



There are resources available for individuals and church groups – find out more at www.lentevent.com.au

Vintage Coffee Group The group will meet on **Wednesday, 28 February, 2.30pm at the Dome, Deep Water Point.**

World Day of Prayer This years' service will be held at **Saint John Paul Catholic Church, Pinetree Gully Rd., Willetton**, on the **1 March, at 10.00 am.** followed by morning tea. By prior arrangements, the World-wide service will be presented by the **Christian Women from Palestine.**
All welcome

A reminder 'Clean Up Australia Day' falls on the 3rd March.

Friendship Circle we will meet on **11 March, 2.00pm** at the Hall. **Afternoon Tea;** Muriel & Louise. **Thought for the Day:** Christine Erskine. All Welcome



Prayerbook and Offering

Rosters:	Sunday 25 February	Sunday 3 March 2024
Minister:	Rev Toby Keva	Rev Toby Keva
Readers:	J Boon, R van Bremen	B Bennewith, D Boon
Organist:	Deirdre Russell	Janice Barrett
Stewards:	A Barter, J Murdock, T Orr	M Barron, J Maddocks, Ed Kenny
Welcome:	C Orr, P Whipple	F Ciupryk, C Erskine
Morning Tea:	J Heath, F McRae	Lois & John Murdock
Audio Visual:	Eddie Riedel	Vicki Banks
Worship & Minister:	Chris Malan	Bruce Read
Holy Communion:		Lesley Kenny
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25 February 2024



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NEWSLETTER



Our Mission

To Participate in and Grow the Mission of God at Willetton by:



- Sharing the love of God and
- Telling people about Jesus
- Our Vision
- God's Love and Hope in Action**

Bible Reading: Mark 1:9-15

In our reading from Mark's Gospel, we are told that the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness, which was a desolate place; a place where only the beasts and Satan lived. It was such a contrast to what happened previously when Jesus was told by the voice from heaven that he was God's Son.

Yet, instead of taken to a palace, Jesus was forcefully taken to a place where no one wanted to live; forcefully. It was all so arbitrary. Being the Son of the Creator of the universe did not exempt him from experiencing pain and suffering in the world.

Yet, it was exactly his time in the wilderness that transformed Jesus and prepared him for his ministry. It may only be a single verse in Mark's Gospel, but the suffering that Jesus endured within those 40 days in the wilderness shaped and defined the rest of his life and ministry.

Friends, suffering is a part of the fabric of the world where we live. Suffering is often unavoidable and beyond our human control. Suffering can even be very random and indiscriminate and arbitrary.

Yet, suffering can also lead us to the Divine. Out of the arbitrariness and randomness of suffering, a new kind of life can be born.

Rev. Toby Keva

Bible Reading Today, 25February 2024

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16, Psalm 22:23-31
Roman4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38,or Mark 9:2-9

Bible Reading Sunday, 3 March 2024

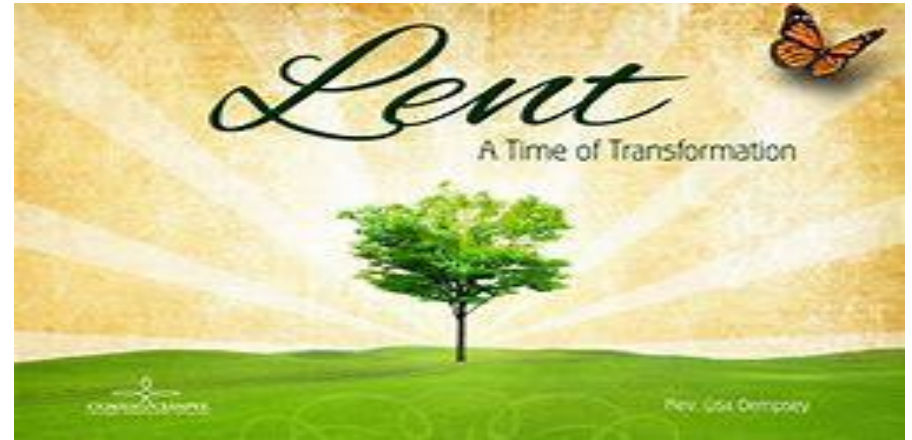
Exodus 20: 1-17, Psalm 19
1Corinthian 1:18-25,John 2:13-22



Prayer for Lent

**Father of my soul,
I know Your love for me is
limitless beyond imagining.
You care for me as
a loving parent.
Through my smallest Lenten
sacrifices, help me to
become less selfish and
more aware of Your ways.
Fan the flame of my desire to
draw ever closer to You.
Guide me to seek your love.
*Amen***

Southern Cross



Prayer for the week from 25 February 2024

We pray for The National Uniting Church Adult Fellowship. We pray also for our young people that God would intervene in their lives & the challenges they face now.

"AS GOOD AS DEAD!?" DOESN'T THAT SOUND LIKE AGEISM TO YOU?

IN ABRAHAM'S CASE, IT DESCRIBES THE FACTS. FROM THE EVIDENCE AT HAND, HE HAD NO HOPE OF BECOMING "THE FATHER OF NATIONS."

BUT THE WORD OF GOD ACTUALLY MAKES REAL THINGS HAPPEN, LIKE RAISING JESUS FROM THE DEAD, LIKE DECLARING YOU RIGHTEOUS.

LIKE FINDING A **LUCKY PENNY!!**

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ROMANS 4:13-25

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For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, his sake alone, but for ours also.