



REACHING OUT

Sunday October 20, 2024

9:00 am at Emmanuel Anglican and Uniting Church

Anglican tradition led by Rev Peter McKeague

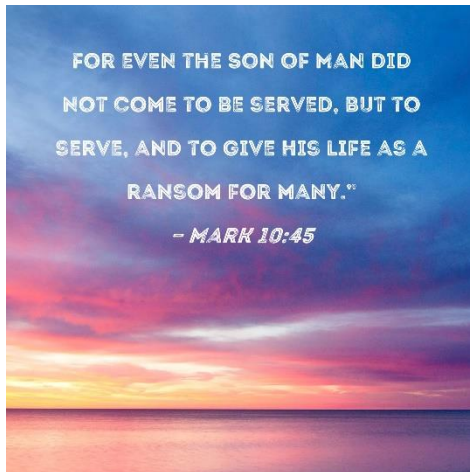
No service at Kergunyah Uniting Church

Bible Readings for Sunday October 20

Pentecost 22

Job 38: 1-7, (34-41); Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

The Request of James and John



James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Mark 10:35-45

Bible Readings for Sunday October 27

Pentecost 23

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 and Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22); Job 42:1-6, 10-17 and Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

Praying For One Another 2024

In the Uniting Church Presbytery of North East Victoria.

Congregations in the Presbytery are called to pray for one another each time they meet. By naming each other in prayer we enhance our pastoral support with each other, in God's company. This invitation builds our faith linkages every year. This week we pray for the congregation of Yarrowonga Sunday October 20.

Coming Events

Wed October 23, 8:30 am

10:30 am

Fri October 25, 9:30 am

Sat October 26, 2:00pm

Grounds and Maintenance

Morning Tea and Fellowship

Craft Group

Community Shop Fashion Parade

CONTEMPLATION: The Spiritual challenge

Rev Leonie Findlay

PRAYER

Father God, we come to you so aware of the many times when the choices we make prevent us from spending time in your presence.

Our busyness means that we respond to the pressures placed upon us ignoring your love which constrains us to love you in return. Lord, by your Spirit, we ask you to prompt us to stop and join with you in prayer and contemplation until it becomes a pattern of our lives.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

AMEN

SOME THOUGHTS

Rather than giving us a plan for what a perfect society should be, Jesus gave us a process, a way of hearing, a way of looking behind the world of appearances.

A way to press forward to the truth. This is called the journey into contemplation.

We live in a society that is highly dependent on our earning what we believe we are worth.

We continually must find an opportunity to tell ourselves and others that we are valuable.

We do this through the clothes we wear or the car we drive.

But we have difficulty finding our value from within. We have projected our sense of worth almost exclusively onto things.

It would be fair to say that we find it hard to know our own centre or to live from within it. We live in an affluent society expecting more and wanting more.

But the more we own the less we enjoy. The more we project our longing onto things, the more things disappoint us.

We live in a society in which we have access to what are called timesaving devices. And yet, the thing we seem to lack the most is 'TIME'. We have much more information but less wisdom.

Hence our social system may produce many specialists, but very few wise men and women.

And in the end, we are short of knowledge, wisdom and time.

When the soul is projected outward, we have less time for love, because other people turn into articles for consumption too. We keep asking only: what can this person do for me?

How can this person be useful to me? That's why there are so few experiences of genuine friendship that's grounded in itself, with no goal above and beyond the relationship.

It is also no surprise that we have little notion of the spiritual life.

Wisdom is a renowned grace, one of the first graces noted over and over in the Old Testament.

Wisdom is among the most essential graces of the human experience.

Contemplation, a significant consequence of wisdom, is the search for a wide-open space.

This space is broad enough for the head to have room enough in it. It is broad enough for the

heart, the feelings, the gut, the subconscious, our memories, our intuitions, in fact for the whole body.

A holistic place for hearing the will of the Father. To discern that will, we must remove our attachment to our own will, so that we can recognise the difference between the two.

To discern God's will we need to spend time with him.

In the words of the psalmist, 'O god, you are my God, earnestly I seek you my soul thirsts for you..... (Ps 63:10)

BENEDICTION



May God grant us the grace of WISDOM.

AMEN

Emmanuel Roster

October 20

Elder on Duty: Carol Harris
Reader: Necia Searle
Prayers: Rod Clutterbuck
Early Word: Carol Clutterbuck

TV Screen: Harold Cover
Usher: Rod Clutterbuck
Organist/Pianist: Betty Bjorksten

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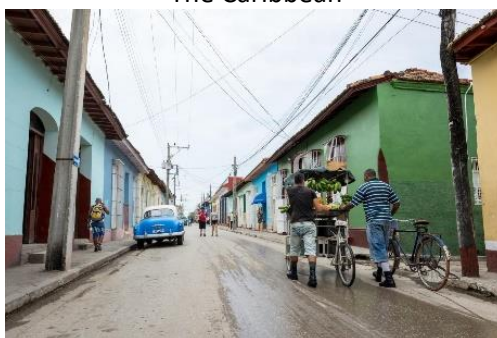
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Prayer of the Week World Council of Churches

The Caribbean



25 September 2015, Trinidad, Cuba: Glimpse of everyday life in Trinidad, Cuba. Photo: Albin Hillert/Life on Earth

We are thankful for:

- the natural beauty, climate, and distinctive cultural practices of these islands
- how churches have responded to disasters and served all in need
- how liberation from colonialism and oppression has been pursued through music, words and actions
- the leaders of the ecumenical movement who have come from this region.

We pray for:

- those devastated by disasters, that their lives, communities and eco-systems might be rebuilt
- the strengthening of all who faithfully witness through word and deed to the gospel
- all those affected by crime and addictions
- good governance and smooth transitions between political leaders.

Security Reminder

Please be vigilant with all personal property whenever at Emmanuel Church or at The Meeting Place. This includes mobile phone, car and house keys, wallets and handbags. Please be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious behaviour by anyone you do not recognise in the building and in the grounds.

Emmanuel Meeting Place

39 Emerald Avenue, Wodonga

Community Shop

Fashion Parade

Fashion for all Ages

Saturday October 26, 2024

2:00pm until 4:00pm

Entry \$10.00

Raffle tickets

3 for \$5.00 - Gourmet Raffle

Afternoon Tea provided

RSVP Carol, Sunday October 20, 2024

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