

The annual Seniors' Week Ecumenical Service will be held at St Mary's at 11.00 am on Sunday 21st March. A light luncheon will be served afterwards in the Hall, organised by members of St Mary's congregation.

~ Prayer Points ~

Below is the great 'Collect' (prayer) for Ash Wednesday. It is worth taking into our private prayers.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Give thanks for the work done in local schools through SRE. Please pray for all involved (see the Dean's letter).

Pray also for Christian ministry in TAS and NEGS and for the Chaplains there: Richard Newton, Anna Owen and Karen Eastment.



SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Wed 10th March 10.00 am – Cathedral – Holy Communion – Rev Charles Hebblewhite

1.10 pm – Cathedral – Healing Service – The Dean

6.00 pm – St Mary's, WA – Holy Communion – The Dean

Sun 14th March Lent 4 (V) – 'The Birth of Ishmael' & 'The Son of Man is Revealed'

7.30 am – Cathedral – Holy Communion – The Dean

8.00 am – St Mary's, WA – Holy Communion – Rev Charles Hebblewhite

9.30 am – Cathedral – Holy Communion – The Dean

3.00 pm – St John's Wollomombi – Rev Charles Hebblewhite

7.00 pm – Parish Centre – Evening Service – John Bock

BIBLE READINGS for the Cathedral 14th March, 2010

Morning Services: 7.30 am	9.30 am	Evening Service: 7.00 pm
Genesis 16:1–16 R Smith	R Schneider	Daniel 7:1–14 R Smyth
Luke 15: 1–10 P Hutchinson	P Wong	Mark 2:1–12 R Behrend



Grounds Roster for w/e 13th March, 2010: J Hansen, T Marjoran, B Elwin, P Aggs.

All notices for the SUNDAY SIGN (in writing or via e-mail) to be in the Parish Office no later than 12.30 pm, Tuesday. Thank you.

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SUNDAY SIGN

Sunday 7th March, 2010



'God's Covenant with Abraham'

Genesis 15:1–21 (pg 10 NRSV) Luke 13:1–9 (pg 848- NRSV)

7.30 am Cathedral – Holy Communion – Preach: **Rev Charles Hebblewhite**

Lead: **Peter Hutchinson**

9.30 am Cathedral – Morning Prayer – Preach: **Rev Charles Hebblewhite**

(with Crèche & Kidschurch) Lead: **The Dean**

5.00 pm Cathedral – Choral Evensong – **The Dean**



'The King in His Kingdom'

Isaiah 65: 17 – 25 (pg 531 NIV) Mark 1:29 – 45 (pg 707 NIV)

7.00 pm Parish Centre – Evening Service – Preach: **Nick Stone**

Lead: **John Bock**

SERVICES IN OTHER CENTRES

8.00 am St Mary's, West Armidale – Holy Communion – **Rev Graham Farley**

10.30 am St Nicholas', Saumarez Ponds – **Rev Graham Farley**



~ Message from The Dean ~

Brothers and Sisters

The school term is well under way. For local churches, this means the teaching of Special Religious Education ("Scripture") has also begun. Let me give you some statistics. Fifty-four Protestant SRE classes are taken each week in eight local public primary schools. Nine hundred and sixty four students are enrolled. \$3086 was paid for teaching materials at the beginning of the year and we estimate \$2315 is needed for semester two.

In Armidale and Duval high schools, David Battese has resigned after two years establishing this work. He is replaced by a team of three: Penny Williams from the Salvation Army for a day at Duval; Mel Hatte at both schools and Anna Owen for a day at Armidale High. I thank them all.

SRE in Primary Schools is coordinated by Marg Teitzel, Susan McPhee and Jim Caley who not only administer the primary work but also organize training seminars for teachers. There is a need for new and relief teachers.

The high school work is run by Armidale Youth Futures (a subcommittee of the Armidale Ministers Fellowship) and is chaired by Barbara East. Its work too depends on the giving of the local churches.

Through SRE we have been given a wonderful opportunity in NSW to teach young men and women about the Christian faith. There are those in our community who seek to undermine and take it away. This work deserves our support (both prayerful and financial) as well as willing hands to help in classrooms and to administer what is no small undertaking. My thanks go to all who engage so faithfully in this ministry.

In Christ,

Stephen Williams

~ Notices & Requests ~

Courthouse Coffee: Monday 8th March – Jill Schaeffer, John Hansen

Meetings this month: Prop. & Maintenance: Monday 8th at 7.45 pm in MR 1

Finance Committee: Thursday 11th at 5.15 pm in MR 2

(Please note change of time) Parish Council: Tuesday 16th at 7.00 pm in MR 1.



2010 Woman of Achievement: The Armidale Zonta Club has honoured Joan Monty with the *Woman of Achievement* award. We congratulate Joan, who is a worthy recipient and great contributor to our worship at St Peter's.

Soul Food for Women: The next meeting will be held in Meeting Room 1 on Tuesday 9th March from 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm. Contact Jenny Hebblewhite 6772 5521.

Certificate in Theology: Term 1 begins Monday 8th March. We study Doctrine 1. Registration forms are on the notice tables. Enquiries: The Dean 6772 2269.

Accommodation needed: A teenage girl, who is a new Christian, is in need of urgent long-term residential accommodation. If you are able to help, please speak to the Dean.

Quota International: Armidale Quota invites you to the *Annual UNIFEM Breakfast* on Wednesday 10th March at the Armidale City Bowling Club, commencing at 7.00 am. Guest speaker Leonie-Ruth Acland. Cost \$28.00 per person, inquiries to Anne Simpson 6771 1625.



Morning Tea: The 7.30 am congregation invites everyone to a morning tea after the 7.30 am service next Sunday 14th March.

(Further notices are on the insert)



~ St Mary's News ~

A light breakfast will be served in the Hall after the 8.00 am service today. All welcome. Afterwards there will be a Gathering of those who wish to continue studying St Mary's Lenten Book 'A Spendthrift Lover' by Bishop John Parkes of Wangaratta. Copies are available at St Mary's for \$10 or by contacting Gwenda Shannon on 6772 6437.

There will be a trading table after the service today. All proceeds will be used for social concerns and community outreach purposes.

Next Wednesday 10th March at 6.00 pm there will be a service of Holy Communion with a Devotional Reading. The celebrant will be the Very Rev Stephen Williams.

There will be a Quiet Morning at St Mary's on Saturday 20th March, which will be conducted by the Rev John Marsh, Tamworth. Full details will be in the *Sunday Sign* on 14th March.