GENERAL INFORMATION

HOLY COMMUNION is on the first Sunday of each month.

FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER CONGREGATIONS is carried out when there is a fifth Sunday in the month. On that Sunday we worship with Goomalling and Dowerin, at either of the churches, including Northam. Occasionally we worship with York UCA.

BETHAVON and THE RESIDENCY (JUNIPER RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES) are supported with Worship services, pastoral care and befriending visits.

NORTHAM CONGREGATION gives financial support for Chaplaincy in local schools.

CHAPLAINCY DAY is the first Sunday of each month. (Collect the marked envelopes in the Church foyer.)

MINISTER'S WORD

Spring is the season of new beginnings, and I thought this poem might speak to you about just that: new beginnings.

You start dying slowly if you do not travel, if you do not read, if you do not listen to the sounds of life, if you do not appreciate yourself.

You start dying slowly when you kill your self-esteem; when you do not let others help you.

You start dying slowly if you become a slave of your habits, walking everyday on the same paths... if you do not change your routine, if you do not wear different colours or you do not speak to those you don't know.

You start dying slowly if you avoid to feel passion and their turbulent emotions; those which make your eyes glisten and your heart beat fast.

You start dying slowly if you do not risk what is safe for the uncertain, if you do not go after a dream, if you do not allow yourself, at least once in your lifetime, to run away from sensible advice...

(attributed to Pablo Neruda)

LAST WORD.... with thanks to the late and great Ronnie Corbett.

'The Prime Minister had discussions this morning with the cabinet and then spoke to the wardrobe the sideboard and a chest of drawers.'
PREACHING PLAN - SEPTEMBER

4. H.C. Rev. Corina van Oostende
11. C.F. Laura Fox
18. Rev Corina van Oostende
25. Karen Bain

OCTOBER

2. H.C. Rev Corina van Oostende

BIBLE READING - SEPTEMBER

4  NORM GREEN  95744506  H/C
11 JOCELYN HAEUSLER  9622 9928
18 JO GOULDING  0467559401
25 KATE BEAR  96212750

OCTOBER

2  GLORIA GREEN  95744506  H/C

EVENTS

SPIRITUALITY GROUP  THIS MONTH by Corina - 1015 am at the Manse on 14th and 28th.

OPEN HOUSE  in aid of Chaplaincy: Gloria and Norm, at Toodyay on 16th October.

COUNTRY CONGREGATIONS CONFLAB is at New Norcia 16th to 18th September. See pamphlet available in the Church. $200 pp.

SYNOD OPENING WORSHIP - Friday 9th September at 7pm. Bring 'plate to share'. Penrhos College 9th Sept. at 7pm. RSVP by 5th Sept. See pamphlet in the Church. (Synod is from 9th to 11th September.)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2nd October.

GIDEONS- Northam "Bibles for the World" dinner, 17th Sept. at 6pm. at Bridgeley. $35 per head. See pamphlet in the Church.

TEXT FOR THIS MONTH

MARK 11:25

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive your sins.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH UNDER SEVERE THREAT IN AUSTRALIA

The following was as a result of the Catholic Archbishop of Hobart putting in print, his church’s teaching on marriage. This is on the agenda for discussion at the Freedom for Faith Conference this month in Melbourne.

“An anti-discrimination complaint against the Catholic Archbishop of Hobart shows that freedom of speech is under attack,” says Simon Breheny, director of the Legal Rights Project at free market think tank the Institute of Public Affairs.

Marine Delaney, Greens candidate for the federal seat of Franklin, has complained to the Tasmanian Anti-Discrimination Commission this week that pamphlets produced by Catholic Archbishop of Hobart Julian Porteous are offensive and breach the Anti-Discrimination Act 1998 (Tas). Following amendments passed in 2013, the act makes it a crime for a person to "engage in any conduct which offends, humiliates, intimidates, insults or ridicules another person" on the basis of a range of attributes, including sexual orientation.

If Archbishop Porteous is found by the Tasmanian Anti-Discrimination Commission to have breached the act, he may be ordered to apologise, to pay a $30,000 fine or to pay compensation to the complainant.

“This attack on free speech is facilitated by Tasmania’s anti-discrimination laws, which are the most restrictive in the country,” says Mr Breheny.

“As I argued in an article for the Sunday Tasmanian in November 2012, the 2013 amendments would have ‘a crippling effect on freedom of expression and stifle public debate.’”

“This confirms our worst fears about the law, and shows why the act should never have been amended.”

“Even if the complaint is rejected by the commission, the fact that the legislation contemplates such a complaint on a topic of genuine and significant public and political debate shows the overreach of the Tasmanian regime.”

“This complaint is a clear example of the chilling effect that legislation can have on speech,” says Mr Breheny.

FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

Toilets: The key for the new toilets is on the frig’ in the church. The security system will have been turned off prior to church services.

Next meeting: 9.30-Thursday 8th September.

A truck carrying treacle collided with a car on the highway. Police are asking motorists to stick to the inside lane.

(With thanks to the late Ronnie Corbett !)