

The Messenger

“take and read”



October 2017 [Pentecost season]

Sermon series on Ezekiel, A prophet of the Lord

This month brings to an end our reading and exploring the message of the prophet **Ezekiel**. This prophet's message to exiles in the Babylonian empire is one of judgment on Jerusalem, but also one of hope for the future. For example Ezekiel's well-known chapter 37 is famous for its image of the valley of dry bones which come to life. Historically this message comes from the time after the fall of Jerusalem, and it is a promise of hope to a hopelessly dispirited people. The traditional Negro spiritual, 'Dem Bones', saw hope for the end of slavery in the words of this prophecy. At our own point in history, we too have many things which may cause us to despair, but we live on the other side of not just an image of resurrection, but in the reality of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Death is defeated. This is a message of hope which we are called to proclaim in our own time.

Together in Mission

St Augustine's Moreland is committed to being *Together in Mission*. We seek to be a community of Christian people who, empowered by God's Spirit, are seeking to be a part of God's mission in his world.

St Augustine's Moreland Anglican Church

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established in Christ, shaped by God's word, alive to the present, hopeful for the future

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Services - 10:00am Sunday (Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays)

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Welcome to newcomers and visitors

Welcome any newcomers or visitors. It is great to have you here! Please speak to the welcomers or the vicar, (Len Firth) if you would like to find out more about our church.

2017 Annual Meeting planned for November 12

The churchwardens would like to give notice to members of the parish that our parish Annual Meeting will be on November 12 at 11:45am. The parish electoral committee will finalise the electoral roll on 22 October. If you would like to vote at our annual meeting please check your details and/or complete an application form. Forms are available in the foyer or on request from Colleen. Nominations are called for the following positions: churchwardens; Parish Council; and Incumbency Committee. These nominations must be given to the vicar before noon on October 29.

Farewell Lunch for Len planned for November 26

Parish Council have decided to have a farewell lunch for Len after his final service on November 26. Former church members and friends are warmly invited to join the church for this occasion. Details of the lunch will be available in due course, but please put this date on your calendar. Also Natalie Swann has requested that you give her photos which can be used to remember key events during Len's ministry at Moreland.

Locum appointed for December and January

The Rev'd Angela Cook has accepted the offer to serve as locum minister for the eight weeks of Len Firth's final leave which begins on Friday December 1, 2017. Angela will undertake this role alongside her current position as Outreach and Families' Minister. She commented, "I am delighted to accept to position of locum and look forward to working with wardens and the parish and to enjoying celebrating Christmas together."

Join in a celebration of the marriage of Adam and Henrike

On October 22 there will be a special morning tea for Adam and Henrike as a Melbourne celebration of their marriage. Please plan to come along and if you can contribute some food to this event Mel would be pleased to know the details.

Hallelujah Service with costumes planned for October 29

Our *Hallelujah Service* is the St Augustine's response to Halloween. This year our brunch church will be an opportunity for dressing as a Christian from

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history (e.g. the Reformation) or Bible character. Join in the fun. **New CMS Link visits Moreland**

Recently our new CMS link missionary visited to share something of her work and ministry and the particular context where she works. Those who want to receive her letters should speak with Paul T. Please continue pray for her and her mission location and for the others sent out from our church.

Sermons available for listening at SundaySermon@Moreland

Our sermons are available for download. Email info@staug.org.au if you would like to access these. Recordings are only for church members.

Coming up at St Augustine's...

- 17-20 October – Diocesan Synod
- 22 October – parish electoral roll finalised
- 12 November – Annual Meeting at 11:45am
- 26 November – Final service for Len Firth
- 2 December, 10-12pm – *mainly music* Christmas craft morning

Giving to St Augustine's

We greatly appreciate your commitment to continue to give generously to God's work through St Augustine's. Most members give by direct debit. If you would like to give this way, please contact our treasurer (Adam).



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October Services

Sunday	Theme	Readings
October 1 Pentecost 17 HC3	The useless vine	Ezekiel 15 ; Psalm 78.1-4,11-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21.23-32
October 8 Pentecost 18 PPP	Woe to the bloody city!	Ezekiel 24 ; Psalm 19; Philippians 3 or 3:4b-14; Matthew 21.33-46
October 15 Pentecost 19 HC2	Can these bones live?	Ezekiel 37 ; Psalm 106:1-6, 20-24; Philippians 4 or 4:1-9; Matthew 22.1-14
October 22 Pentecost 20 Morning Prayer	A church is born	Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-33
October 29 Pentecost 21 Brunch Church	The shepherd lamb of the great multitude <i>Hallelujah Service</i>	Revelation 7:9-17 ; Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Matthew 22:34-46

Pray for St Augustine's

Give thanks for:

- The promise of resurrection hope in Ezekiel 37
- The faithful ministry of our overseas mission members
- the ministry of English Conversation

Pray for:

- St Augustine's Moreland to be a community of resurrection hope
- The incumbency appointment process as St Augustine's seeks a new vicar.
- Angela's evangelistic ministry when she returns
- a new treasurer
- Len as he prepares to transition from parish ministry



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