

# Fish Gate Notices

## CRAFT CONNECTIONS

**Saturday March 28 from 10am—4pm**

\$5 cost includes coffee and tea.

Bring your own lunch/ snacks and crafts  
for a day of fun and working together.

All Welcome.

## FISH-KNITS

An opportunity to knit together,  
and catch up for a coffee'n'chat...

at Marion Cultural Centre Cafe

**Thursday Mar 26 from 10-12**

**Contact Ann K: 0408 552 752**

**Andrew preaches on Sunday mornings  
at various churches.**

March 29, Pinnaroo UC 11am

April 12, Milang Church of Christ, 9.30am

April 19, Waikerie Church of Christ, 9.30am

## FISH-KNOTS

Men's coffee and conversation

**Thursday Mar 26 from 10-12**

at Café Finnis Marion

**Contact Peter K: 0400 022 163**

**Please pray for ...**

**CROSSLINK STATE CONFERENCE 2020**

**'Discover South Australia'**

Friday March 20—Saturday March 21

Leaders from TFG will be attending this Conference with leaders from all the  
Crosslink churches.

## TFG OFFERINGS

Do you prefer **direct debit** for your giving?

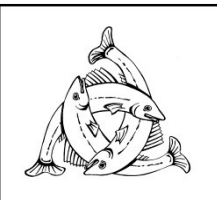
### OUR BANKING DETAILS

**Account Name** The Fish Gate Church Inc.

**Westpac Bank BSB** 035 048 **ACCOUNT No** 390060

Email for treasurer: [treasurer@fishgate.org.au](mailto:treasurer@fishgate.org.au)

# Welcome to The Fish Gate Church



**In the Ascot Community Church at 24 Fifth Ave, Ascot Park**

**15 March 2020**

**Our Family Service is at 5pm every Sunday**

*Communion Services are every 3rd and 5th Sunday*

**Pastor Andrew Klynsmith**

Contact 0401 935 823 or email—[pastoral@fishgate.org.au](mailto:pastoral@fishgate.org.au)

For general inquiries email—[church@fishgate.org.au](mailto:church@fishgate.org.au)

Website—[fishgate.org.au](http://fishgate.org.au)

Please join us after the service in the hall for supper each week  
and for a Family Meal on the 1st Sunday of each month.

## Our Name

The Fish Gate is one of the gates in the ancient city of Jerusalem. Through the Fish Gate food supplies for the city were brought into the markets inside the gate. Accordingly we believe The Fish Gate is a place through which Spiritual food is brought in and is a natural meeting place for those who are hungry.

**We believe that Christian worship is the realization and participation in the relationship Jesus Christ has with the Father in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.**

### **Calvary Psalms: God, Death And Judgment (Psalm 90)**

In Anglican spirituality it is part of the regular pattern of worship to read aloud the Psalms; they are printed in the prayer book for easy access. There are some confronting passages in the psalms, especially those that are called imprecatory psalms, and in some older versions of the prayer book those parts that seemed harsh were printed with brackets around them, making the saying of those parts optional. Christians at times approach life and thought about life that way – we put brackets around the “unthinkable” and “unspeakable.” We bracket out God’s involvement in difficult and troublesome events. We only want a God of good things. We try to tame God.

And behind that we are also trying to avoid, to bracket out, some truths about ourselves. We like to see ourselves like Holbein’s *ambassadors* – out in the world, making a mark, gaining knowledge and competence, doing generally good, growing in stature. But the death’s head is still in the picture – even if we’ve bracketed it out, are not looking at it at the right angle and it seems like some strange enigma.

There is none of this bracketing out in this psalm. This psalm is searingly honest about the reality of death. But it does not simply pass off death as a sad reality that happens despite God’s best wishes. It is searingly honest that death happens because God Himself returns human beings to the dust (vv. 3-6.) “Death is not a matter of man’s paying his debt to nature. God has a hand in it...” And it is searingly honest as to why God returns humanity to the dust – it is His judgment on our sins, it is the expression of His anger and wrath for our turning from Him (vv. 7-9.) “Life could not be the futile thing it is if God were not thoroughly displeased with man. No other force could reduce life to the level on which it is lived.”

We do well to learn – to seek God to teach us – to consider the power of God’s wrath, to number our days, and, so, to get a heart of wisdom (vv. 10-12.). This searing and searching honesty about the matter is possible only because this God who acts this way in the world is the faithful God of covenant. The judgments of God on human sin are the judgments of mercy. This God who judges the world is the God in whom humanity have lived and moved and had our being all our history (vv. 1-2.)

And so knowing that moves us to the first step on the journey of wisdom – the prayer that God would renew us in the reality of His steadfast love and that the favour of God would be upon us (vv. 13-17.)

Andrew Klynsmith

**Next week: Psalm 91**

*Hear previous Messages, find the Newsletter and Calendar Events  
or make a Donation at <http://fishgate.org.au>*

We meet in the name of the Triune God  
—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit—One God

This Week			Next Week		
Mon Mar 16	Bible Study at Kaye’s	3.00pm	Tues Mar 24	Prayer Group at Kaye’s	10.00am
	Strath Study	7.30pm	Thur Mar 26	Fish-Knits	10.00am
	Bible Study with Ben	7.30pm	Thur Mar 26	Fish-Knots	10.00am
			Sat Mar 28	Craft Connections	10-4

### **Fish Gate Groups and Activities**

Bible Study	1st & 3rd Mon / month	Bellevue Heights	7.30pm	Contact Ben	0403 739 680
Bible Study	Monday fortnightly	Sth Plympton	at 3pm	Host Kaye	0458 148 509
Strath Study	Monday fortnight	(same as above)	Strathalbyn	7.30pm	Leader: Pastor Andrew
Church Prayer	2nd Thursday/ month		7.30pm	(at church)	
Prayer Group	2&4 Tuesday/month	Sth Plympton	10am-12	Leader: Kaye	0458 148 509
Fish Knits	4th Thurs/mth	Marion Cultural Centre	Café	10am-12	Contact Ann 0408 552 752
Fish Knots	Men’s coffee’n’chat.	Café Finnis, Marion.	10am-12	Contact Peter	0400 022 163
Craft Connections	Saturdays	approx 6 weekly	10am-4pm	Contact Ruth	8297 9574
Council Meets	3rd Thurs/month		6.30pm		
Church Elders: <i>Andrew Klynsmith, Martin Carney</i>					
Church Council: <i>Martin Carney (Chair), Pastor Andrew Klynsmith, Ruth Pyatt (Treasurer)</i>					
<i>Kay Carney and Vicki Zaplatynskyj</i>					

Catering Committee: *Liz, Ruth, Jodie L, Raelene*

Pastoral Care Meetings : *1st Thursdays of Feb, May, Aug, Nov* Contact Pastor Andrew

Church Finances: *Ruth , Peter and Martin.*

Tenancy Management Group: *Peter, Martin, Ruth, Pastor Andrew*

### **Our Children**

An informal Children’s Program is in the crèche room during the preaching.

Those of High School age are encouraged to remain in the service.