

All Souls & St Agnes

*Walking together with Christ
in Sandringham & Black Rock*

Sunday 10 September 2017



Be careful.

**Don't think these little children are worth nothing.
I tell you that they have angels in heaven who are
always with my Father in heaven. Matthew 18:10**



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St Agnes
Anglican Church Black Rock



St Agnes Black Rock

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Exodus 12.1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute

judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.



Psalm 149

- 1 O praise the Lord, and sing to the Lord a new song:
O praise him in the assembly of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.
- 3 Let them praise him in the dance: let them sing his praise with timbrel and with harp.
- 4 For the Lord takes delight in his people: he adorns the meek with his salvation.
- 5 Let his faithful ones exult in his glory: let them sing for joy upon their beds.
- 6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouths: and a two-edged sword in their hands,
- 7 To execute vengeance on the nations: and chastisement upon the peoples,
- 8 To bind their kings in chains:
and their nobles with fetters of iron,
- 9 To visit upon them the judgement that is decreed: such honour belongs to all his faithful servants.

Praise the Lord.

Welcome

Ministry Team

Vicar: Rev'd Philip Higgins
Locum Priest: Black Rock: Rev'd Clemence Taplin Ph: 0407 886 799
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Ministers: The whole congregation



Baptism at St Agnes: We welcome today **Sullivan Kinyua Maina** who will be baptised. We welcome Sullivan's parents,

Ruth and **Maina** and his godparents **Lisa** and **Henry**. We welcome all his family and friends.

A Season of Creation at St Agnes

A focus on God's natural creation, its gifts and challenges to humanity

Today – Creation and Baptism

Speaker: Rev'd Barry Martin

17 September – Forest Sunday

Speaker: Richenda Harrison

24 September – Land Sunday

Speaker: Valerie Tarrant

1 October - River Sunday

Speaker: Bruce Everett

All Souls Choir Practice will **not take place** this Thursday. Choir practice will resume on **Thursday 21 September**.

All Souls Prayer Wall: Last Sunday, during worship, people had the opportunity to write down any prayers and stick them to the wall inside the church. The wall has moved to the Lounge. If you would like to add a prayer, take a post it note and stick it on our "wall".

All Souls Mission News

This month's **donations** go to the **Bush Church Aid**. The contents of the **Pantry Basket** go to the **Asylum Seeker Centre**.

Summer Under the Sun 2018

17-20 January 2018. Church Missionary Society's Mission Conference.

Church Office is **closed** until further notice. Information for the pew sheet needs to be at the office via email or phone or letterbox by each Wednesday lunchtime.

Anglican Church Calendars are now available for ordering. Please use the ordering form at the back of the church.

Visitor Information - Sandringham

Gluten free communion wafers are available – please ask when you come to receive communion.

Toilets: Toilets are located through the main doors into the Lounge and to the right. A disabled toilet is located at the end of the Lounge, off the landing.

Baby Change Table: can be found in the disabled toilet.

Hearing: A hearing loop is installed in the church for your convenience. Please turn your hearing aid to 'T' and sit on the right hand side of the church (south side).

Emergency Procedures: Please note your nearest door. In an emergency, the two side doors will be opened. Those on duty will assist all people to leave safely.

Please note: Food served after the worship services may contain traces of nuts and eggs.

Parish Council Members are wearing green name tags

Family Ministry Coordinator:

Leonie Dekker

Pastoral Care: Viv Pye

Director of Music: Warwick Lewis

Lay Readers: Connie Cohen

Jenny Mill

Anne Saunders

Contact Details: Please fill in cards provided in pews

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Missionaries: Andrew & Dominique Gifford CMS

Healing Ministry

If you would like to make a prayer request for yourself, or for someone else, we have a prayer chain. Please advise a staff member of the need. If wishing to list others, we do so once you assure us that you have their permission.

On the **Second Sunday** of the month, healing prayers take place in the chapel (to the right of

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Sandringham Weekly Offertory: 3 September 2017

Total Collections: \$ 2,242.50 (target \$1,925.00)

Total Mission: \$45.85

Target Year to Date: \$ 96,325.00

Year to Date: \$ 108,197.45

Direct Credit Bank Details:

BSB: 633-108 Account Number: 1569 73398

Sandringham Parish Council Members: Please check your emails for reports for tomorrow night's meeting.

This Week with Philip: Due to technical difficulties beyond our control, there won't be a message from **Philip** this week. The following is an excerpt about our reading from Romans today, by Melanie Rainer from the website shereadstruth.com. There is a complimentary website for men called hereadstruth.com.

The Bible is filled with the stories of people who have defied authority. Moses stood up to Pharaoh then led the Israelites out of Egypt. Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego all refused to worship any other god but Yahweh—and were then thrown into the lions' den and fiery furnace, respectively. (Spoiler alert: God saved them all, and for His glory.)

Stephen defied the ruling Jewish Council, preached the gospel of Jesus, and was stoned to death for it. Paul and other apostles were martyred by the Roman government during the persecution of Christians.

And yet this same Paul, who likely later died at the hands of his government, urges believers to honour and respect those in authority. Paul—who knew many examples throughout Jewish history of standing up to corrupt rulers—says to obey, seemingly without question. What are we to make of this?

Both Peter and Paul tell early Christians to honour their government, but they do so in the context of the whole story of Scripture (and their own writings), affirming that Jesus is Lord over all. Therefore, we obey the government when it doesn't contradict God's commands—and we do it joyfully, as a way of honouring God.

John Piper says it this way: “And it is very important to stress that, just as we may have to disobey the civil authorities for Christ's sake, so all our obedience should be for His sake as well. We never have two masters ... Every time we say yes to any law, it should be a yes to Jesus.”

Our every action should be motivated by our identity as followers of Christ and citizens of God's kingdom:

The Bible offers many examples of what godly citizenship looks like in an earthly kingdom. Let us pray continually that we will seek first God's Kingdom, listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as we engage thoughtfully with our own earthly governments.

What's On This Week in Sandringham

OFFICE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Monday 11 September

5.30 pm Christian Meditation - Bingham Room

7.30 pm Parish Council - Lounge

Tuesday 12 September

9.30 am Play on Bay Playgroup - Lounge

11.00 am Rosehill - HC - Philip

Wednesday 13 September

10.00 am Holy Communion - Lounge

11.00 am Abberfield - HC - Philip

12.00 pm Bush Church Aid Lunch - Lounge

4.30 pm Community Use - Lounge

Thursday 14 September

10.00 am Play on Bay Playgroup - Lounge

NO 7.00 pm Choir practice - Barbara Darling Room

Friday 15 September

9.30 am Prayer Group - Bingham Room

What's On This Week in Black Rock

Wednesday 13 September

10.00 am Prayers for the parish followed by Holy Communion
(followed by morning tea)

Sunday 17 September

9.15 am Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY: 17 September 2017

Sandringham:

Celebrant: Philip Higgins *Preacher:* Richard Trist (Ridley College)

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Contemporary Communion

Readings: Exodus 14.19-31 Psalm 114 Romans 14.1-14 Matthew 18.21-35

Black Rock:

Celebrant: Clem Taplin *Speaker:* Richenda Harrison

10.00 am Sung Eucharist

Readings: Genesis 2:4b-9 Psalm 96:7-13 Acts 17:22-28 John 15:1-5, 7-8

Romans 13.1-10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due. Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.



The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Matthew 18.10-20

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

"Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost. "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sandringham

Celebrant & Preacher: Philip Higgins

8.00 am Holy Communion

Hymns:

420 - Holy Spirit God Before Us

233 - I Will Sing (vv 1,2,3)

10.00 am Holy Communion

Hymns:

Immortal, Invisible (143, omit v 4)

A New Commandment (699)

Love is His Word (534 vv 1,2,3,4)

God is Love (153)

Choir: Hark My Soul, It Is the Lord

Black Rock

8.00 am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Clem Taplin

10.00 am Holy Baptism in Holy Communion

Celebrant: Clem Taplin

Preacher: Barry Martin

Hymns:

135 - All Things Bright and Beautiful

491 - Father Welcomes

627 - Praise and Thanksgiving

Sentence:

Where two or three are gathered in my name,' says the Lord, 'I am there among them.' Matthew 18.20

Prayer of the Day:

**Go before us, O Lord,
and further us with your continual help,
that in all our works,
begun, continued, and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.**

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*Gracious God, we come this day seeking courage and hope for
the future. Our world is in such peril.*

Heal these wounds and quiet the words of war.

*Help us to be those who bring peace in our families and
communities. Banish the darkness of doubt and fear;
anoint us with your light and love that we may spread the
good news of your
mercy to everyone. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.*