



# Karrinyup Anglican Church

*Old Church — New Life*

3rd May 2020

## **Law, Faith, Eternal Life**

In both Galatians and Romans Paul writes a great deal about the Law. Sometimes he refers to the decalogue, that is the Ten Commandments. More often than not he refers to all of the laws given to the people of Israel through Moses, the lawgiver. Sometimes the term refers to the body of revelation given to Israel through Moses. The Law as outlined in the books of Exodus through to Deuteronomy were a gracious gift of God as a guide for faith but over the centuries it all went horribly wrong. Paul's criticisms of the way the law has been abused (not the law itself) also speak more generally of the plethora of religious practices, ritual and laws we see across the world. We take those laws, rules and rituals and use them to try and establish, validate or justify our relationship with God (or other gods) rather than coming in faith. Left unchecked it becomes an exercise in self-righteousness. Even today in or secular culture various laws are used to include, exclude, exalt and despise.

Paul challenged the Galatians and us to reconsider such practices. Our relationship with God is and can only be established on HIS terms in Christ, nor our terms. To think we can achieve such things is a reflection of the illusion of spiritual control we simply don't have. To think we can be the arbiters and deciders of right and wrong, of how to relate to God, each other and the wider world is the great lie believed in the Garden of Eden long ago. These things reflect the spiritual delusion and corruption that results from sin.

Paul reminds us that being brought into and living in a relationship with God begins from our end with faith, trusting in God's word and promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ. It's a life lived as a result of the transforming power of God in which his Holy Spirit turns hearts of stone into hearts of flesh, living lives governed by faith and love and not a rule book.

### **THIS WEEKS READINGS:**

**Acts 2:42-47**

**Galatians 3:1-18**

**John 10:1-10**

### **SERMON PREACHED BY:**

**Michael Stuart**

**Title: Faith trumps Law**

### **MISSIONS**

**Please pray for the Bush Church Aid Society, Rob Healy and those communities, especially indigenous communities affected economically by the present crisis.**

### **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 26th April 2020*

- **Jim and Cheryl Kovoov and family**
- **Frank and Rosemary Kroll and family**
- **Gwennyth Latham 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 is now home and resting up. She will be on medical leave for a few more days. We will let you all know when she is back in the office. Pray for

#### 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 your 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 more Sermons to our webpage archives

[kac.net.au/sermonsarchive.php](http://kac.net.au/sermonsarchive.php) (password needed)

Suffering in the light of Easter part 1 - Michael Stuart - Easter 2020

Suffering in the light of Easter part 2 - Michael Stuart - Easter 2020

Suffering in the light of Easter part 3 - Michael Stuart - Easter 2020

Gal 1:1-2:10 Will The Real Gospel Please Stand Up - Michael Stuart 19/4/20

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

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