



Sunday

31st
March
2019

The United Church in Australia

Chermside Kedron Community Church

*'Transforming our world through the power of God,
experiencing and sharing God's love for all people'*



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Lent 4

Simplicity and Fasting

If we want to know what "simpleness" is, I suppose one option would be to ask the meerkat! But more seriously, what are we to make of the themes of simplicity and fasting? Many of us might occasionally yearn for more simplicity in life, even if fasting might be a step too far! But are we prepared to make the life-changing decisions that might be needed? One thing is clear; what we are talking about is not a superficial outward show, but a deep inner reality of the spirit. In any event, the best place to begin is in being honest with ourselves as we respond to the teaching of Jesus.

There are two ways to look at this. Johnson describes simplicity and fasting as "disciplines of abstinence", as something that trains us in self-denial. And in a way, that is true, although it tends to sound a bit negative. The other way is to re-shape our desires and wants so that what we seek above all else is in line with what Jesus called "the Kingdom of God".

Live
Simply

There are some medical issues around the subject of fasting, and there are certainly spiritual applications. As the New Testament records, Jesus fasted at all the important milestones of his journey; we might reflect on why that was so. But simplicity was also an essential aspect of Jesus' life and teaching; he practised what he preached. That is clear from his life "on the road", including his instruction to his disciples as they were about to set out with the message of the Kingdom of God.

Mohandas Gandhi, best known as the Mahatma (or great soul), was a Hindu who was deeply imbued with the spirit of the Sermon on the Mount; he once famously said, "Live simply so that others may simply live". It is more than that, of course; but it is a good start. Simplicity and fasting were both important for Jesus, and what binds them together is the process of re-shaping our desires to a higher purpose. I believe that Richard Foster is correct in describing the desire for more and more things and the physical clutter in our lives as a significant spiritual obstacle.

I seem to recall a line from a hymn: "Lord, frame our desiring to do your requiring" – to which we might all respond with **Amen**.

Clive W Ayre

*Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

Message from our minister:

The fourth week of Lent is an invitation to the spiritual discipline of 'Simplicity and Fasting'. Withholding or delaying the gratification of our wants and desires is uncommon practice in a culture that promises we can 'have it all' while failing to promote the consequences of accumulation and consumption. Uncluttering our lives is a good practice to help us 'slow down to keep up with God'.

Rev Janet

Visiting?

We warmly welcome you today especially if you are visiting with us. Please stay for morning tea following the 9am service. If you would like to make yourself known to us or any particular need, please complete the Care Card inside this newsletter and place it in the offering bag or pass it to a Steward.

Wheelchair

At the back of the church we have a wheelchair which is available for anyone to use if needed. Please ask one of the Stewards for advice.



Video of Weekly 9am Services

Each week the services are filmed for distribution to members of our congregation who are unable to attend in person. If you would like a DVD of the service please speak with a Steward.

This week at Chermside Kedron Community Church

TODAY - Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held **today** following the 9am Service and before morning tea. Please stay and celebrate the past year of ministry and hear more of what is happening with the repairs of our roof.

TODAY - Sorry **NO 11am Service**, due to Congregational meeting.

Wednesday	3rd April	10am Friendly Hour <i>'The Holy Land'</i> Easter Reflections
Saturday	6th April	Car Boot Sale 7am to 12noon
Saturday	6th – 8th April	Godly Play Training at CKCC
Sunday	7th April	Wedding of Kelly Mulcahy and Simon Boast here @ 2pm

All welcome to attend

Coming up

Fri - Sun	12-14th April	Easter Madness Youth weekend.
Sunday	14th April	Palm Sunday Service time 9am
Wednesday	17th April	Wedding of Jemima Raki and Lawrence Tagaloa
Thursday	18th April	Maundy Thursday Service time 7pm
Friday	19th April	Good Friday Service time 8am
Sunday	21st April	Easter Day Service time 9am
Sunday	28th April	Messy Church training @ CKCC 2-4.30pm
Fri - Mon	17th-20th May	Qld Synod Meeting at Alexandra Park

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED at GRAPPLES

For TUESDAY, THURSDAY or SATURDAY
Please see Bev Worthington

DINING OUT GROUP THURSDAY APRIL 4th @ 6.30pm



Restaurant Thr3e

Kedron Wavell
Services Club
Kittyhawk Drive,
Chermside

Contact Sue or Neale Hall 38628069

CALLING ALL CHORISTERS!

CKCC is bringing back Choir!

Must be able to commit to fortnightly practices at the church after the morning service. Ability to sing a plus, but not an essential??.
First practice 7th April!

Look forward to seeing you there!



From Margo Orbell



Get to know your neighbour
Today is
NEIGHBOUR DAY

Take one of the little packets of tea and biscuits and say hello to your neighbour and invite them for have a cuppa.



**CARBOOT SALE
AND MARKETS**
now on
Saturday 6 April
7am to noon

We have decided to try again with the car boot sale and hopefully the weather will be kind to us this time. Usual opportunities to volunteer or just

Come and grab a bargain.

URGENTLY REQUIRED POWER POINT PRESENTATION

Could this be a job for you?

This job could be shared between two people, One to prepare it (could be done at home) and the other to present it on the Sunday.

Please see Debbie.

Say hello to
Ashleigh Keller,
newly appointed
chaplain at
**Craigslea High
School**



.....when you have the opportunity.
Ash will be starting at the beginning of Term 2 on 23rd April, and is looking forward to making contact with you and me in the supporting church congregations.

Pray for Ash as she prepares to start.

Are you interested in becoming a Member of the Congregation?

During the month of June we will be doing a sermon series on '**Belonging**'
A membership class will co-inside with this series to prepare people to be received as members.

If you are interested please contact
Rev Janet or Rev Brenton

EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday 7pm
Tenebrae Service

Good Friday 8am
The Journey to the Cross

Easter Sunday 9am
Empty Tomb? Risen Christ!



Bring a Flower for the Cross

Suggestion from Rachel.....

Show on SBS
"The Mosque Next Door"

Check out program times

HELPING YOUNG MUMS MAKE FRIENDS

Donate a coin and give a **free coffee** to a young Mum.

Showing the hospitality of our church.



COME AND JOIN OUR

YOUTH NIGHT

FEATURING
BRUCE AND INEZ SIONE

WHEN SUNDAY 31 MARCH 2019

WHERE PARK CHURCH UNITING
21-23 HAMPSTEAD ROAD
HIGHGATE HILL 4101

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7th APRIL ROSTER

9am SERVICE

If you are unable to do your rostered day.
Please arrange a swap with another person.

Bible Readers	Rick Herd
	and Shirley King
Prayers	Minister
Children's Story	Minister
Musicians	Brenton Neville
Singer	Pauline Thomas
Sound Desk	Brenton Bodley
Power Point	
Video Operator	Nicholas Bodley
Elders	Debbie Bodley
	and Winnie Luk
Communion Prep	Bodley Family
Announcements	Howard Thomas
Welcomers	Heather Neill
	and Mavis Rye
Stewards	Cameron Smith
Morning Tea	Winnie Luk,
	Kerry Noble and Shirley King
Flowers	Glenda Nolan
	11am SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL
Bible Reading	Keith Tune
Prayers	Minister
Musician	Jean Lowrie
Steward	Keith Tune

With Love to the World

Passages to be read in Uniting Churches on the coming Sunday 's marked with an asterisk*

Monday 1st April Isaiah 43:16-21*

Pray for the gathered people of God, that we step into the future with hope.

Tuesday 2nd April John 8:1-11

Thank you, Lord, for the promise of a new future lived in you.

Wednesday 3rd April John 8:12-20

Thank you, god for your light that continues to shine in a troubled world.

Thursday 4th April John 8:21-32

Lord of life, light and truth, help me always to follow your way.

Friday 5th April John 12:1-8*

O Lord, create in me an extravagant heart.

Saturday 6th April Philippians 3:4b-14*

Lord of the past and the future, thank you for your call upon my life.

Sunday 7th April Psalm 126*

In your prayers remember the lands and people of Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania.

From Stafford Churches Together Cycle of prayer, please pray for the clergy and people of St Clement's.