

From the Rectory Desk...

It has been quite a month in the parish, as you will read later in this edition of Church News. The Art Show, in collaboration with the art teachers and their classes who meet in the Parish Centre was a great success, with many from our congregation and the wider community, coming to enjoy (and buy) the artwork, as well as meet with us informally over a cup of coffee and a slice of cake. On the Saturday I took up residence by the EFTPOS machine and so had many opportunities to talk to people as they came to pay for their refreshments. I strongly believe that such events, as well as the renting out of parish space to the likes of martial arts groups or painting classes, help to encourage all to recognise the church as a welcoming part of the Ekibin community, and not as just a strange group who meet on a Sunday to chant.



The following week, the Parish Camp was a time of good fellowship. It was great to see many new people joining, and the Parish Council have already taken the decision to repeat the camp next year.

The photo shows the Eucharist we celebrated together on camp. Thanks to all those who helped organise the camp and all the activities shared.

Looking forward, the plans for the redevelopment of our site to build an Anglican Early Learning Centre are moving on apace. A Development Application is expected to be submitted to the Brisbane City Council in early June, and we now need to move forward with the detailed design

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Our Mission Statement:

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to be a faithful, worshipping, caring community, committed to serving God by sharing His love and peace with others, in the name of His Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ

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of our new buildings (hall and meeting spaces) and grounds, as well as plan for the continuation of parish activities during the build (which is expected to last most of 2022). There are many opportunities to get involved in these processes – please speak to me or one of the wardens.

Then during June, we will be holding a Stewardship campaign, where we will reflect on how we can all play our part in the mission of our parish, with a focus on the finances required. We sometimes are embarrassed to talk about this, but it is a necessary discussion if we want to continue to be a presence for God’s ministry in Ekibin in the years to come.

But as we look at Stewardship, and at the building plans, it is emphatically not just about paying the bills and keeping the lightbulbs running. The Diocesan Council has recently adopted a Vision Statement for the diocese:



Flourishing faith communities: proclaiming and serving, worshipping and learning.

The associated logo illustrates the vision that all parts of the diocese are connected and flourishing. By ‘flourishing’, all four of the attributes in the statement above need to be manifest. If you look carefully you will see that the centre of all things is prayer.

In all our planning for buildings or our stewardship campaign, we should see these as enablers to be a flourishing community. It is good to note that our Mission Action Plan, which we adopted earlier this year, includes these same elements.

Finally, for those who think that in today’s world there is a lack of willingness to participate in community activities, this is definitely not the case.



One example that shows the power of community is the ParkRun movement. Originating from a group of friends in Bushy Park in London in 2004, the idea of a timed 5k run on a Saturday morning, run by volunteers, has been taken up worldwide. In Australia many thousands meet at 7am on a Saturday to run, walk, or help organise the events. In our parish June and myself run, as does Alison Lampe. Our Bishop John is a volunteer run director. I recently clocked up my 100th run, and as I ran this on the UQ campus at St Lucia, I 'graduated'!

Rev'd Dr Timothy Nicholson

Sacraments and Rights of Passage

March, April and May 2021

Baptisms

Cooper John Bradley Flay	7 March 2021
Jai Jacob Lynch	14 March 2021
Joseph Benson Cole	21 March 2021
Ned William Cole	21 March 2021



Funerals

Beverley Lorraine Joan McLune	28 May 2021
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Interment of Ashes

Ursula Vivien Hamilton	20 March 2021
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Marriage

James Perry Edwards & Teyla May Roulston	15 April 2021
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ACTS 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Our second committee meeting for the year was held on 2nd May to pray and plan to raise awareness of local, national and international missions. Each month a different mission focus is presented to the congregations, calling for a variety of responses including prayer and finance or in-kind support.

In April the focus was Defence chaplains. On Anzac Day, Fr Denis spoke with due respect and insight. He led the Children’s Church in a interactive retelling of the story of Simpson’s donkey.

In May the focus was Bush Church Aid. On 9th May we were privileged to have Rev Mike Uptin, the new QLD/NNSW Regional Officer speaking. At the 9am service he shared with the Children’s Church the official mascot of BCA - the bilby. He explained that the bilby, like BCA, was distinctly Australian, of regional and remote areas and endangered. He likened it to all Australians needing the chance to hear and accept the gospel - no matter how far away they are. We also look forward to a visit from Luke and Julia Collings, our Moranbah link mission workers on 18th July. Proceeds from the cake sales of the recent art show were sent to help support their mission work. Thank you to all parishioners who provided baked goods.

In June the focus is Church Missionary Society (CMS) with their “Lasting Hope” appeal. We will don colourful socks in solidarity with the aim to have “a world that knows Jesus”. CMS Autumn encounter will be held in Tamworth 6-7 August and Summer School is scheduled for 7-12 January 2022 at Mt Tambourine. Our link missionaries are on deputation at St. Andrews House, Melbourne.

In July the focus is Mission to Sea Farers. Beanies and strong coffee will be incorporated.

The proceeds from the honey sales (provided by D. Markotsis) will go to Myanmar: Integrated Water Sanitation and Hygiene (Wash) Project through Australian Board of Missions (ABM). Visits to Regis home at Salisbury have recommenced every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. The next delivery to St Hughes, Inala is scheduled for June.

Easter Journeys

The journey towards Easter begins with Lent – forty days of preparation for the Easter mysteries and revelations.

Lenten Studies this year were from “Awakening my Faith” by Bishop Jeremy Greaves, the Bishop of the Northern Region of our diocese. The weekly sessions of the course covered differing ways to pray through Head, Heart and Hands. It was very insightful and well attended.

After the cancellations of all things Easter last year because of COVID-19, the Reverend Timothy and June made a concerted effort for this year’s program. (Please see page 3 of the March “Church News”.)

Palm Sunday, or Passion Sunday began outside the church, with everyone holding palm branches and palm crosses for a short ceremony. Then we processed into the church for a meaningful communion service. St Mark’s Gospel was a long reading, so various people took the roles of various characters. The part of Jesus was read by the congregation. The church looked amazing, being completely decorated with palm branches.

Holy Week – morning prayer was held in the church on Monday, using a Celtic form of service which was interesting. Unfortunately Brisbane had a snap lock-down due to COVID-19 cases. This meant that the morning prayer services for the rest of the week were on Zoom.

Maundy Thursday communion service went ahead at night. Everyone was required to wear masks – a strange feeling. However, it was still a very meaningful service.

Good Friday – the planned three-hour service, incorporating reflections and music, was reduced to just the basic service. Mask wearing was again required. The long gospel was a recording read by David Suchet. Again, it was a very moving service.



Holy Saturday – A Walk with the Bishop. Bishop John Roundhill (Southern Region) envisaged walking from the Gold Coast to Brisbane during Holy Week to visit numerous parishes. This was curtailed due to the COVID lock-down. However, on Holy Saturday, Bishop John was able to visit the last seven parishes on his itinerary, from Christ Church St Lucia to St Bartholomew’s Mt Gravatt.

Bishop John and Frances arrived at St Luke’s Ekibin at lunchtime. The Bishop was suitably dressed, and with his crook, really looked like a pilgrim. They were accompanied by four other walkers.



Setting out from St Luke’s with Bishop John on Saturday before Easter

A light lunch was served. Just as everyone was settling down, Bishop John announced it was time to move on to St Matthew’s at Holland Park. We gathered for a group photo, the Bishop read the collect and the Reverend Timothy said a prayer for our journey.

Reverend Timothy and June led the group of thirteen participants on our way along Sexton Street, Esher Street, Birdwood Road, across Norman Creek, Hamel St, Newy St, and Swain St. We received a warm welcome from St Matthew’s parishioners who promised cooling refreshments. There was only one light shower of rain on our half hour journey but this did not dampen our spirits. Bishop John’s motto was “No-one gets left behind”. The stragglers were well looked after!

After another photo opportunity near the Easter display in the Sanctuary (everyone wearing masks), Bishop John read the collect and prepared to leave for St Bartholomew’s. Overall it had been an interesting day with the chance to talk to Bishop John and others.



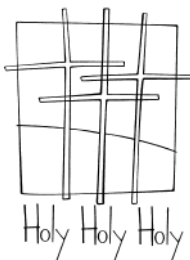
Lighting the Paschal Candle on Easter Day

Easter Day began at St Luke's at 6.30 am with the lighting of the new fire and Paschal Candle. The congregation processed into the church. Reverend Timothy declared "The Light of Christ" and the congregation replied "Thanks be to God". There followed a joyful communion service.

After the service a Resurrection Breakfast was held in the lower hall. This was a really nice way to celebrate the Risen Christ and to enjoy some fellowship with parishioners.

I would like to thank the Reverend Timothy and June for providing such a full and inspiring Easter Program for the parish, in spite of the COVID-19 lock-down restrictions.

Desley Soden



St Luke's on Easter Day

Choir Report – March to May 2021

We were well into the Lenten period once we got to March, so this dominated our song selection at that time. Our initial item was 'As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams' (TIS25). The following week brought us to Palm Sunday. Here we sang 'Prepare the Royal Highway' (TIS346) outside the Church prior to the congregation's entry waving palms and, during the service 'O Sacred Head Sore Wounded' (TIS339), with accompaniment by Brian on the organ.

We were then prepared for a significant singing commitment over Easter, with five songs practised to participate in the services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day. Unfortunately the COVID scare and social restraints imposed just before Easter prevented any choir contribution to our Easter worship. Hopefully next year.....

In April, we had the fortuitous concurrence of Anzac Day falling on a Sunday. Our church services on the day had an 'Armed Services' theme. The choir participated at the 7 a.m. service with well-known British, post-World War 1 songs, 'In Flanders Fields' (Jacobson, Emerson & McCrae) and 'I Vow to Thee my Country' (HA&M Rev 579).



The Choir singing at the Anzac Day service

Into May and we finally got back into our usual routine of singing 2nd Sunday at 9 a.m. service and 4th Sunday 7 a.m. service. At 9 a.m. we reprised one of the songs we had planned for Easter Day, 'See What a Morning' (MP1105), together with 'Light of the World' (MP1086). This

latter song is a choir favourite which has been on our song-list for a few years.

That brought us nearly to the end of May. With Pentecost on 23rd May our song selection changed to reflect this major celebration in the Church calendar. Two items were sung during the Reflection at the 7 a.m. service; 'Veni, Sancte, Spiritus' (arranged by Sue Vassella) and 'Holy Spirit, living Breath of God' (MP1183 Vol 2). This latter item incorporated guitar accompaniment by Trevor.

In addition to the St Luke's Pentecost service, the choir had also been invited to sing at an evening Pentecost service at 'The Rock' church in Annerley (in the old Moomba premises, for those old enough to recall this venue). We reprised two of our St Luke's songs for May; 'Light of the World' and 'Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God'. Our renditions seemed to be favourably received.



The Choir singing at "The Rock" church

We look forward to on-going contribution to St Luke's worship services. We would ask though, if the congregation would refrain from applause after our songs. While we appreciate your acknowledgement, we consider we are part of the service and wish our songs to be received accordingly.

Greg Rodger

The Prayer Course – St Luke’s Explores Prayer

If we set out to attempt something that we have not done before, we will often look for instructions or ask for advice. Even if it is something that we have been doing all our lives, something may motivate us to explore if we could be doing this ‘thing’ a different way or to see how others do it.

Prayer is an important part of our Christian life; we have all been doing it in some form throughout our lives, but why do we pray and could we be doing it differently?

For a lot of us the idea of prayer started as a task just before bedtime – you know, in between the tooth brushing and the bedtime story. As an introduction to prayer this worked well, ‘God bless Mummy, God bless Daddy’ and often the dog and cat would get a mention too. It was and is an excellent start on our prayer journey with God.

But as we get older and our lives change we start to change when, how and what we pray for. We will often pray for the welfare of our family and loved ones, for a change in our lives or the strength to get through the following day. We all pray for different things and we all pray in our own way. But have you ever found yourself wondering why we pray or if there is a structure that we could use to pray?

Please note that I have deliberately not used the term a ‘better’ way to pray as we all express ourselves in our own ways.

Well these and many more questions have been the topic of a course; appropriately named ‘The Prayer Course’ that a number of parishioners of St Luke’s have been exploring over the last few weeks. Written and presented by Peter Greig and co-presented with Poppy Willams, the course uses the Lord’s Prayer to provide both session topics and a structure to prayer. Each session is introduced by a short video that then forms the basis for the rest of the discussion within the group, led by Revd. Timothy and June.

In Session 1, we asked the obvious question – Why Pray? Or “Lord, teach us to pray”. Session 2 covered the topic of Adoration or “Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be your name” which also provided some of the suggested structure for prayer – ‘when you pray, begin by thanking and

praising'. Session 3 covered the topic of Petition or "Give us this day our daily bread" – how we ask for what we need in our lives. Session 4 titled Intercession - "Your kingdom come" helped us look at how we pray for others.

Now I would love to tell you about Sessions 5 through to 8, but unfortunately as I write this; Session 5 has not yet happened. Sorry to do that to you. But to give you a clue as to how the course will continue, Session 5, titled Unanswered prayer or "Your will be done" will be looking at unanswered prayer. Session 6 – Contemplation or "On earth as it is in heaven" reveals how spending time with God in silence can enrich us. Session 7 – Listening or "Give us this day our daily bread" considers how to tune into God's voice and Session 8 is titled Spiritual Warfare or "Deliver us from evil". I had a sneak peek at the course guide for you. You are welcome.

My guess is you are now wondering is the course worth the time? Yes. Personally I am finding that this course is not only answering some questions, it also is presenting some questions. The resources that accompany it, along with the group discussions have given me a different way to look at the idea of prayer and interacting and hearing others discuss and share their journeys with prayer also is a powerful thing to be a part of.

And now I invite you to follow The Prayer Course's suggestion and take 10 minutes of quiet time to pray (using P.R.A.Y.).

(1 min) **Pause** – sit quietly for a minute, stilling your soul.

(2 min) **Rejoice** – read a short Psalm or listen to a worship song.

(3 min) **Ask** – Tell God what's in your heart. Pray through your day.

(3 min) **Yield** – Read a few verses from the New Testament, Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you afresh.

(1 min) **Amen** - Pray the Lord's Prayer.

The course and resources are available online and I would recommend if this has sparked an interest in you, have a chat to Rev'd. Timothy or June.

David Frarricciardi

Children's Ministry

Our parish is blessed in so many ways. We have so much to be thankful for, our children being very high up on my list. Thank you to our talented leaders of our children's ministry! We are now able to offer this service to our young families each week during school term time.



Rev'd Timothy giving his Children's Message

For me, and I know for many others, a highlight of our 9 am service is Rev'd Timothy's children's message at the beginning of the service – we adults always learn something and enjoy the fun too.



On Anzac Day Fr Denis relates the story of Simpson's Donkey

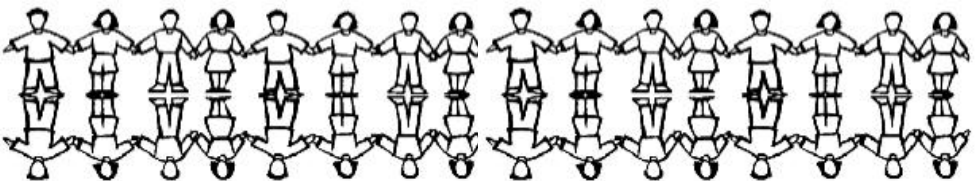
Our Messy Children’s Church once-a-term events have been well attended, with much hilarity, messy fun, and always a clear gospel message for the children from our leaders – in particular, thank you to Tim & Kate Vassella, David Fraricciardi, Sharon Moy, Diane Holman and Chris Bromwich.



Fun at Messy Children’s Church

As a part-time assistant in our Children’s Ministry team, I do encourage anyone who might be interested in assisting in this vital ministry to talk to Chris. I feel privileged to be able to help in the nurturing of our children’s faith and their connection to our Church. These children are a delight to work with and I always come away with a warmed heart as they give so much joy. They are our future.

Honor Lawler



Eggstravaganza in the Park

The weekend of Palm Sunday saw members of the Moorooka community hosting an 'Eggstravaganza' family event in Peggs Park. Picture the park full of children and families, couples, picnic rugs, strollers, dogs, a jumping castle, children climbing trees, music, a trendy coffee van and stalls providing free food, lollies and shaved ice. Add to that, the smell of perfectly cooked St Luke's sausages and onions and you have



it just right! Our sausage sizzle proved very popular with 288 sausages being cooked and several 'emergency runs' needed to buy supplies. St Luke's helpers were very grateful that the coffee van was situated next to the sausage sizzle with free coffee available as needed!

This event provided us with the valuable opportunity to be a part of a community celebration and to start to get to know our neighbours in their own 'backyard'. It was also the perfect opportunity to launch our St Luke's banner which clearly identified who we were. We were also able to share information about our Easter services, distributing leaflets to those who were interested.

A big "thank you" to all who were able to come and help on the day. Let's keep looking out for similar events we can be a part of.

Judy Jones

St Luke's Theatre Society

St Luke's Theatre society presents their second major play for 2021, the dark comedy, **Natural Causes** by Eric Chappell, opening at Christ Church Yeronga at 7.30pm on 11th June.

The season is presented with six performances over two weekends and closes on 19th June. The play concerns Vincent, who has an unusual occupation; he is a professional suicide merchant. He has discovered an odourless, tasteless, all-natural poison which causes a painless suicide. When he is contracted by Walter Bryce, he arrives at the Bryce's country house and mistakenly assumes that his product is intended for Walter, but Walter's wife Celia, is the client – or is she? Why are all her suicide letters typed and unsigned? After several attempts to poison various characters, will anyone actually be poisoned?

Although the subject matter is grim, this is a very funny play that audiences will enjoy. Bookings are now open online at www.stluketheatre.asn.au or phone 0490 371 885. Tickets are \$25, concessions \$20 with programs and refreshments included. Come along and join in the fun. We hope to see you there.



Trevor Bond

The cast of **The Importance of Being Earnest**, a recent production
“A wonderful, funny, professional production!”

Pizza and Wine Afternoon

On the 24th of April Judy and Owen Jones kindly hosted a pizza and wine afternoon for St Luke's families to get together and get to know each other. The turn-out was excellent and almost all our Sunday School kids were in attendance. They played all kinds of games on Judy's very well kept back lawn, including blowing bubbles, playing with the garage and dolls house sets, and kicking a ball around.



Ada Crawford had a great time.

The kids were fed on lovely cheese pizzas and cheerios, while their parents were able to chat over wine and cheese. The wine was abundant and top quality and it was great to talk to other parents over drinks. A huge thanks goes to Judy and Owen for providing their house, food and beverages for such a fun occasion.

Alistair Crawford



Parish Walk Along Bulimba Creek - Thursday 22nd April



Into the woods

Who knew that there is a lovely creek-side walk nestled right behind the Carindale shopping centre? Just a short walk down from the Aveo retirement apartment complex and there before you is a natural and seemingly untouched Bulimba

Creek running for several kilometres through verdant parkland. Having been on several parish walks now, it's hard not to be in awe of the rich network of nature walks throughout the Brisbane metropolitan area. Today fourteen of us walked about 1.5k along one side of the creek on a concrete path, then the more adventurous of the group crossed the creek and walked back along a bush track weaving alongside the creek, single file for some of the way. I kept marvelling at the colourful vegetation only to be informed that most are common weeds; they were pretty, nonetheless.

Good though the walk was, the highlight of the day was afternoon tea at Barry Kratzke's Aveo apartment. Barry and Pat had graciously invited all of us to share afternoon tea in their delightful apartment with a north east facing balcony overlooking the parkland below. Needless to say, with the comfortable seating and peaceful outlook, the cool breeze, the tasty snacks and good conversation, the afternoon reverie drifted on, and no one was in a hurry to leave.



A special thanks to Barry and Pat for making their home available to us.

Trevor Lunn

St Luke's and Lilley-Lee Art Show

On the weekend of 7th-9th May the St Luke's and Lilley-Lee Art Show was held in the upper hall. The Lilley-Lee group of art teachers have been using our parish centre for the past 12 months to teach classes to groups of adults and children. The art show was conceived from discussions between Rev'd Timothy and the art teachers.



164 art works were displayed by adults and children in a variety of categories. Two judges had the unenviable task of deciding on 16 prize winners including an adult and youth artwork as overall best in show. Prizes were donated by local businesses, St Luke's Parish and the Lilley-Lee Art Group.

Friday was the opening night, with two sessions held to allow for COVID regulations, one for the adult prize giving and judge's comments, followed by the opening celebration, with savoury food plates and drinks for sale. Rev'd Timothy and June sent their apologies as they were attending the Mathew Hale Public Library annual dinner. We were fortunate to have Kerry Holland deliver an opening address. Kerry is a visual artist and ceramist based in Brisbane and she gave a thought provoking and eloquent speech. This was followed by a blessing from Bishop Jonathan Holland.



Emma and friend

A special mention goes to one of our parishioners Sean F, who won a highly commended for his beautiful painting of a rooster. Congratulations Sean!

Emma, who was the youth runner up in show, is the daughter of a carer who works with Loane Lilley - a special connection between the art studio and our parish.



Sean with his painting

The weekend had a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and was a joyous community collaborative event. Thank you to all those who helped to make the show a success. We are so fortunate at St Luke's to have an army of willing and generous volunteers. Many have a long history of running fundraising and social events but are so gracious in offering their support and expertise.

Alison Lampe

St Luke's Parish Camp May 2021

This year was Philly's and my first time at Parish Camp and what a cracker of a weekend it was! The setting – Glengarry Education Centre at Mt Tarampa was stunning – and the crisp, cool, sunny weather was ideal for our cabin camping.

Philly and I arrived just in time for lunch on Saturday – and I understand we missed a lovely craft session with Robyn. But at least we made it for Tim's pulled pork and Rev'd Timothy's coleslaw on buns. Many of us (me included) had seconds.

After lunch we had our Church service with Trevor leading the hymns expertly on guitar. A much thought-provoking sermon on Psalm 1 with a musical interlude from the Monkees set the scene for a discussion on the Sunday.



Gave up on climbing the fence to Atkinson Dam wall!

Saturday afternoon most of us headed off to Atkinson's Dam for a walk. When we discovered the gate to the dam wall was locked, Honor and Philip spent a good five minutes working out if we could jump the fence. They concluded it wouldn't be a good look for St Luke's if we were busted!

After a delicious dinner of spaghetti bolognese and apple crumble, we went outside for what was arguably the area's largest bonfire. Next year we definitely need some song sheets for a campfire singalong. Though, we managed a credible version of Waltzing Matilda!



A great camp fire!



Fellowship for all ages!

After a fairly early night and a good night's sleep, we started Sunday with a hearty breakfast from Brian and Georgette. Then we had a free period of tea-drinking, tennis-playing (thanks Alistair!), game playing and walks before we all came back together for a discussion on Psalm 1 and the Ten Commandments.

Although we missed Rev'd Timothy and June, who had to go back to Moorooka on Saturday to take the Sunday services, Judy did a great job at guiding our conversation. It was interesting to reflect on how we all listen to the "law" of God and the resources we use to take time out of our busy lives to listen and to meditate.



Friendship for all!

Philly and I had to leave before lunch but we had a fantastic weekend. I barely saw my daughter as she spent the entire time playing with Anna and the other children outside. It was so good to see them all running around and not asking for the TV at all! I think my most uttered phrase was “anyone seen Philly”?

The fellowship, fun and food were the hallmarks of this year’s camp. I had some wonderful conversations with people, got to make some new friends and managed to forget the stresses of everyday life. A huge thank you to Chris and Judy and the team of helpers that made it all happen. We’ll be back next year!

Helen Hutchings

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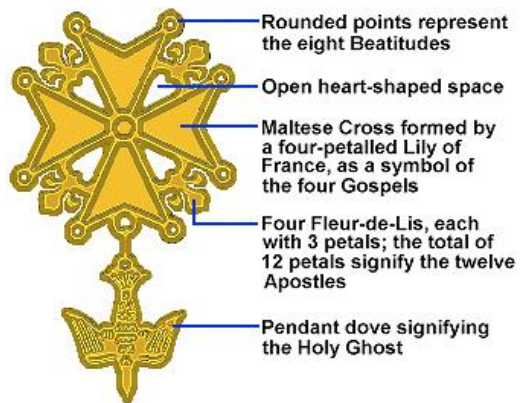
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The Huguenots

In Europe during the 16th Century some of the practices of the established Catholic Church caused alarm amongst members and a movement of radical reformation, "Protestantism" emerged in the Christian Church. In 1517 German theologian and priest Martin Luther was reported to have nailed his fundamental work on reforms, "Ninety-five Theses," to the door of his own church in Wittenberg and changes were spreading to other surrounding countries in Western Europe. French philosopher Jean (John) Calvin composed a work in 1536 entitled, "The Institutes of the Christian Religion, a guideline for the Protestant reformation in France.

Many French people from all walks of life decided to espouse the new theology and began to form groups worshipping in private houses and later building new churches. The name that was given to these French protestants," Huguenots," may have originated as an insult or have been a description of their meetings in houses, from the Dutch word "huisgenoots." They designed a special cross as symbol for their new Church.



This break-away from the historical Church unfortunately ushered in a long period of religious wars between the established members of the Catholic Church and the protestant Huguenots in France and many on both sides were killed. On the 24th of August 1572, under the orders of the fanatical King Charles IX, the event known as "The massacre of St Bartholomew's Day" took place, in which thousands of Huguenot men, women and children were killed outright and many bodies tossed into the River Seine, which was described as running red with blood. The massacre soon spread to the surrounding country and brought terror to the French Huguenot families

Queen Elizabeth I of England, herself a protestant, was appalled by the death of so many and especially of the Huguenot leader Admiral Gaspard de Coligny. She offered sanctuary to the Huguenots, and in 1681 built a special Chapel in the crypt of Canterbury Cathedral for the use of French refugees. A service in the French language continues to be held there every Sunday to this day.



The exterior of the Huguenot Chapel in Canterbury Cathedral

The French King, Henry IV of Navarre, a Huguenot supporter at first, re-converted to Catholicism when he was crowned King of France in 1572. However he was appalled by further killings on both sides. He supported religious freedom and passed the Edict of Nantes in 1598 which created a period of peace and prosperity in France which prevailed until Henry was assassinated in 1610. Under the subsequent Kings, Louis XIII and Louis XIV, the Huguenots were again persecuted. After the latter was crowned King of France in 1643, further atrocities took place and he decided the Huguenots must be forced to convert to Catholicism and he revoked the Edict of Nantes in 1685. He made his intention clear that Protestants would be forced convert to Catholicism, facing severe penalties if they refused. He organised a system, "dragonnades", where Dragoons were placed in Huguenot homes to ensure their compliance.

Many Huguenots had already left France and this was the last straw. In the following years more than 200,000 Huguenots fled from France to nearby countries like England,



The Huguenots arrive at Dover

Ireland, Switzerland and the Netherlands. Many of those that arrived in England were skilled in various ways and settled around Spitalfields in London, where they established industries like silk weaving and printing, as well as businesses like publishing and selling art supplies. They became prosperous enough to build their own churches.



The Huguenot Monument in South Africa

The Huguenots arriving in the Netherlands were offered land in the Dutch colony of South Africa and undertook the long and perilous journey by sea to the Southern Hemisphere. Many of these refugees were skilled in agriculture, especially in viticulture, and established the wine industry in South Africa. They settled in an area now known as Franschhoek (French Corner) and a monument to their bravery and industry exists at Stellenbosch in the Cape Province.

While no Huguenots fled directly to Australia, many of their descendants have lived here. Charles le Trobe, 1st Lieutenant Governor of Victoria, Lady Jane Franklin, wife of the Governor of Tasmania, Richard Boyer of the ABC Boyer lectures, Richie Benaud the cricketer, and Roy Cazaly of football fame were all prominent descendants of French Huguenots. Many South Africans with Huguenot ancestry have also subsequently emigrated to Australia and formed their own Society. I am one of them.

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Attributes of God

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D E W B L I F T V X W R K V J
F N R P O W E R F U L K R H M
Z P U C M E H E U I T N J O U
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C F O P O E R L S G Z I U E Q
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GOD
CREATOR
HOLY
MERCIFUL
LOVING
POWERFUL
PROVIDER
PROTECTOR
GOOD
FAITHFUL
GREAT
WISE

God always
knows right
where I am.

