

Everton Park



St Jude the Apostle
Anglican Church

Old Northern Rd

Flockton St

SERVICES

TUESDAYS:

- 9.30am Holy Communion Service

FRIDAYS:

1st & 3rd Friday nights:

- ♦ 7pm Alive & In the House

SUNDAYS:

- 7.15am Traditional Communion Service
- 9.30am Contemporary Communion Service with Kid's Time (*followed by morning tea*).

July Calendar

MONDAYS:

- 7pm Men's Study Group

TUESDAYS:

- July 15th & 29th - 7pm Creative Arts Rehearsal
- July 22nd - 6pm Parish Council Meeting
- July 29th—Risk Management Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAYS:

- 9.30am Beacon Counseling Ministry
- 9.30am Gentle Exercises
- July 23rd - 10.45am Beacon Counseling Ministry Supervision Seminar with Greg Milles



Birthday Morning Tea after the
9.30am service on 15th July

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The Cornerstone

July 2014

Church on Fire!

Send down the fire - was the gist of the song we were singing in a large church on the south side of Brisbane some years ago. As we sang I wondered just what we expected God to do in response to that request. Was fire going to come down through the roof, or did we expect God would do some type of super miracle to transform us into extra-spiritual people? Or were we asking Him to take away the pain of the troubles we faced in this life? The term certainly relates to transformation and the Bible talks about the refining fire of God. However, the means of that refining is through the difficulties, troubles and problems we face in every day life not their absence.

Peter notes this when he writes:

"In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith - of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire - may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy (1 Peter 1:6-8 NIV).

Malachi also notes about God's messenger:

2 But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. 3He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness (Malachi 3:1-3 NIV).

God is looking for men and women of righteousness - a righteousness that is earthy rather than prudish. That is, a righteousness

that is engaged with the difficulties and troubles of this world rather than escaping them into a secure cave of tranquillity. God desires a people who can engage this world in very real ways, but without yielding to its demand to be taken up with its agenda. This is a righteousness that comes from engaging the problems and difficulties of our times and working through them to overcome their debilitating impact.

I raised the question above of what we were expecting God to do because I sense we fail to see God's intentions in the difficulties, troubles and problems we encounter. They are God's means of transforming our lives. A transformation that occurs when we allow the Son of God, Jesus Christ, to work in and through us to make us awesome people reaching our full potential in all that we do. Such an approach is seen in Jesus' call in our lives to be forgiving people - it sees us through the difficulties and makes us different people when we come out the other side. Sidney and Suzanne Simon note:

Forgive each other: Forgiveness is freeing up and putting to better use the energy once consumed by holding grudges, harbouring resentments, and nursing unhealed wounds. It is rediscovering the strengths we always had and relocating our limitless capacity to understand and accept other people and ourselves.

We need to get past our pride and invite the living Son of God into the deep recesses of our hearts and the difficult situations we face in order that we can become men and women of righteousness. Men and women of righteousness who build the kingdom of God rather than rip it apart - to be children of light rather than darkness.

Going for it! Men's Study Group

Our men's study group meets on a Monday night at 7pm in the Media Room of the Cornerstone Ministry Centre. The men come from a variety of backgrounds and interests. Our men's study group leader notes:

It must have been about ten years ago that I tentatively made my way to my first men's group meeting. Much to my surprise I found a bunch of blokes, with much of the same ambitions as me, sitting around having some fun and discussing God. At the time this had a significant effect on my life, the fact that you could talk about Jesus and still be normal. Over the following years the group has grown rock solid in three key areas, fellowship, respect for differing points of view among members and a desire to learn more about living a life according to God's will. As a group we all look forward to the great things God has in store for us in the future.

*Neil Griffiths
Men's Group Leader*



Neil during business hours with his fishing business



**Sunday Morning
9.30am**



Young People in Creative Arts

New Altar Consecrated

The construction of the new Altar was organised by Dick Symes and Cec Ryan and constructed by the Anglican Church of Stafford Men's Shed carpenters. The maple wood used for the construction came from the old pews out of St Jude's Church in Buller Street, Everton Park. It came with a matching credence table and coloured the same as the new baptism font.



Ps Andrew deconsecrated the temporary altar at the 7.15 am service on Sunday 15th June and consecrated the new altar during the 9.30 am service on that day. The new altar is much larger than the temporary altar and slightly higher and wider than the sandstone altar that had been installed in the Buller Street church. Our team are currently working on the creation of new altar cloths for the altar.



Flowers in Memory July-August



July 13th: In memory of Joy and the parents and brothers of Ken & Joy Walmsley

August 10th: Sybille & Alexander Menzies & William Dix, parents & husband of Lucy Dix

August 24th: Margaret & Maurice Hennessy, parents of Mary Helton

Jürgen Moltmann proclaims about the significance of Jesus Christ:

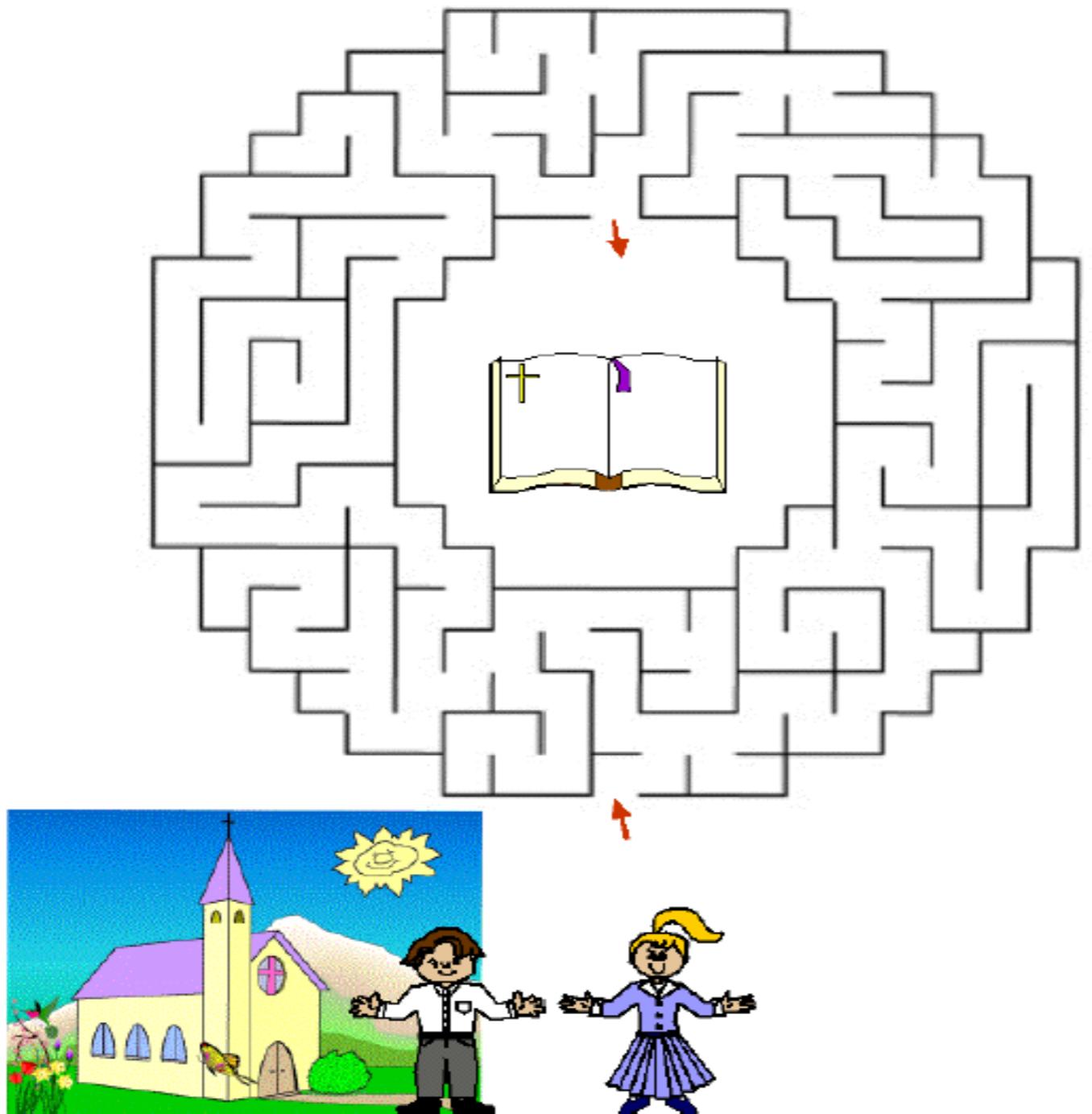
The mystery of Jesus is the incarnation of God, the incarnation of eternal, original, unchangeable being in the sphere of temporal, decaying, transitory existence, in which men live and die. If the mystery of Jesus is the eternal presence of God amongst men, then the salvation of the world is also to be found in him. God became man, so that men could partake of God. He took on transitory, mortal being, for that which is transitory and mortal to become intransitory and immortal.

*[Jürgen Moltmann, *The Crucified God* (London: SCM Press Ltd, 1976), 88]*

Children's Activity

Church and Respect Maze

Help the children run back home to get their Bible for church.



Extra Mile Club Over, Above & Beyond



Our first evening event of the *Extra Mile Club, Over, Above and Beyond*, with The Hon. Tim Mander MP and Ps Andrew Peters was a great time. Tim Mander spoke on the biblical men and women of God who had gone over and above in their efforts for God and giving to their communities. During the question time Tim unpacked the difficulties that Christians faced as politicians and the way in which he maintained his integrity. He noted that he set up two groups of people (one outside of the political arena itself and the other a small group of MPs who meet regularly) with whom he reflects on his role and how he carries it out. He also noted the learning curve he went through on how to treat people and influence them, beginning with his time as a referee and then Scripture Union and how this now influences the way he treats his staff and others.



Ps Andrew spoke of the power that God has placed within each person to prosper in life and impact the world around us. He noted that many people do not capitalise on the opportunities of life because they have been emotionally and relationally disabled, demeaned and abuse. The result being the establishment of mindsets in their lives that hamper any effort they might make in doing something productive and prospering from it. Our role then includes sowing into their live in ways that release them from the negative impact of those mindsets so they can begin to sow into their lives the things that will propose them in the long haul.



Green Thumb Team

From this:



To this:



Prior to the beginning of the building programme we created a new committee called the *Green Thumb Committee* from amongst our members at St Jude's. This committee has worked hard over the last five years to produce the wonderful landscape gardens that surround the alfresco café area and the front lawns and gardens along the entrance into the property. They have led teams of our members at working bees to establish and maintain these gardens, along with the mowing, weeding and planting in the watercourse.

The work continues in the establishment of further gardens, with mulch and planting of new trees and shrubs. Along with this is the ongoing task of maintaining those gardens. We are also required by Brisbane City Council to eradicate noxious weeds throughout our property. Much work has been done on this and now there are only two areas needing extra work - the cats claw weeds that attack our trees and Singapore daisy.

To build upon the work that has been done we need help in the following three ways:

- ⑥ **Green Thumb Maintenance Team:** this team will be committed to the ongoing maintenance of the gardens and lawns—weeding, pruning, mowing (including the opportunity to ride upon our mower-tractor to mow the watercourse), watering and generally looking after the grass and gardens that have already been established;
- ⑥ **Weed Eradication Team:** this team needs to work in pairs (especially with the cats claw). Our weed eradication leaders need people to assist them with this job, either joining in their team or forming a two-person team yourself;
- ⑥ **Working Bees Team:** we want the working bees to be focused on the various projects that need to be done such as mulching and applying of top soil. These are occasions where a group effort is needed to complete the job.