buy that signifies our wealth
It's the special gifts that have no price – our family, friends and health.



Kindness in words creates confidence, kindness in things creates profoundness, kindness in giving creates love. Lao Tzu

FROM THE ABBEY CHURCH GUILD

The Guild raises funds to further the ministry of your church.

The Abbey Church Guild Inc utilises all income raised for:

- Maintenance and improvement of the Church and Hall
- Provision of consumables, vestments etc for the Church
- Pastoral humanitarian assistance to individuals
- Promotion of social interaction and Christian fellowship
- Charitable assistance to the wider community

JOIN US IN PRAYER

Prayers needed for Jeannine Remme, Sharon Ashen and Joshua Bullock.

Let us all continue to pray for peace in Iraq and Syria this month, particularly for our Australian forces supporting the effort for Peace in these troubled places.

GOD IS LOVE



FOR EPISTLE ENQUIRIES

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CHRIST THE KING FESTIVAL

The Evening Service, held on **Sunday, 26 October** is a special sung service which has been sung for 80 years by members of the Confraternity.

We provide booklets so you can read the words throughout the Service.

Let's keep praying for the Return of Christ the King to our earth so that peace in one's heart can once more be experienced by all peoples.

There was once an old woman who was walking through a meadow, meditating on Nature. While strolling about, she came upon a field of golden pumpkins. In the corner of the field stood a mighty, majestic oak tree. She sat under the oak tree musing on the strange twists in Nature which put tiny acorns on huge branches, and a huge pumpkins on tiny vines. She thought to herself, "God blundered with Creation! He should have put the small acorns on the tiny vines, and the large pumpkins on the huge branches". Nodding off, the woman stretched out under the oak tree for a nap. A few minutes after falling asleep, she was awakened by a tiny acorn bouncing off her nose. Chuckling to herself, she rubbed her nose and thought, "Maybe God was right after all!"

Live your life each day as you would climb a mountain. An occasional glance towards the summit keeps the goal in mind, but many beautiful scenes are to be observed from each new vantage point. Climb slowly, steadily, enjoying each passing moment; and the view from the summit will serve as a fitting climax for the journey. H V Melchert

Date Claimer



A Medieval Christmas ..join Schola Cantorum for a magical evening of Gregorian Chanting surrounded by the candlelit beauty of our Abbey Church.

Followed by a light supper of medieval delicacies in the hall. 6.30pm Saturday 29th November 2014. Tickets cost \$30. Bookings are essential.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



You can chart your course in life with high ideals and love, For high ideals are like the stars that light the sky above.

You cannot ever reach them, but lift your heart up high And your life will be as shining as those stars up in the sky.