



Yarrowonga Anglican Parish

NOTES & NEWS



The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost—25th October 2020

PRAYER POINTS. 25TH OCTOBER 2020—31ST OCTOBER 2020

For the world; our nation Australia; our Community.

- Canada, United States
- COVID-19 research, the development of treatment and ways of protection.
- Our Justice & Prison system: Courts; Judges, Court Staff. Lawyers. Prisoners, Prison staff, Prisoners families. Chaplains in prisons.

For the church beyond our parish.

- Greek Orthodox Church in Australia
- The Anglican Church in Australia: Diocese of Northern Territory, Bp Greg Anderson, the Clergy and People.
- Our Diocese—Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle. Kian, Kyle*).
The Parochial District of Yackandandah, Alan Kelb P-i-C, (*Lee*). Parish leaders and community: Yackandandah, Kiewa, Dederang, Alan's Flat.

Our Mission support, Parish Life and Parish Outreach

- The Bible Society.

For all who are in need.

- Trevor & Judi L. Tom Lang. Norma Breaden. Norma R. Neill G. Jenni E. Alison H. David K. John Wayne. Lisa & Glenn.

Year's Mind:

Dorothy White (25-Oct 1989)
Roy Taylor (27-Oct)
Colin 'Ben' Ellis (29-Oct 1992)
John Flynn (30-Oct 2003)
Joseph 'Joe' Strudwick (31-Oct 1990)
William 'Bill' Pheasant (31-Oct 2016)

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Rector. The Venerable Neil Hicks.

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DAILY BIBLE READING

Mon 26th Oct

Psalms 105. 1-22 Numbers 33. 38-39 James 2. 8-13

Tuesday 27th

Psalms 105. 23-45 Exodus 34. 29-35 James 2. 14-26

Wednesday 28th

Psalms 125 & 126 **SIMON & JUDE, Apostles and Martyrs**
Ephesians 2. 11-22 Revelation 21. 9-14

Thursday 29th

Psalms 106. 1-24 Joshua 1. 1-11 Romans 2. 17-29

Friday 30th

Psalms 106. 25-50 Joshua 2. 1-14 2 Peter 2. 1-3

Saturday 31st

Psalms 119. 153-176 *Martin Luther (d 1546) and other Continental reformers*
Joshua 2. 15-24 Matthew 23. 13-28

Prayer of the week

Almighty and everlasting God,
give to us the increase of faith, hope and love;
and, that we may obtain what you promise,
make us to love what you command;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A prayer as I put on my mask:

Creator God,
as I prepare to go into the world,
help me to see the sacrament
in the wearing of this cloth—
let it be “an outward sign of an
inward grace”—
a tangible and visible way of living
love for my neighbours,
as I love myself.

Christ the Son,
since my lips will be covered,
uncover my heart,
that people would see my smile
in the crinkles around my eyes.
Since my voice may be muffled,
help me to speak dearly,
not only with my words,
but with my actions.

Holy Spirit,
As the elastic touches my ears,
remind me to listen carefully—
and full of care—
to all those I meet.
May this simple piece of cloth be
shield and banner,
and each breath that it holds,
be filled with your love.

In your Triune Name and
in that love,
I pray.

May it be so
May it be so.

Rev. Dr Richard Bolt, moderator of the United
Church of Canada (adapted)

#PrayTogether
#StaySafeTogether
World Council of Churches

31 October—Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546

Martin Luther was born at Eisleben in Saxony in 1483, the son of a copper miner. After Erfurt University, fearful of death and judgement, he entered the Augustinian monastery in Erfurt but did not find the peace with God he anticipated. Taking his vows as a monk in 1506, he was ordained priest in 1507. He turned to the study of theology at which he excelled and by 1512 he had received both his doctorate and the chair of theology at Wittenberg University.

At some point between 1512 and 1515 Luther had his so-called 'Tower experience' which marked a fundamental shift in his theology and faith. Through studying the Scriptures – notably Romans 1.17, 'the righteous shall live by faith' – he came to believe that Christians are saved not through their own efforts but by the gift of God's grace, which they accept by faith. Once he had grasped this truth he was transformed from someone fearful of God's wrath into a fearless critic of a Church that was failing to teach this fundamental truth.

Luther's increasing disillusion with the Catholic Church was brought to a head by the indulgence controversy which resulted in his Ninety-Five Theses, published on 31 October 1517. What was intended to initiate an academic debate quickly got out of hand and Luther was excommunicated in 1521. But his views struck a chord with others, and a bloc of anti-Catholic states began to emerge in Germany. By 1529 the word 'Protestant' had been coined to describe their beliefs.

Though reform not schism was his aim, Luther stuck to his beliefs when Rome declined to reform itself, even along the conservative lines favoured by Luther. In addition to the doctrine of justification by faith he asserted the priesthood of all believers, the concept of national Churches, vernacular Scripture and liturgy, the use of hymns in worship and the freedom for clergy to marry. Luther was successful in challenging the might of the Catholic Church partly because the intellectual changes of the Renaissance made such challenges acceptable, partly because the political situation in Germany was favourable to a new religious dimension, and partly because the technology to disseminate his ideas (the printing press) had recently been invented. But, most importantly, it was his personal courage and willingness to risk his life for the truth that allowed the Reformation to be born and to develop. He died at Eisleben in 1546.

A very human being who spoke from the heart – often in violent and earthy imagery – Luther saw life as a constant spiritual struggle in which he was only able to be victorious through Christ's grace freely bestowed on him. His hymns often reflected this sense of battle.

OCTOBER 28th—SIMON and JUDE were named among the twelve apostles in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Simon is called 'the Zealot' (Matt. 10:4; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13), probably because he belonged to a nationalist resistance movement opposing the Roman occupation forces. There is no indication in the gospels whether Simon moved from the Zealot party to be a follower of Christ or, on the other hand, if he became a supporter of that group after the resurrection, seeing it as a response to God's call to proclaim the kingdom.

Luke describes Jude as the son of James (6:16; Acts 1:13), while the Letter of Jude has him as the brother of James, neither of which negates the other. It seems he is the same person as Thaddæus (Matt 10:3 & Mark 3:18), which may have been a last name. and he is said to have been a relative of the Lord (Matt. 13:55; Mark 6:3. Jude may also be the author of one of the epistles in the New Testament. Owing to the similarity of his name to that of Judas Iscariot, Jude was rarely invoked in prayer and it is likely that because of this, interceding through him was seen as a final resort when all else failed. He became known, therefore, as the patron saint of lost causes.

It is far from certain where both of these apostles preached after Pentecost; some sources claim that Simon preached in Persia (modern Iran) and Babylonia (now Iraq), while Jude preached in Palestine and the Near East.

The two apostles are joined together on 28 October because a church which had recently acquired their relics was dedicated to their memory in Rome on this day in the seventh century.

Exciting Holiness and

Tylenda, J. N. (2003). Saints and Feasts of the Liturgical Year. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press.

Prayer of the day

Almighty God,
you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone:
we thank you for the apostles Simon and Jude,
and we pray that we may reveal your love and mercy,
and being joined in unity of spirit
may grow into a holy temple, acceptable to you;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Although it is unlikely that we will have a regular Annual Parish Meeting this year, nevertheless Reports, particularly Financial Reports need to be completed including Auditing of Financial Reports. Thank you. **Neil Hicks**