



The Abbey Church Epistle

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The Abbey Church turns 50 years old



Join us on **Saturday 9th September at 2.00 pm** to celebrate our **50th Anniversary of the opening of the Abbey Church.**

The celebrations will commence with a service at 2.00 pm and will be followed by afternoon tea in the grounds around the Abbey Church. (In the College PAC if the weather is inclement)

There will be a talk on the stained glass windows at 3.45 pm for those who would like to know a little of their history.

Please join us and celebrate this remarkable achievement.

RSVP: Friday 1st September at stmichaelschurch@bigpond.com or phone 54951565 (for catering purposes)

Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal. MLK



August and September 2017

August brings a special Festival in our Church year - the Festival of Peace. This is the day we pray especially for world peace; that people all over the world will come to realize that we are all one family, and distinctions of creed, race, colour, gender and all the other illusions that separate and divide people, matter not at all.

God, our Heavenly Father sees us all as his beloved children, and desires us to live in peace, harmony and love with one another. "Impossible" I hear someone say, "There has always been war and strife in our 5,000 years of written history and people won't change".

But what if for a moment we could imagine a world where the strong helped the weak and the rich gave to the poor and instead of the sounds of conflict and fear, all we could hear was the happy sounds of children all over the world playing and dancing.

Perhaps such a time can only come to this tired old earth of ours, when the King of Peace comes once more to us as He did so long ago as a humble child in a Bethlehem stable. To tell us again the age-old truths about loving our neighbour, turning the other cheek and doing good to all.

But even the writings of the sacred scriptures have been taken and twisted by people with very different agendas, to serve a God not of love and peace, but a God of terror and hatred.

In these troubled times, when peace seems a Utopian illusion, all who worship the God of Love, our Heavenly Father, made known to us in the life of Jesus, must hold firm to the truth revealed by Him - the Truth of Love, where the boundaries we perceive as dividing and separating, are really the sacred spaces where we come together to reach out our hands and ease another's burdens.

Shalom
Fr Geroge



AUGUST

- 5 Sunday Services (Peace Sunday)
- 5 FOTAM Talk
- 9 Morning of Prayer 9.30am
- 10 Benediction 7.15pm
- 13 Sunday Services
- 19 Pot Luck Dinner & Trivia
- 20 Sunday Services
- 21 The Abbey Church Guild 7.15pm
AGM
- 24 Benediction 7.15pm
- 27 Sunday Evening Service at 6pm
followed by a Discussion Evening at 7pm

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Picnic at Pemberley
- 3 Spring Outdoor Eucharist
Father's Day
- 9 Service at 2.00pm to celebrate THE
ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSECRATION OF
THE CHURCH
- 13 Morning of Prayer 9.30am
- 17 All Souls Sunday
- 18 Museum School Holiday Program M-F
- 24 All Saints Sunday
Sunday Evening Service at 6pm
followed by a Discussion Evening at 7pm
- 25 Museum School Holiday Program M-F

We pray for Sr Dorothy who sadly passed away in England on 4th August.

May she rest in God's Peace and Grace.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



Join Us In Prayer

We continue to pray for those who are sick and more particularly this month for Patrick Goos, Cecilia Goos, Sr Anne, Sister Catherine, Robyn Hanalt, John Scott, Rowan Foster, Archie Griffiths and Sandra Hoppe

A huge THANK YOU to any of our Church Members who voluntarily and willingly gave of their time to help out before, during, and after the Medieval Festival events – Banquets, Kids Day and the Tournament weekend. May God bless you for the service and support you gave.



**The Abbey Church of
Christ the King
1967 - 2017**



Constantly being overshadowed by God's Almighty Power, the Abbey Church has a wonderful history starting back with the original walls constructed from a demolished local Fish and Chip/Grocery Store in Caboolture. The Community arrived in July 1965 and work started on the Church after the ground was cleared. It grew from a single gabled roof to extensions on both sides and was eventually bricked in after the porch way was extended. The Church has been a lighthouse of healing, grace, comfort and support to thousands of parishioners and local residents.

Congratulations on reaching 50 years!



Thank you, God, for the uncertainties we have experienced. They have deepened our trust in You.

Thank You, Lord, for the times You came through for us when we needed a rescue.

Thank You, Lord, for the losses we have experienced. They have been a reminder that You are our greatest gain.

Thank You, God, for the tears we have shed. They have kept our hearts soft and pliable.

Thank You, God, for the times we haven't been able to control our circumstances. They have reminded us that You are Sovereign of all.

Thank You, God, for Your ability to take what we consider 'tragedy' and turn it into a treasure.

Thank You, God, for those You have called home to be with You. Their absence from this earth reminds us to keep our eyes fixed on Heaven.

Thank You, God, that we have an inheritance in the heavenly places...something that this world can never steal from us and we could never selfishly squander.

And thank You not only for our eternal salvation, but for the salvation You afford us every day of our lives as You save us from ourselves, our foolishness and our own limited insights.

Thank You, God, for all that You have allowed in our lives these past years, for we commit our lives anew to You this day.

Thank You, finally, that we can pray in the name of Jesus, who made our access to You - and a personal relationship with You, possible.

Thank You God for all the joy and gladness You have brought to our Church family through all the past 50 years.

Thank You God for the knowledge of Your Goodness and Blessings to us all. Amen