

Psalm 66.7-19

O bless our God, you peoples:
and cause his praises to resound,
Who has held our souls in life:
who has not suffered our feet to slip.
For you have proved us, O God:
you have tried us as silver is tried.
You brought us into the net:
you laid sharp torment on our loins.
You let our enemies ride over our heads,
we went through fire and water:
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.

I will come into your house with burnt-offerings:
and I will pay you my vows,

The vows that opened my lips:
that my mouth uttered when I was in trouble.

I will offer you burnt-offerings of fattened beasts,
with the sweet smoke of rams:

I will sacrifice a bull and the flesh of goats.

Come then and hear, all you that fear God:
and I will tell what he has done for me.

I called to him with my mouth:
and his praise was on my tongue.

If I had cherished wickedness in my heart:
the Lord would not have heard me.

But God has heard me:
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.

Praise be to God:
**who has not turned back my prayer,
or his steadfast love from me.**

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St David's, Ardross
St George's, Applecross
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Reflection on Easter VI

"I see how extremely religious you are in every way", says Paul to those of Athens. What would Paul have to have seen in them for him to make such a statement?

The word religious coming from a Latin word for a member of a religious order or congregation. Paul's statement is about the community life of those of that time in Athens, he sees this loudly and clearly. If love is the hallmark of being a disciple, that of being religious would be the love of members of a particular congregation, of our congregation. The love we have for all members of the congregation even those who sometimes turn up, and those you wish had not. The word *Religious* is a term of the life and love and ministry of a congregation. Could it be said of us - that we are extremely religious?

From his assessment of the community members in Athens, Paul moves on to an inscription which deeply offended him, and seriously concerned him about not only the life of the community but the life of God in the community. An item of worship perhaps the book of scripture, a chalice, a candle stand that was inscribed *To an unknown god*.

For Paul, a God who invites his disciples to call him Father, being more a term of relationship than a title, is a God not wanting to remain anonymous. God the Creator, as with God the Son wants to be in a relationship with us. Wants us to be known by us as the created can come to know the creator.

Our God is the God in whom we live and move and have our being.

May our hearts be inscribed with the words *To one known by God*.

Wendy

PRAYERS Gracious God, we ask for your blessing and healing for all.

In the Diocese we pray for: Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy and Bishop Kate Wilmot, and Bishop Christopher Ruto of our partnered Diocese of Eldoret. Our partnered parish St Stephens Aturei, priest Rev'd Josephat Bett and people.

For those in need at this time: Prayers of comfort, and peace for all on our hearts.

14 MAY EASTER VI	St George's 7.45 am	St David's 9.30 am
Welcomers	Phyllis	Jill and Ross
1st reading Acts 17.22-31	Rosemary	Nic
2nd reading 1 Peter 3.8-22	Meliata	Soji
Intercessor	Chris	Chis
Morning Tea	Ann	Deb and Sam
HYMNS	153 161 or Gospel Acclamation 398 648	

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Ngaala kaaditj Noongar moort keyen kaadak nidja boodja.
We respectfully acknowledge Noongar People as the original custodians
of this land, and their ongoing relationship with it.
We acknowledge their leaders, past, present, and emerging.

NOTICES

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS will be held on **Sunday 18 June**. All reports for the meeting must be to the office by Friday 26 May. At present no reports have been received. If you are unsure whether a report is required, or would like to discuss its contents please be in contact with Wendy.

COCKTAIL EVENING Friday 26 May from 6.00pm in St David's hall. Gold coin Donation, or as you feel is appropriate, to raise funds for the improvement of the playground equipment. Bring nibbles to share. Family and friends welcome.

GRILL'D LUNCHEON As runner up we raised \$100 which will go toward the improvement of our playground equipment.

MEDITATION Thursdays 5.30pm St David's church. All welcome.

TAKE 15 A service of 15 minutes **12.30-12.45pm every Wednesday**.

CAFÉ BETHLEHEM Thursday 18 May from 11.30am Theme being the Coronation. If you are able please come in appropriate attire. Red, white and blue will be the obvious colours for the occasion. If you would like to assist in any way, please make contact with Jacquie.

MANUAL HANDLING TRAINING Free workshop to be held on Saturday **20 May 9.00am** St. David's hall. Everyone welcome. This is being led by Soji George who trains people in equipping them to live their best and fullest life.

IDAHOBIT Prayer Service - from fear to love. **Wednesday 17 May 12.30pm** at Ascension Anglican Church in Midland.

WINTER APPEAL Knitted squares and strips for rugs needed, also beanies. Patterns on church noticeboards. Phyllis 9364 5271.

SUNDAY SCHOOL at St David's. Held on 1st and 3rd Sundays in school term. If you would like to be involved, in any way, please speak with James.

ANGLICARE BINS With the closure of Anglicare Op Shops their collection bins have been removed from St David's grounds and will not be replaced.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE Fund raising The Parish number is **C10681155**

LIVE STREAM Team link We invite you to a scheduled Team meeting, for the 9.30am service. Join the Meeting using the link: <http://bit.ly/3JydKOd>