

Dear Friends

A very warm welcome to our new Assistant Curate, Reverend Vince Conway, and his wife Melissa. Vince was deaconed at St Johns Cathedral on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February, and his first services with us are this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>. We are very much looking forward to his ministry amongst us, and to sharing his Ordination journey.

Our Confirmation Classes started last Sunday, and it is great to have 7 young people (maybe more) being prepared for Confirmation with Archbishop Phillip on 4<sup>th</sup> March.

It was a privilege to lead the Commissioning Service for RE Teachers and Chaplains at Kenmore Baptist last Wednesday. We have a wonderful ecumenical team who take God's message of love, grace and invitation to the children and young people in our local schools. We are still in need of teachers at Brookfield, Kenmore South and Kenmore. The Anglican teachers are very few, so it would be great if we could find some people amongst our congregations to assist.

We had a lovely Fellowship lunch on Thursday at Holy Spirit Kenmore, and Reverend Miriam Nyrene gave a great and inspiring talk on the 7 "R"s of Environmental care, which are listed in the Pew Bulletin, as well as telling us of the work of Angligrreen.

Thank you to all who have supplied Reports for the AGM. Our Report Books should be out in a couple of weeks.

I have ordered a number of the Lenten Study Books for our perusal to see which ones we might use. I hope that they arrive very soon.

Please do keep in mind our first Praise and Worship service for the year this Sunday evening at 5.30 pm, led by Dr Timothy Nicholson along with his wife June, and Des and the singing group. These services are always uplifting encouraging.

We are having a joyful time in our family over these few days as our daughter Judy is visiting from Perth, and it is so lovely to have our three girls together again for a brief time.

The Gospel reading this week focuses on a slice of life in Jesus early ministry. While at dinner at Peter's place he heals Peter's sick Mother-in-law, then ministers to a huge crowd from right throughout the city who gather at the door needing healing and then tries to get away for a bit of quiet time with God, before they come chasing him for more ministry. He then prepares to move to other places with the message of God's love and salvation. This pattern is repeated many times. There is never much time for rest, but Jesus always ensures that he does build into his day, time for prayer and restoring in God's presence, which is the example for us all.

God bless you and all whom you love this coming week. With love, Rev Bev