

## Dates for the Diary

Tuesday	10am	Friendship Group
Wednesday	7am	St John's Golf group
	11.15am	COGs group meeting
	7.30pm	GFS Women's Group
Thursday	9.30am	Mainly Music
Friday	5.30pm	Community Dinner for Parkerville
Sunday	3pm	Messy Church
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	7pm	Quiz Night

**Mainly Music** – starts again this coming Thursday at 9.30am. If you know any pre-schoolers who like to move to music, this is the activity for them.

**Quiz Night – 2<sup>nd</sup> August** how are you going at getting your table of 6 @ \$10 per head together? They'll be spot prizes worth \$5 - \$10. Raffles worth \$50 to \$60. If you can bring something in to go towards the raffle that would be great.

**Sustainable Living Course** - 6-week course covering 10 topics. Kath Moller and Claudia Laviolette invite you to join them over 6 Monday evenings starting on 12th August.

**Fete and Food Festival** – this year will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> November between 9 – 1.30pm. Please start collecting food and items for the raffles. Making craft goods for the Christmas Stall. **We still need someone to run the Book Stall.**



*Happy birthday to Ernie Shortland on 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Colleen Burgess on 25<sup>th</sup>*

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## Welcome to Worship

### Pentecost 6

21<sup>st</sup> July 2019

**We are a warm-hearted community who are delighted to have you worshipping with us today ...**

### Our Mission is to

- Know God personally
- Love and respect one another deeply
- Disciple and serve those around us

**Sentence:** In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength. Isaiah 30:16

### Collect of the Day

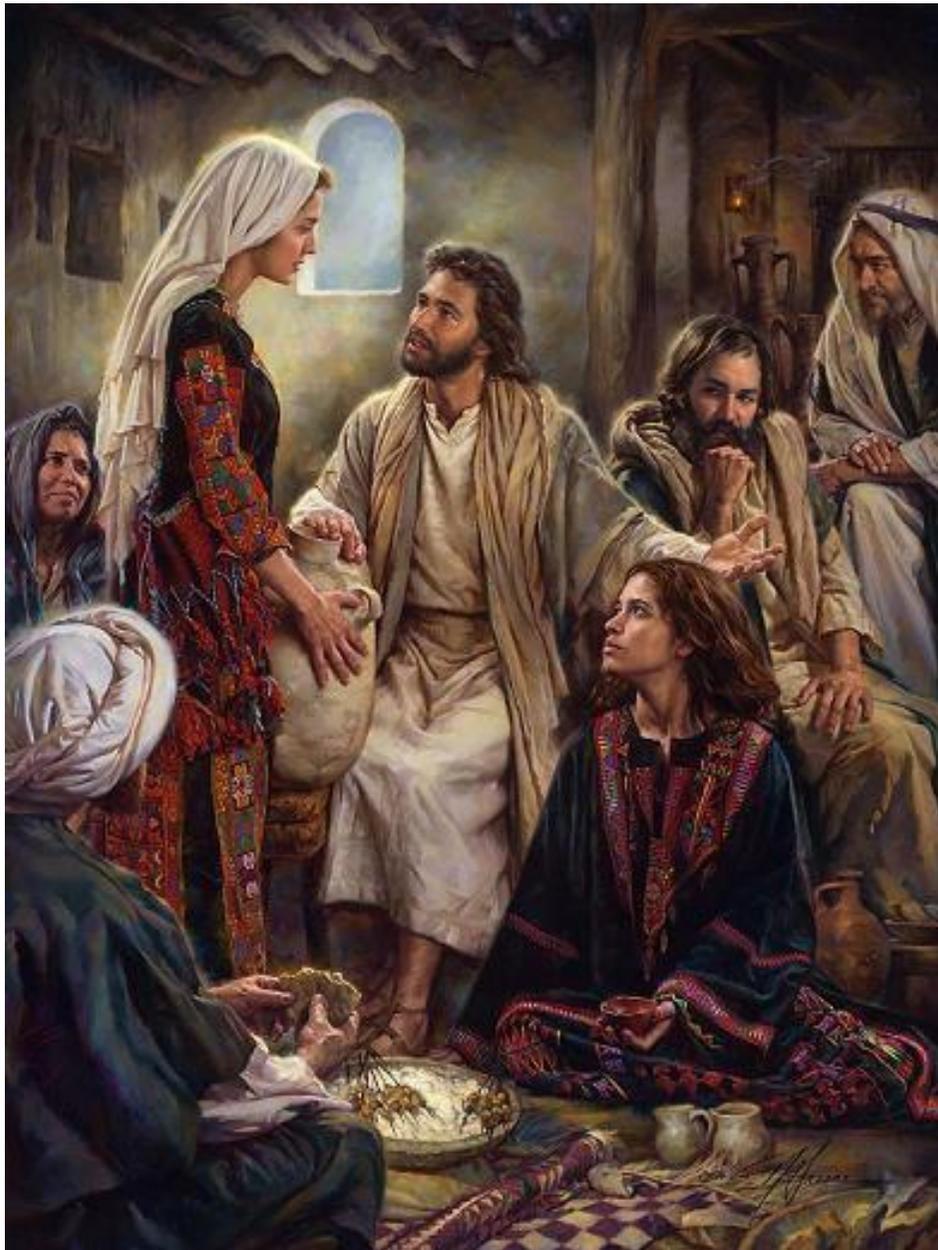
Eternal God,  
you draw near to us in Christ  
and make yourself our guest:  
amid the cares of our daily lives,  
make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Today's readings:

Amos 8:1-12  
Ps 52  
Col 1:15-29  
Luke 10:38-42

### Next Week:

Hosea 1:2-10  
Ps 85  
Col 2:6-15  
Luke 11:14-28



## Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – Luke 10:38-42

*“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.”*

The sisters Martha and Mary mirror the two expressions of the disciple’s call: loving service to others (Martha) and prayer and contemplation (Mary). But as Martha comes to realize in today’s Gospel, discipleship begins with hearing the Word of God, with opening our hearts and spirits to the presence of God.

We are all like Martha in our own anxiety over making all the pieces fit; we obsess about the details and peripherals at the expense of the important and lasting. “The better part” embraced by Mary transcends the pragmatic and practical concerns of the everyday and sees the hand of God in all things; the “better part” is to realize the gratitude all of creation owes its loving Creator for the gift of life.

With so many agendas demanding our time and attention, Jesus calls us to consciously choose and seek out “the better part”: to make a place in our lives for the joy and love of family and friends that is the presence of God.

It is a motto of Benedictine monasteries around the world: “Let all be received here as would Christ” (The Rule of St. Benedict, chapter 53). Like Abraham’s welcome of the three strangers (today’s first reading from Genesis 18) and the welcome Martha, Mary and Lazarus extend to Jesus in Bethany, hospitality is not only a holy responsibility but also a joyful opportunity to welcome and serve Jesus in the persons those who come to our tables.

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*Our responsibility, first and foremost, is to the relationship that we have with Jesus Christ.*

Dave Elkins

**Please pray for:** Paul; Colleen & Ted; Maddy; Barry; Ken; Albert; Ernie; Perri; Karen; Jill; Lynne; Lily; Troy; Russ; Taryn; Shirley; Adam & Ashleigh; Dane & Viktorija; Peter; Roma; Liz; CAS; Elliott; Alf, Beth, Stephanie; Ben, Liz, Marj; Wendy; John; Rowan

