

All are welcome here.

Jesus welcomes everyone so we reckon we will too.

## A reflection:

The Gospel of John was the first book of the Bible that I recall reading. My Grandfather gave me a copy of the Gospel of John and the powerful and symbolic description of the profound nature of God, still resonates deep within my faith.

In the verses of John 1:4-5 God's spiritual power is declared. "In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it"

This metaphor is repeated in Jesus teachings as recorded later in John 8:12

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

The visceral power of light replacing darkness is used powerfully as way of accentuating the resurrection of Jesus in the way we celebrate our annual Dawn Easter service here at St Nics.

### **But how is our journey in His light translated in our daily lives?**

It often feels that our culture is walking on an increasingly introspective path. There are real pressures in ever increasing costs of living, personal traumas and the amplification of this Worlds drama and pain, that we all share.

Who can people look to for help and guidance? In our secular nation the choice of The Church is not front of mind.

And so, we have a place and a mission to light our way for each other, meeting together to renew our faith and the ties within our Christian community, and to carry on lighting the way for all those in our lives.

Let us all carry this quiet and powerful light in our daily walk, confident of God's love for us and all the rest of his Creation.

God Bless,

*Andrew*

*(Member of Parish Council)*

## Bible Readings:

|                                 |                  |                                                                                                       |
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| <b>PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD</b> | <b>05-Feb-23</b> | Malachi 3:1-4<br>Psalm 84 or Psalm 24:7-10<br>Hebrews 2:14-18<br>Luke 2:22-40                         |
| <b>EPIPHANY 6</b>               | <b>12-Feb-23</b> | Deuteronomy 30:15-20<br>or Sirach 15:15-20<br>Psalm 119:1-8<br>1 Corinthians 3:1-9<br>Matthew 5:21-37 |
| <b>TRANSFIGURATION</b>          | <b>19-Feb-23</b> | Exodus 24:12-18<br>Psalm 2 or Psalm 99<br>2 Peter 1:16-21<br>Matthew 17:1-9                           |
| <b>Lent 1</b>                   | <b>26-Feb-23</b> | Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7<br>Psalm 32<br>Romans 5:12-19<br>Matthew 4:1-11                                |
| <b>Lent 2</b>                   | <b>05-Mar-23</b> | Genesis 12:1-4a<br>Psalm 121<br>Romans 4:1-5, 13-17<br>John 3:1-17                                    |

## Grahame Bowland to be ordained as Deacon:

Grahame, who was a student in the parish in 2022, God willing, will be ordained a Deacon at a service to be held at **St Georges Cathedral, 7pm, on Thursday 23rd February.**

There will be a celebration after the service at Lalla Rookh, underground at 77 St George's Terrace.

All are welcome.

## World Day of Prayer: 10am Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical group led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. Each year since 1927, the service has been planned by a different country of the world and this year's service was planned by the women of Taiwan. In our area we share the organisation and hosting of the service with a number of other denominations - Lutheran, RC, Church of Christ, Uniting Church, as well as other nearby Anglican churches. **This year will be the first year since 2015 that St Nic's has had the opportunity to host the service and we would welcome everyone to attend. The service will commence at 10 am and will be followed by morning tea.**

For any further information contact Michelle Szymanski – 9448 2585 or Karen Severin.

### A prayer for a new incumbent:

Bountiful God,  
give to this parish a faithful pastor  
who will faithfully speak your word  
and minister your sacraments;  
an encourager who will equip your  
people for ministry  
and enable us to fulfil our calling.  
Give to those who will choose,  
wisdom,  
discernment and patience,  
and to us give warm and generous  
hearts,  
for Jesus Christ's sake.  
Amen.

# Recycling hub

Collections: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month 9-11am

Contact: Marian Green 0403 026 717

**Next St Nic's Recycling Hub: Saturday, 18  
February, 9-11am**

Each month at The Hub we focus on a theme to remind ourselves that recycling is not about getting rid of rubbish, and that living sustainably is so much more than just about waste.

This month's theme is **Regeneration**. The dictionary definition is:

- 1 an act or the process of regenerating: the state of being regenerated
- 2 spiritual renewal or revival
- 3 renewal or restoration of a body, bodily part, or biological system (such as a forest) after injury or as a normal process

As a parish, we are in the process of **regeneration** as we search for a new priest. Our own New Year's resolutions are often a personal project of **regeneration**. When we add food waste in the form of compost to our gardens it **regenerates** the soil. Let's embrace the act of **regeneration** and see the new growth that comes from it.

what are other  
words for  
regenerate?

restore, renew, rejuvenate,  
revitalize, revive, reclaim,  
reconstruct, reform, renovate,  
reanimate



## Friendship Group

We meet on the second Monday of each month, usually in the evening at 7.30 pm. in the Parish Hall. We learn new, listen to guest speakers, go on outings and enjoy meals, sharing great times together. We welcome all Parishioners and friends to join us. Our first meeting is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Contact: Sandra Boylan 0408106604

# Mother's Union

Mothers' Union members gathered to welcome a new year of MU with a dinner on Saturday 21st January in the outside patio area at St Nic's, together with many husbands and partners. It was a happy evening with great fellowship and lots of laughs, and of course a delicious meal of roast lamb with a variety of salads, followed by a selection of desserts.

Our first meeting for the year will be on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 10am**, just prior to Ash Wednesday, so our meeting will take the form of a Lenten Study. On **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March** we will welcome Ian Carter, AM, formerly CEO of Anglicare WA, as our guest speaker who will talk to us about the Diocese of Perth's plans for the future with addressing social issues, such as GBV in our community. On **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June** we will be travelling to the Perron Institute, at the QE2 Medical Centre in Nedlands, to hear first hand about the research being taken into neurological diseases.

We would welcome any new members on the third Monday of each month 10am-12pm. For any further information please contact Michelle Szymanski or Helen Krynen.

## Thank you, Nikki

**Nikki** Landmark has been an amazing Toddler Jam session leader and she has a firm following of little jammers (as well as their grandparents, parents and carers)!

Nikki has done a wonderful job with the St Nics Toddler Jam programme and we wish her every success in her new full-time teaching position.

Please join us in wishing **Renee** a warm welcome as the new leader and consider offering to help with the tea or set-up on a couple of Toddler Jam mornings (Thurs)?

# Parish Council Update

Parish Council met on Tuesday, 17 January, and here are the key points of interest that were discussed:

- Our cleaner, Jeanne, is doing a fantastic job; please continue to contribute to her services each week by increasing your offertory by a little.
- We agreed to support the following organisations with a \$1,000 faith giving payment each: Nyoongar Outreach Services, Grandparents Rearing Grandchildren WA, Anglicare, St Barts, and The Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund (Kimberley Floods).
- Financially, we continue to operate at a slight deficit each month, with a total short fall for this parish financial year of about \$4,000, which does not include the faith giving payments. Our parish is committed to tithing 10% of its income as an act of faith, and whilst expenses are being kept as low as possible, the deficit continues to grow.
- The Wardens reported on general repairs and maintenance.
- A Child Protection incident was reported to Parish Council late last year, and a report to the Dept of Communities has been submitted. This is a timely reminder that all of us are responsible for the safety of each other, and of the importance of the Safe Ministry forms, training, Police Clearances, and Working With Children checks.
- Various issues of concern that had been raised by parishioners were addressed, and we are working to resolve them.
- If you have any questions regarding this or any other issue of interest to you, please speak to any of your Parish Councillors.

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Parish Office: 9448 1421  
Wardens: Ed Scott & Marian Green

Weekly Service Times:  
**Wed** Eucharist at 09:15  
**Sun** Eucharist at 07:30 & 09:30  
Offerings:

**Anglican Parish of Carine Duncraig,**  
**BSB 706-001, Account 30003057**

Admin Assistant Mornings:  
Tues mornings via email & Thurs mornings in the office.  
(not during Sunday worship, please).

Instagram & Facebook: **StNicolasCD**

Website: [stnicolasanglican.org](http://stnicolasanglican.org)

Youtube: **St Nicolas Carine Duncraig**

Containers for Change Scheme ID:  
**C10316184**

*Please send inclusions for the next newsletter to the office by Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, thank you*

# Parish Diary

Top tip: you can view an up-to-date calendar of all Parish activities on our website: [stnicolasanglican.org/parish-calendar](http://stnicolasanglican.org/parish-calendar)

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|-----------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 29-Jan-23 | Sun | <b>Eucharist</b> - EPIPHANY 4<br><b>Eucharist</b>                                                              | 07:30<br>09:30                | Church                                  |
| 31-Jan-23 | Tue | <b>Craft and Chat</b> (weekly)                                                                                 | 13:30-16.00                   | Hall                                    |
| 01-Feb-23 | Wed | <b>Eucharist</b><br><b>WAGS (weekly)</b>                                                                       | 09:15<br>11:00-14:00          | Church<br>Hall                          |
| 03-Feb-23 | Fri | <b>Heartmoves</b> (weekly)                                                                                     | 09:00-10:00                   | Hall                                    |
| 04-Feb-23 | Sat | <b>Men's Breakfast</b>                                                                                         | 07:30-09:00                   | Hall                                    |
| 05-Feb-23 | Sun | <b>Eucharist</b> - PRESENTATION OF OUR<br><b>Eucharist</b> LORD                                                | 07:30<br>09:30                | Church & Hall                           |
| 07-Feb-23 | Tue | <b>Craft and Chat</b> (weekly)                                                                                 | 13:30-16.00                   | Hall                                    |
| 08-Feb-23 | Wed | <b>Eucharist</b><br><b>WAGS (weekly)</b>                                                                       | 09:15<br>11:00-14:00          | Church<br>Hall                          |
| 09-Feb-23 | Thu | <b>Toddler Jam (weekly)</b>                                                                                    | 09:30-11:00                   | Hall                                    |
| 10-Feb-23 | Fri | <b>Heartmoves</b> (weekly)                                                                                     | 09:00-10:00                   | Hall                                    |
| 11-Feb-23 | Sat | <b>Cursillo</b><br><b>ASG</b>                                                                                  | 08:00-09:00<br>12:00-16:00    | Church<br>Hall                          |
| 12-Feb-23 | Sun | <b>Eucharist</b> - EPIPHANY 6<br><b>Eucharist</b>                                                              | 07:30<br>09:30                | Church & Hall                           |
| 13-Feb-23 | Mon | <b>Friendship Group</b>                                                                                        | 19:30-21:30                   | Hall                                    |
| 14-Feb-23 | Tue | <b>Craft and Chat</b> (weekly)                                                                                 | 13:30-16.00                   | Hall                                    |
| 15-Feb-23 | Wed | <b>Eucharist</b><br><b>WAGS (weekly)</b>                                                                       | 09:15<br>11:00-14:00          | Church<br>Hall                          |
| 16-Feb-23 | Thu | <b>Toddler Jam (weekly)</b>                                                                                    | 09:30-11:00                   | Hall                                    |
| 17-Feb-23 | Fri | <b>Heartmoves</b> (weekly)                                                                                     | 09:00-10:00                   | Hall                                    |
| 18-Feb-23 | Sat | <b>St Nic's Recycling hub</b>                                                                                  | 09:00-11:00                   | Front porch                             |
| 20-Feb-23 | Mon | <b>Mother's Union - Lenten Study</b>                                                                           | 10:00-12:00                   | Hall                                    |
| 21-Feb-23 | Tue | <b>Craft and Chat</b> (weekly)<br><b>Shrove Tuesday pancake evening</b>                                        | 13:30-16.00<br>details tbc    | Hall<br>Hall                            |
| 22-Feb-23 | Wed | <b>Eucharist</b><br><b>WAGS (weekly)</b>                                                                       | 09:15<br>11:00-14:00          | Church<br>Hall                          |
| 23-Feb-23 | Thu | <b>Toddler Jam (weekly)</b><br><b>Mothers Union Diocesan Meeting</b><br><b>Grahame Bowland ordained Deacon</b> | 09:30-11:00<br>10:00<br>19:00 | Hall<br>Church<br>St George's Cathedral |
| 24-Feb-23 | Fri | <b>Heartmoves</b> (weekly)<br><b>Hexagon &amp; Patchwork</b>                                                   | 09:00-10:00<br>10:30-15:00    | Hall<br>Hall                            |
| 25-Feb-23 | Sat | <b>ASG</b>                                                                                                     | 10:30-14:30                   | Hall                                    |
| 26-Feb-23 | Sun | <b>Eucharist</b> - LENT 1<br><b>Eucharist</b>                                                                  | 07:30<br>09:30                | Church & Hall                           |
| 28-Feb-23 | Tue | <b>Craft and Chat</b> (weekly)                                                                                 | 13:30-16.00                   | Hall                                    |
| 01-Mar-23 | Wed | <b>Eucharist</b><br><b>WAGS (weekly)</b>                                                                       | 09:15<br>11:00-14:00          | Church<br>Hall                          |
| 02-Mar-23 | Thu | <b>Toddler Jam (weekly)</b>                                                                                    | 09:30-11:00                   | Hall                                    |
| 03-Mar-23 | Fri | <b>Heartmoves</b> (weekly)<br><b>Women's World Day of Prayer</b>                                               | 09:00-10:00<br>10:00          | Hall<br>Church and Hall                 |
| 04-Mar-23 | Sat | <b>Men's Breakfast</b>                                                                                         | 07:30-09:00                   | Hall                                    |