



"As an alcoholic constantly requires stronger and stronger drink, so the one who has fallen under the spell of good intentions and smooth-sounding declaration constantly requires more and more good intentions. And so he keeps himself from seeing that he is walking backwards."

Søren Kierkegaard

**Next Sunday's Readings
5 October 2008**

Exodus 120:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

Next Week's Who's Who?

- Rev Dr John Evans
Preacher and Liturgist
- Mac Nicoll
Music
- Greta Bird
Duty Person
- Rose Brown
Greeters
- Ian Bird &
David Johnson
Stewards
- Emily Evans
Children's Worship
- Shirley Johnson
Flowers

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**Sunday
28 September 2008**

Today's Readings

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

Today's Who's Who?

- Rev Dr John Evans
Preacher
- Katherine Smith &
Steve Goldsworthy
Liturgist
- Jean Evans
Music
- David Johnson
Duty Person
- Winsen Citra
Greeters
- Paul Madden &
David Johnson
Stewards
- Emily Evans
Children's Worship
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Engaging Community

Verb: engage 1. Carry out or participate in an activity; be involved in 2. Consume all of one's attention or time 3. Engage or hire for work 4. Ask to represent; of legal counsel 5. Give to in marriage 6. Get caught 7. Carry on (wars, battles, or campaigns) 8. Hire for work or assistance 9. Engage for service under a term of contract 10. Keep engaged

Adjective: engage 1. Committed to some cause

'Engaging Community' was the theme for the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania – and today in our service we will reflect on how the Church of All Nations might both engage our community and be an engaging (attractive) community ourselves.

We will also hear a report from those who attended the meeting – their reactions, assessment and what happened at Synod.



You are worshipping among friends at the Church of All Nations. As a Parish Mission of the Uniting Church in Australia we acknowledge our church to be part of the one holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout the world. We aim to be an open, questioning community of faith and we seek to live our faith at work, at home and in the community. If you are new to the area, or a visitor to this church, please participate as fully as you wish in our worship service. Make yourself known to us.

Please feel free to contribute to our newsletter by emailing jeff@clarkson.id.au or phoning Jeff on 9899 3355.

Join us for communion each Wednesday at 7.45am in the Fullerton Chapel or for the Community Lunch each Monday at 11.30am.

Coming Up ...

- **Church Council Postponed**
Today's meeting has been postponed to Monday.
- **Regular Community Lunch Monday 29 September**
The Community Lunch will be held at 11.30am in the Drop-In Centre.
- **Church Council Monday 29 September**
6.00pm to 7.30
- **Bible Study Commences Sunday 5 October at 8.30 am**
The theme will be looking at Christian Faith and Power; with a particular focus through looking at Mark's Gospel (the gospel for next year). The Studies have been prepared by Thorwald Lorenzen. Please see John if you are interested in attending – there are resources for the study.
- **Ordination of Avril Hannah-Jones Sunday 5 October 2.30pm**
For months we have been advertising the ordination of Avril. It has been long time coming and will finally happen next Sunday.

A bus load is coming from her current congregation, and it would be great to have a large turn out from our own congregation to be with Avril on this very significant day.

Meanwhile we need to cater for the afternoon tea following the service. Help has been offered from Avril's placement - so we will not be alone in this task. Is there someone who wishes to coordinate such an endeavour?

- **The Mission and Outreach Committee Meeting**
Monday 6 October at 6.30pm
Meeting in the Fullerton Chapel
- **Advent Invitation**
14th October
- **Education at the Edges**
14th October
- **Advent Art Exhibition**
28-30 November

If you haven't received a personal invitation to share your experiences of

God for Advent, and you would like to know more, please speak with Mac or Jeff. It's an opportunity to get to know each other and to gain a clearer understanding of the rich and diverse ways God is revealed in our world today. Sunday 12 October has been set as the date for contributions to be received. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.



An
Advent
Invitation

NCYC Overseas Delegates

The Elders have agreed that the Church of All Nations will specifically be involved with NCYC by helping the overseas delegates. At this stage is not clear how many will be coming from our various partner churches however, we may be called on to offer some 'Australian Hospitality' around the time of NCYC in early January.



Education at the Fringes

This forum, on 14th October, will focus on income support (e.g. Austudy) for students, as well as creating educational alternatives. Education for prisoners, Indigenous Australians, refugees and international students will also feature. The witty and wise JJJ and SBS media personality Bob Maguire is the MC. The Keynote speaker is Bronwyn Pike, Minister for Education. More details at www.vista.org.au

"Individuals can resist injustice, but only a community can do injustice." Jim CorbettI



Henry welcomes new baby sister **Lucy Lynette Jackson** into the world. So do we all!

Celebrate Eid il-Fitr

*at the
Melbourne Eid Festival
& Help Support Palestine*

When: 4th & 5th October 2008
Where: Broadmeadows Valley Park
Corner Barry Rd and Pascoe Vale Rd
Melways Map 6 G3
Price: \$5 per person
\$10 per family
(2 adults and 2 children)
There will be a special stall for Palestine at the Melbourne Eid festival.