



Karrinyup Anglican Church

Old Church — New Life

26th April 2020

Standing up for Grace

One of the ways in which we see the church at its best is when people gather from different countries, cultures and races, from a range of incomes and occupations, of all ages and from a range of backgrounds and circumstances. This diversity was challenged when the good news of Jesus spread beyond Israel and more and more gentiles believed in Jesus.

Jewish Christians still kept the law of Moses as a matter of faith including the laws about food. The Judaizers represented an extreme group wrestling with the question of how Jewish and Gentile Christians could meaningfully fellowship together. It's so easy to water over differences that are clear and strong matters of conscience as if they don't matter and generate division, hurt and confusion or to make matters of conscience about which we can differ matters of strict doctrine and rigid conformity. The wonder of church is that across the world there are diverse expressions of faith that are culturally appropriate but, at their heart, profoundly Christian.

Today we look at a moment, where Peter forgot the grace of God in Jesus Christ that binds us together despite our differences. In neglecting the gentile believers he was unwittingly giving the cause of the Judaizers a legitimacy that was unwarranted. That is why Paul had to confront him and call out his unhelpful conduct. Such tension, such challenges are a constant challenge in the church. Paul's motivation was not to big note himself at Peter's expense, nor was it a rash impulse in the heat of the moment. The gospel of grace was at stake and so he had to make a stand. Sometimes faithful Christian leaders and Christians will disagree and do so strongly. A key issue is why they disagree. God willing it is because the cause is a heartfelt, spiritual concern like Paul's rather than power or self-interest.

THIS WEEKS READINGS:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Galatians 2:11-2:21

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON PREACHED BY:

Michael Stuart

**Title: When you just have to
make a stand!**

MISSIONS

**Please pray for Supporting
Heart, Frank and his team. See
the Missions board for more
information or go to:
supportingheart.org**

Please pray

- Thanks to God for that we have the ability to stay in touch through Facebook and other media during this time.
- Thanks to God for his provision of Job-keeper to the Diocese and its staff.
- For Jemima Foley as she recovers from the recent accident
- For Carol Goldsmith and her family as she struggles with her illness.

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Family Prayer Cycle

Week Commencing 19th April 2020

- Shirley Hobley and family
- Lyn Hunt and family
- Lyn Jordan and family

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Please Pray

- For our sister in Christ Maria Acott and our brother Fred Acott.
- For Karen's recovery and restoration to good health after recent surgery.

NOTICES:

Karen Yates update

Karen had to have unexpected surgery for a twisted bowel and removal of a cyst. The operation went well considering but Karen's recovery is slower than expected and she will be in hospital until early next week. Pray that the cyst will be nothing more and that her eating and digestion will improve.

COVID-19 UPDATE

1. Sunday services can be accessed through our new facebook page 'Karrinyup Anglican Church Services'. Request an invitation if you are on facebook and Kevin can give you access. The sermons are still available in audio as well.
2. For urgent pastoral matters ring the church or Michael on 0418 905 036 especially while Karen is unwell and recovering from surgery.
3. For those who place their gift in the plate or basket when coming to church, please look at direct debit or arrange a time to bring your gift in the form of a cheque. If your income has been adversely affected by the present crisis then please adjust you giving accordingly. We can send you the ACF direct debit form as a PDF to print out, fill in and send off.

Easter Sermons for Archive listeners

Kevin Mullen has kindly uploaded Michael's Easter Sunday Sermons to our webpage archives

kac.net.au/sermonsarchive.php (password needed)

Matthew 26;14-25 & 27;3-10 - Judas Kiss - Michael Stuart - Maundy Thursday 9/4/20

Matthew 27;32-54 The Servant King - Michael Stuart - Good Friday 10/4/20

Matthew 28;1-15 The Risen Lord - Michael Stuart - Easter Sunday 12/4/20 (I will upload this on Sunday)

You can also view sermons from 22nd March onwards, and the Easter Services, as videos on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1516051731878182/>

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