

Anglican Parish of Northern Albury

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Tuesday 13th August

9.30am – Prayer Group – St John's

10am – Quilters - St James' hall

1pm – Euchre - St John's

Wednesday 14th August

9.30am – Eucharist – St Mark

10am – Friends in Action – St Paul's

Thursday 15th August

10am – Eucharist – St James'

Parish Council on 22nd August

Sunday 18th August

8.30am – Eucharist – St John's

10am – Eucharist – St Mark's

SENTENCE:

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

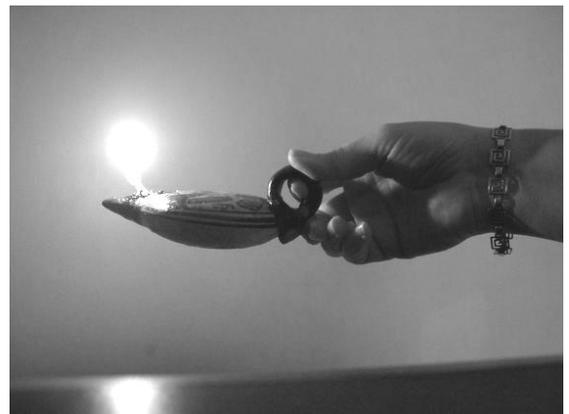
SUNDAY COLLECT:

God of Grace kindle in our hearts the same faith that impelled Abraham to leave his home and to live as a pilgrim in a foreign land. May we be faithful stewards of

all that you have entrusted to us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WEEKLY COLLECT:

Grant to us, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks."

FIRST READING: Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20

A reading from the book of Isaiah:

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation-- I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan,

plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 33: 13-21 Page 253 of your Prayer book.

Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob,

who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old--and Sarah herself was barren--because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

+ GOSPEL: St Luke 12: 32-40

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

ABM: Give thanks for the Church of Bangladesh, remembering especially today their ministry in a predominantly non-Christian context.

CMS: Norm & Janelle Gorrie pray for a student, who is living homeless with her four children in a grass hovel. Pray for her new faith in Jesus to strengthen and comfort her, and for God to provide for her needs.

Our Parish: We ask God's blessing on all involved in the Evening Fellowship.

Our neighbourhood: We pray for those who live in Lavington.

Thanksgiving: We give thanks for the gift of prayer which enables us to bring our concerns before our generous God

The Parish Roll:

Jacqui Veitch; Nancye & Leslie Waldron; Angela Walters; Philip & Lyn Walther; Alison Williams

For those in Special Need: (Names will be left on this list for a month but may be put back on when requested) Charmaine; Austinn; Diane; Bruce; Joan; Evan; Les; Bev; Doreen; Robyn D; Lela; Claire; Norman; Chris; Dorothy; Bob; Rowan; Murray; Peg; Sharni

For the recently departed:

For those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Eddie Edney

Each Sunday we will collect for our food bank. **Items needed this week:** coffee, jam, peanut butter, vegemite; full strength milk; tuna.

Thanksgiving envelopes are available. Please take your set and if there is not one for you please tell Glenda in the office.

Pew reflection:

Genuine faith in God shows itself in actions as all today's readings suggest - like helping people in their needs and (like Abraham) following through on what we understand God wants us to do in our lives. When we centre our lives on God as our 'master', and seek to live by that faith in generous love towards others in their needs, 'it is (our) Father's good pleasure to give (us) the kingdom' - to enjoy life in relationship with God now, and on beyond the grave.

- Pray that you will always be mindful that you are accountable to God for all your actions and how you use your resources.

Text: *The Rev Ross Cameron, Diocese of Brisbane*



By faith Abraham obeyed