

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday	10am	Friendship Group
Wednesday	6am	St John's Golf group
Thursday	10am	No Lenten Study this week
Friday	10am	World Day of Prayer
Sunday 22 nd March	7.30 & 9am	Archbishop Kay visit
Saturday 28 th March	10am	Trip to Mandurah

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries. This Friday we pray for Zimbabwe at 10am at the Concordia Lutheran Church, Cnr of Hepburn Avenue and Glengarry Drive, Duncraig. All are welcome to attend.

This Year's Lenten Studies – called *Becoming People of Hope Today* have been produced by TEAR Australia. Study 1 – Now, Study 2 – Between, Study 3 – Creation Groans, Study 4 – Hope.

Trip to Mandurah – please note we've changed the date to 28th March. Can please you put your name on the sheet on the Notice Board if you're coming along. We need at least 12 participants before we will hire a bus.



*Happy birthday to Peg Wood on the 4th;
Julian Ottmann on the 7th*

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Welcome to Worship

Lent 1

1st March 2020



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: We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet did not sin:
give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to
your will, that, as you know our weakness,
so we may know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Today's readings:

Gen 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-21
Matthew 4:1-11

Next Week:

Gen 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17



Lent 1

Jesus was led by the Spirit in the desert to be tempted by the devil.

In Matthew's account of Jesus' 40-day desert experience, Jesus is confronted with several choices. All of the tempter's offers would have

Jesus sin against the great commandment of Deuteronomy: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength." (Deuteronomy 6: 5). The tempter offers comfort, wealth and power, but Jesus chooses, instead, the course of humble and prayerful servanthood that the Father has chosen for him. All of Jesus' responses to the devil's challenges are found in Deuteronomy (8: 3, 6: 16, 6: 13).

The Spirit who called Jesus to the wilderness calls us, as well, to a forty-day "desert experience," a time to peacefully and quietly renew and re-create our relationship with God, that God might become the centre of our lives in every season.

This First Sunday of Lent confronts us with choices: personal profit, comfort and glory or the life of God. The season of Lent calls us to embrace God's Spirit of truth that we may make the choices demanded by our complicated and complex world with courage, insight and faith.

Lent is the season for meaningful fasting: fasting not just for the sake "of giving something up" but fasting from whatever derails or hampers our relationship with God and alienates us from others, fasting from everyday distractions in order to put our time and energy into the things of God.

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God, show us how to plant the seeds that one day will grow.
To water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.
To lay foundations that will need further development.
To provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything, and our work may be incomplete,
but it is a beginning, a step along the way,
An opportunity for Your grace to enter and do the rest.
Remind us that we are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

Adapted, originally shared by Archbishop Romero of El Salvador

Please pray for: Paul; Colleen & Ted; Marge; Lynne; Frances; Rowan; Isla; Hieko; Brad; Peter; Lois; Jill, Albert, Ivan; Suzie; Jan; Dan; Stuart; Jean; John, Wendy & family

