



SERVICES

TUESDAYS:

- 9:30 am Holy Communion Service

FRIDAYS:

- 3rd April - 9 am Good Friday followed by Morning tea with Hot Cross buns
- 17th April - 7 pm Alive & In the House

SUNDAYS:

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

March Calendar

MONDAYS:

- 7 pm - Men's Study Group

TUESDAYS

- 7th April - 7 pm Leadership Workshop
- 14th April - 7 pm Creative Arts Rehearsal
- 21st April - 6 pm Parish Council Meeting
- 28th April - 10.45 am Birthday Celebration
- 28th April - 7 pm Creative Arts Rehearsal

WEDNESDAYS:

- 9.30 am - Gentle Exercises
- 12.30 pm - Beacon Counseling Ministry
- 8th April - 10.45 am MU—meeting & lunch
- 22nd April - 3.30 pm Beacon Counselling Ministry Supervisory Seminar

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The Cornerstone

April 2015

The inaugural leadership workshop, held on Tuesday 24th March, covered a number of topics including risk management, the aim of our ministry and being effective or fruitful in the ministry that we do for the Lord. A number of thoughts come out of those topics that touch all of us in our relationship with God and the "good works" that God prepared for each of us to do (noting, as Paul emphasizes, that such works do not save us, for we are saved by faith in Jesus Christ - Ephesians 2:8-10). Jesus calls all of us to bear fruit for the kingdom of God. That is, we need to be effective in the things that God has called us to do on this planet. Success or non-success describes the behaviour of an individual or group; whereas, effectiveness refers to the internal state, or pre-disposition of an individual or group and is attitudinal in nature.¹

Effectiveness in our terms does not mean whether you have been successful in a particular project or task; but relates to how the people we work with fare under our leadership or followership. That is, how are they going? Whether we are leaders or followers our attitude affects other members of the team. Have we helped to resolve tensions if they arose; built others by our encouragement; been focused on our doing our part of the project or task; assisting others when their part becomes a bit overwhelming; and expressed the fruit of the Holy Spirit to them and others related to our project?

Effectiveness in the New Testament revolves around the concept of fruitfulness. Jesus takes up the theme of fruitfulness and notes that there is both a quantitative and qualitative aspect to fruitfulness.² We are not only called to bear fruit but to bear fruit of a particular character and quality. We will be known by our effectiveness in producing "good" fruit.³ Success in itself is not sufficient, unless the success that we do have bears the marks of "good" fruit. That we are capable of either producing good or bad fruit is not circumstantial.⁴ We can either make the tree good or bad, we can choose to bear good or bad fruit. As leaders and followers, we can choose to lead or follow with effectiveness or ineffectiveness. God looks for fruitfulness in our lives and expects to see it.⁵ God's concern for our lack of fruitfulness revolves around the



impact it has upon His Kingdom, others and ourselves. Fruitfulness is a sign of the Kingdom of God in our lives.⁶ If we are really connected to God through Jesus Christ and have a vibrant relationship with Him then we will produce fruit. Those who hear the Word of God, who understand it and implement it in their lives and activities, produce such fruit.⁷

We can only bear fruit for the Kingdom of God if we have an ongoing relationship with God through His Son Jesus Christ. Once Jesus becomes our personal Lord and Saviour; then Jesus tells us the first step towards bearing fruit: He said: "But seek you first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (Matthew 6:33). Jesus says "but" and refers to "these things" because he has been encouraging His disciples to trust Father God for the things they needed to live in this world—food, clothing, shelter, etc. He notes that if we seek first the purposes of God and sow into His Kingdom then God will make sure we have the essentials things of life.

Ps Andrew Peters

References:

1. (Hersey, Blanchard & Johnson *Management of Organization Behaviour* (Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ, 1996, 146-147).
2. Matthew 7:15-20; Matthew 12:33-37.
3. Matthew 3:8; 7:17-19.
4. Matthew 12:33.
5. Matthew 25:14-30; Mark 11:22-26; Luke 13:6-9
6. Galatians 5:16-17; John 4:36; John 15:1-8.
7. Matthew 13:23; Romans 7:4-5; Colossians 1:10.



Easter Events

Maundy Thursday

2nd April

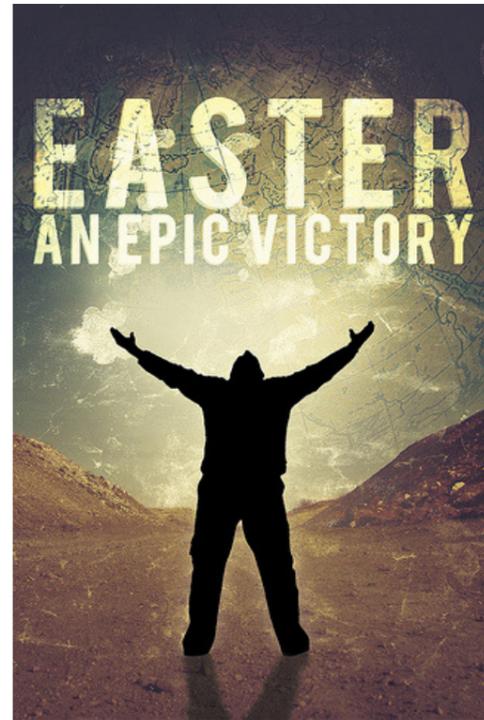
6.30 pm Roast Lamb Dinner

7.30 pm Holy Communion

8.00 pm DVD

9.15 – 10.00 pm Vigil of the Watch

We will be participating in Holy Communion as part of our dinner time and in preparation for Good Friday



**Good
Friday
Service**
3rd April
At 9.00am
*followed by
Morning Tea-
with Hot Cross Buns*

Easter Day Services

Sunday 5th April

7.15am Traditional
Communion Service

9.30am Contemporary
Communion Service

Followed by Morning Tea

April Mission Bush Ministry Fund

Retiring Offering—26th April

The BMF was established in 1998 to provide support for struggling parishes and clergy in the western region of the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane.



Kazakhstan News

from Dmitri, Michelle, James and Ariella

Hi there We hope you are well, and enjoying meeting the challenges that life is throwing your way! These recent months have been a difficult and challenging time for our family and things have been far from easy. BUT, God is good and we are so thankful

that He is “Emmanuel--God with us”! It’s comforting to know we are not journeying alone and our Heavenly Father is always so wanting and willing to strengthen and encourage us, in the deepest places of our hearts. It has been several months since we have given you any update on the ministry, so let us give you a window into where things are at in Kazakhstan at present. . .



A few highlights

- Salvations - Last year there were 265 recorded decisions for Christ through AOG K churches.
- Training: The AOGK Bible School - 83 finished last training block and 67 registered for the new one. Diploma level (Moscow Theological Institute) - 27 pastors and leaders have completed three subjects so far. Bachelor level (Moscow Theological Institute)– 8 pastors are currently studying.
- Record enrolments at TC New Beginnings school – 111 students, 20 teachers; and TC “Little Stars” kindergarten - 85 children, and 18 staff.
- One of the pastors, Madlena Khaidarova, finished writing her second book, “Why Jesus?”, and is about to produce her fourth music CD. Madlena, married to AOGK superintendent, is one of the first TC women’s rehab graduates. Madlena is a gifted evangelist who frequently ministers in the prisons and various other places.

Thank You

Hi Andrew and Lynette (and everyone at St Jude's)

I hope you are travelling well. We just received our ACCI statement for February and noticed the generosity of the church. Thank you so much for blessing us. It makes a huge difference. Thanks again for your big hearts and deep kindness. It is really appreciated.

With our love and prayers,

Dmitri and Michelle.

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