

## **From the Rector – Epiphany 5**

### **Parish Pastoral Care Survey**

This survey has been circulating for three weeks. As I sought to explain previously, the Pastoral Care Committee is seeking *to update the Pastoral Care Roll and to identify the gifts which parishioners would be prepared to share in parish ministry.*

This process is based on the wonderful truth that the parish is already vitalised by the witness and work of many. That must, I believe, be understood and celebrated. There are many ways that our mission and ministry aspirations and endeavours can be supported, from the apparently simple and humble to the more ambitious and formalised. Creator God gives us all gifts including such precious commodities such as time, companionship and prayerfulness. **Our survey is asking each parishioner to consider ways that God may be calling upon our sharing of gifts to prosper our work for God.** *I suspect that the possibilities for the life of this parish are limited only by our imagination and our capacity to be intentional in harnessing what God has given us, so that we may serve and bless the lives of others – in His name.*

It would be greatly appreciated if all parishioners could participate in this process. Many thanks to all who have already done so! Please feel comfortable to seek out the members of the Pastoral Care Committee, including the Rector, if clarification of our request would be helpful. Presently membership of that committee includes Mary Abberton (chair), Nancy Harris, Pat Walker, Audrey Dash, Pat Bailey, Kyara Newport and the Rector.

### **Lenten Bible Studies**

**The season of Lent is a very focussed time of worship and study, prayer and fasting.**

It is hoped that our parish is vitalised throughout Lent with a number of workably sized Bible Study groups. Experience suggests that a viable study groups which maximises opportunities for sharing and trusting relationships works best around six or so participants.

Group studies will begin in the week following Ash Wednesday. Survey forms have been placed on a table in the Gathering Space for parishioners to indicate preferred times.

### **Back to Church Sunday / Special Invitation Sunday – 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2012**

**Parishioners are urged to take the opportunity to invite others – *including those who have no church allegiance and those who have been a part of church life in the past* – to come along to one of our gatherings on 19<sup>th</sup> February. These include Holy Eucharist at 7.30am (Sung Eucharist) and 9.30am (Family Service) and Sung Evensong at 6.00pm.**

## **PLEASE HELP**

**Completed PASTORAL CARE SURVEYS are being collected now.  
Copies are available from the sideboard in the Gathering Space.**

*By the way, it would be very helpful if the parish was aware of e-mail addresses.*

## **BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY – SPECIAL INVITATION SUNDAY**

**19<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 at Holy Trinity**

**Invitations and Prayer Cards are being distributed today.**

**Many thanks to Coralie Taylor for her work in preparing this material.**

## **PARISH PLANNING DISCUSSIONS**

**FRIDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY at 4.00pm in the meeting room.**

**Please come along to help us think about what we can be doing to  
strengthen our parish life and grow our membership.**

**Have a look on the white board in the meeting room at some ideas from an earlier meeting.**

## **LENTEN STUDIES 2012**

**WE WANT TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR EVERYBODY TO SHARE IN A STUDY.**

***Please indicate your preferred day/time on the sheets in the Gathering Space.***

**Once groups are formed each will choose from various materials.**