 **Westfield URC**

**Weekly Notice Sheet**

**For 21st February 2021**



 **If you have anything you want to share with the fellowship week by week please email it to Kath by Tuesday evening or ring and we will try to include it on the next weekly sheet.**

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**Westfield elders invite you to use the readings, prayers and reflections at 10.30am Sunday morning to help us worship together in Spirit. This week, the first Sunday in Lent, Kath shares with us.**

**If you need someone to pray with, a chat or need any help Please ring any elder.**

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**Due to the current lockdown & URC advice our opening date has moved to Sunday 7th March.**

We trust in God for His plan for our future and look forward to the time that we can physically worship together again.

A big thankyou to Neil for putting together our monthly prayer sheets. Please use this resource as part of your prayers at home.

**If you have any offertory envelopes or donations ready please either deliver them to Marjorie or let Kath know and we will be happy to collect them to pass on.**

**World Day of Prayer**

**Building on a strong foundation**

**2pm Friday 5th March**

**St Mary’s Church ( Covid restrictions dependant )**

**Prepared by Christian women from Vanuatu.**

**Please let Kath know if you intend coming to this service and if you are happy to read by Sunday 21st February.**

 **Due to social distancing at St Mary’s, if open, up to 30 people can attend split between the Wyke Churches.**

**Basil’s memories (31)**

We set off in good time for the four hour drive to Hobart the state capitol. The highway took us through the vast central sheep area and over the centre mountain. At the top was a major reservoir favoured by fishermen in boats. We arrived at the arranged accommodation, and went to look at the town. Hobart is a fairly small town with broad streets and looking very attractive. There is no heavy industry. The main harbour is where the prison ships berthed in the olden days, but recently refurbished and renamed ‘Queens Wharf ‘to celebrate the visit of H.M. the Queen on her silver jubilee tour. The shopping centre of Hobart is graced by a central arcade and the ‘Cat & Fiddle Square’ where folk gather at 12 noon to witness the entrepreneurial expertise of the glorious moments of the rhyme ‘Hey, diddle diddle’ around the clock wall. Superb!

 It is built on the banks of the river Derwent and ferry boats went to and fro until a bridge was built in the 1970s - very graceful miniature replica of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. One ferryman took exception because it was his livelihood. On the official opening day he drove his boat at full speed at the first stanchion of the bridge which collapsed together with all the flags and banners. He was dealt with and the bridge repaired but with a kink. Tasmania has its own range of unique animals especially in the south west forest area. The Tasmanian Devil lives there and more familiar kangaroos and duck billed platypus and others.

 Having a passing visit to the Police Academy where the friendship started, we went north on the western route, passing a number of factories, including some familiar names such a Cadbury and Gillette. Along the roadside for 2 or 3 miles is evidence of topiary artistry. Every hundred yards a tree has been planted and shaped into all kinds of animals and familiar buildings, very clever and very time consuming. We drove past St. Mary’s Bay where 183 whales had beached themselves. Only about 12 of the mammoth monsters could be pushed back into the sea. We reached Launceston, the business centre of the island, where I met my opposite number – police superintendent Geoff Ling at this HQ and his wife Betty. She is renowned for her delicatessen work and what a spread we had. She also took me to a concert by the Tasmania Symphony Orchestra – excellent. We enjoyed the last night in Burnie before flying from Launceston to Sydney. Sydney has everything – Olympic Games facilities, The Royal Opera House and the bridge!

More coming up. Don’t fall asleep yet *BPH*



Noticeboard witness:

For those not walking past church

this week’s poster is:

“Whenever the rainbow

appears in the clouds,

remember the everlasting covenant

between God and all living creatures

of every kind on the earth”

Genesis 9 v 16

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**please look at the calendar for future information or ring any elder Marjorie, Pauline, Neil, Glynis or Kath.**