



The ABC News^{letter}

Aldgate – Bridgewater – Crafers
The Anglican Parish of Stirling

Guthrie Power Edition

February 5, 2021

America's Power Needs Solved

Following the inauguration of President Joe Biden, America's could solve its energy needs by digging down to Woodie Guthrie's grave and connecting his remains to a generator. I'm basing this on Stan Grant's suggestion that Woody Guthrie would be spinning in his grave over Jennifer Lopez's performance of his song at the inauguration. *'Following the inauguration script of hope and unity, Lopez left out Guthrie's most telling verse'*. (Stan Grant ABC News website – not this ABCNews) The song is not just a statement of how the land belongs to all Americans, but a question of whether that is so – because, for example, some go hungry.

Attach generator to
spinning Orwell



Infinite energy

The same idea
has been put
forward for
George Orwell

As the new president gave his speech, listing all sorts of wonderful things he was aiming to accomplish, I suspect all the past presidents gathered there were all ticking off the items on his list as things they too attempted. *Getting people to listen to one another, yep, tried that; respecting each other, yep tried that; working as one people, yep, tried that, etc etc.*

They were all grand aspirations, but to me, a little too shiny and idealistic. It's great to want things like that and to aim for them, but you have to first acknowledge the way things are and then accept what needs to change in order for them to be achieved.

In the Bible, God's dream for a world that all got on together is called the kingdom of God. In preparing the way for it, John the Baptist said repentance was a necessary precursor. You have to clear away what's stopping it become a reality. On Sunday, the gospel story involves a healing. Healing is not only needed for individuals, but even nations sometimes, as Joe Biden's inauguration made clear was needed for the USA, however, healing doesn't occur just by hoping or aiming for good things. It's not always about building or improving, but often requires some dismantling. If we are to aspire to God's kingdom and not the kingdom of human beings, then we have to let God do some dismantling. What does that involve for us?

Andy Wurm.



Don't stress over your plans not working out.
God's probably got a better one.

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Have you any WOOL?

Any ply or colour

For making little blankets & jackets for foster babies at the Women's and Children's Hospital.

We have the knitters, but need extra wool.

If you have any to donate, please leave at the parish office or give to Inez Johnson at the parish market.

Special honour for anyone bringing 3 bags full.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP AGM & LUNCHEON



Anyone bringing crayfish will be awarded 50 years off purgatory.

Tuesday 9th February 2021

12noon in the Aldgate Hall.

Please bring food to share (which will be distributed according to COVID regulations)

The dates the Parish has been allocated this year for **Magdalene dinners** are: 24th April, 10th July and 20th November. Please put these dates in your diary. Many thanks, Sandie Coff

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PLEASE CONTINUE TO

BOOK FOR SERVICES

with the Parish Office or book ahead after services

REWARD!!

Some WINE GLASSES are missing from the parish hall. If anyone has them and returns them, they will be rewarded with extra space at home.



VESTRY REPORTS

Please deliver to parish office by **FEBRUARY 28TH**

If only, after the water in Egypt turned into blood, the Pharaoh had received an

AMBO BEAR

he would have felt comforted and not resisted the Lord.

Much suffering would have been avoided.



If you would you like to knit some Ambo bears for Children travelling in ambulances, young people involved in Operation Flinders, Seniors with dementia or Pharaohs with water problems, contact Inez Johnson (0437 600 628)

Sunday Lunch for Singles



12 Noon Sunday 7 Feb
The Three Gums Restaurant, Hahndorf
Resort. Enquiries: Barbara Holbourn

HIGH TEA

@ Sing Ting's place
15 Pritchard Drive Stirling
February 14th 3-5pm

Sparkling wine on arrival. Scones, sandwiches,
savories, cakes and cookies. Musical
entertainment.

Donation of \$ 20 per person
Numbers limited to 35 persons
Bookings closing imminently

Win this cake made by Di Ranford!



Comments on the readings for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Prayer of the day What do we mean by
wholeness of body and mind?

Isaiah 40:21-31 Isaiah tells us that although the
destiny of our planet and nations seems to be in
the hands of the mighty ones, it is not so.
Ultimately, God's will shall determine our destiny.
This raises the question of how that shall come
about, but maybe trusting in God is more
important than grasping how God's will is
achieved.

Psalm 147:1-11 The psalmist's claim of God's love
for Israel is not meant to be exclusive of other
nations. It is just the context for his experience of
God's love, which is universal. It is given to
nations, individuals, stars and even young birds.
The word 'fear' (given as the right attitude to
God) is misleading and should rather be
translated as awe. As God 'takes no delight in a
man's legs', pirates with peg legs must know they
are as loved by God as are Olympic athletes.

1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Paul shapes his ministry so
that his message is accessible to those he
addresses, and at no cost to them. In that way
there are no strings attached. He didn't even
have his DVDs and books available at the door on
the way out.

Mark 1:29-39 If Peter is considered by some
Christians as the first Pope, it is interesting that
he was married. Peter's mother in law serves
Jesus and his mates after Jesus has healed her.
The point being made is that the 'restoration to
life' that Jesus gives is to a life of service of
others, which is the mark of the new humanity
Jesus inaugurates. The phrase 'lifted her up' in
Greek is also used by Mark in reference to Jesus'
resurrection, so it is no small thing. Jesus may
provide physical healing, but that is only an
aspect of the true healing he offers, which is of the
whole person, and is a restoration to the life God
intended for them. Jesus must spend time in
prayer and not just 'work'. So too, our work only
receives its 'proper' direction from time spent in
reflection/prayer.

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START DIETING NOW
in preparation for

PANCAKES

6.15pm Shrove Tuesday night (Feb 16th)
Bridgewater church

This week in the parish

Saturday 6 February:

9.00-12.30pm Parish Market, Bridgewater

9am-5pm Shantarasa Yoga – Parish Hall hire

Sunday 7 February: **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

Bridgewater- Andy

9.30pm-5pm Shantarasa Yoga – Parish Hall hire

12 Noon Sunday Lunch for Singles - Hahndorf

Monday 8 February:

9.00-10.00am Meditation @ Bev Armstrong's

7.30pm NA Meeting– Aldgate Hall

Tuesday 9 February:

12.00 Fellowship AGM & Luncheon, Aldgate hall

5.30-7.30pm World Taekwondo, Parish Hall

7.30pm AA Meeting– Aldgate Hall

Wednesday 10 February:

9.00-10.00am Meditation @ Bev Armstrong's

10.00 Aldgate Service

7-10pm Photographic Club-Parish hall

7.30pm Meditation—Aldgate Hall

Thursday 11 February:

10-12pm U3A French Group– Parish Hall

1.00pm-3pm U3A Circle Dancing – Parish Hall

4.40pm—6pm Treble Choir– Hall & Church

5.30pm-7.30pm World Taekwondo, Parish Hall

7.30pm Parish Council Meeting at Aldgate Hall

Friday 12 February:

5.30pm Peace Vigil, Aldgate Church

Saturday 13 February:

9am-5pm Shantarasa Yoga – Parish Hall hire

Sunday 14 February: **Last Sunday after**

Epiphany/Transfiguration

Bridgewater- Tracey

Sunday Service @ Estia, Aldgate

3-5pm Music Fun and Food@Sing Ting's 15 Pritchard

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Monday 15 February:

9-10am Meditation @ Bev Armstrong's

7.30pm NA Meeting– Aldgate Hall

Tuesday 16 February:

9.30am-12.00pm Parish Patchwork- Parish Hall

6.15pm Pancakes @ Bridgewater Church

5.30-7.30pm World Taekwondo, Parish Hall

7.30pm AA Meeting– Aldgate Hall

Wednesday 17 February: **Ash Wednesday**

9-10am Meditation @ Bev Armstrong's

10.00 Aldgate Service – Ash Wednesday

7.30pm Crafers Service – Ash Wednesday

7.30pm Meditation—Aldgate Hall

Thursday 18 February:

10-12pm U3A French Group– Parish Hall

1.00pm-3pm U3A Circle Dancing – Parish Hall

4.40pm—6pm Treble Choir– Hall & Church

5.30pm-7.30pm World Taekwondo, Parish Hall

Friday 19 February:

Saturday 20 February:

9am-5pm Shantarasa Yoga – Parish Hall hire

Sunday 21 February: **Lent 1**

Bridgewater- Lay Led

9.30pm-5pm Shantarasa Yoga – Parish Hall hire

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Parish Office

Monday 10.00am—1.00 pm

Tuesday Closed

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