

Psalm 114

When Israel came out of Egypt:
and the house of Jacob from among a people
of an alien tongue,

Judah became his sanctuary:
and Israel his dominion.

The sea saw that, and fled:
Jordan was driven back.

The mountains skipped like rams:
and the little hills like young sheep.

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled:
O Jordan, that you were driven back?

You mountains, that you skipped like rams:
and you little hills like young sheep?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord:
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

Who turned the rock into a pool of water:
and the flint-stone into a welling spring.

A Prayer Book for Australia, Broughton Books, 1995

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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.

St David's, Ardross
St George's, Applecross
17 September 2023

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Reflection on Pentecost XVI

Lutheran minister Nadia Bolz-Weber, after describing mistreatment as a chain that binds us, writes stunningly about the power of forgiveness to free us for the work of justice and transformation

Maybe retaliation or holding onto anger about the harm done to me doesn't actually combat evil. Maybe it feeds it. Because in the end, if we're not careful, we can actually absorb the worst of our enemy, and at some level, start to become them. So what if forgiveness, rather than being a pansy way to say, 'It's okay,' is actually a way of wielding bolt-cutters, and snapping the chains that link us? What if it's saying, 'What you did was so not okay, I refuse to be connected to it anymore.'? Forgiveness is about being a freedom fighter. And free people are dangerous people. Free people aren't controlled by the past. Free people laugh more than others. Free people see beauty where others do not. Free people are not easily offended. Free people are unafraid to speak truth to stupid. Free people are not chained to resentments. And that's worth fighting for.

Nadia Bolz-Weber

As I allow these words wash over me again and again, I pray that we will take up the hard work of forgiveness for the sake of a broken and desperate world. Please join me in this prayer. I believe it is the most important work we can do as the children of God who grieves and rages against oppression and injustice. May we loosen the chains that bind us. May we rise. May we always pay forward the healing grace and forgiveness of God. Or in the words of last week's parable; may we only feed the good wolf.

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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 and Rev'd Josephat Bett and people of St Stephens Aturei parish.

For our Parish : for our Parish Council in their work of Mission.

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

Judith Lynette Fitzhardinge (2018)
May her portion in paradise be rest in peace.

17 SEPTEMBER PENTECOST XVI	ST GEORGE'S 7.45 AM	ST DAVID'S 9.30 AM
Welcomers	Dorothy	Lois
1st reading <i>Exodus 14.19-31</i>	Sue	Jill
2nd reading <i>Romans 14.1-14</i>	Rosemary	Ross
Gospel <i>Matthew 18.21-35</i>	Meliata	Meliata
Intercessor	Ann	Brian
Morning Tea	Sue	Jill and Ross
HYMNS	161 231 or Gospel Acclamation 210 (to tune 425) 569	

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NOTICES

VOICE in PARLIAMENT If you are wanting a theological consideration of how to vote in the upcoming referendum the Social Responsibility Commission Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/anglicansocialresponsibilities> is a good resource for us and for our neighbours. Please note ABM has a range of resources on the Voice Referendum. Free and available on their webpage.

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

CAFÉ BETHLEHEM gathering **from 11.30am 21 September** with the theme *Environmental Care*. The colour of the day is **green**.

ANGLICARE FOYER OXFORD combines holistic support, housing and access to training to give young people (16-23 year olds) the opportunity to thrive long term. They have found some youth in need of their services have little or no knowledge of what is required, and provide training to give basic cleaning skills. Our focus for September-October is to provide cleaning products which can be supplied to the participants. Suggested items are listed on a flyer attached with this Bulletin and available in church on Sunday. If you are able to participate in the bringing of cleaning items, or by donation for their purchase, you are participating in our mission focus for the month.

PLASTIC BOTTLE LIDS Please save your plastic bottle lids and add them to our collection to be found in the hall foyer. These will be delivered to The Bridges Disability Support Program in Collie, providing employment for the disabled.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE The Parish number is **C10681155**. We now have a Container for Change bin, located in the foyer of St David's hall. If more convenient, bring your containers and deposit in our local bin. The Playgroup will also be involved in these two ministries of recycling which expresses the fifth mark of mission - treasure.

BOOK WORKSHOP 2.00-3.00pm, followed by High Tea, Thursday 12 October. All participating in this workshop are now charged with the reading of the book *Failure* by Emma Ineson.

PARISH COMMUNITY MISSION Everyone is welcome to share invites with friends, family, and neighbours to our parish. Thank you to all who have participated in this ministry. Please take and distribute as you are able.

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>