



Everton Park

St Jude the Apostle
Anglican Church

SERVICES

TUESDAYS:

- 9:30 am Holy Communion Service

FRIDAYS:

- 1st & 3rd Fridays - 7 pm Alive & In the House -
café style service

SUNDAYS:

- 7.15 am Traditional Communion Service
(followed by morning tea on 1st Sunday of the month)
- 9.30 am Contemporary Communion Service with
Kid's Time (followed by morning tea)

August Calendar

MONDAYS:

- 7 pm - Men's Study Group

TUESDAYS

- 4th August - 7 pm Creative Arts Rehearsal
- 18th August - 7 pm Creative Arts Rehearsal
- 25th August - 7 pm Leadership Workshop

WEDNESDAYS:

- 9.30 am - Gentle Exercises
- 9.30 am - Ladies Study Group with
Toddler Central
- 12.30 pm - Beacon Counseling Ministry
- 12th August - 11am MU at Joan's
- 19th August - 6 pm Parish Council Meeting
- 26th August - 3.30pm Beacon Counselling
Ministry Supervision Seminar

FRIDAYS:

- 7th August—3.00 pm Risk Management Audit



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The Cornerstone

August 2015

Soul Alive

It is God's desire for us to be effective and prosperous. Such prosperity is dependent on the prosperity of our soul. God made our souls so that we could be living beings (Genesis 2:7).

John writes to his friend Gaius: Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, **just as your soul prospers** (3 John 2 NKJV).

Let the Lord be magnified, who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant" (Psalm 35:27 NKJV).

Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life (Proverbs 4:23 NKJV).

The person who takes delight in God and His ways and meditates upon His Word: shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf shall not wither; and whatever he *or she* does shall prosper (Psalm 1:3 NKJV).

However, the prosperity of our souls is neither simple nor automatic. There are cultural and philosophical attitudes and beliefs that devalue and undermine our understanding of the human person and the potential of the soul within us. Along with this are the difficult situations of life that often overwhelm our souls and leave us powerless against the negative forces that impact us.

The Overwhelming of the Human Soul

Postmodernism came to the fore front in the last quarter of the twentieth century and brought with it a destructive impact on the concept of the human soul, as did modernism on the concept of the human spirit before it. The Enlightenment and modernism sought to deny the reality of the spiritual world. This saw the philosophical demise of the human spirit with its personality, individuality, uniqueness, aspirations and ideals. For modernism, humanity without a personal God was left alone in the unfeeling immensity of the universe (Jacques Monod).¹

This reduced the nature of the human person to simply that of an electro-chemical machine and relegated human behaviour and decision-making capabilities to simply being a result of environmental conditioning - which denied human

responsibility for the actions and things it did.² Humanity was thus left to its own devices, which not only saw the development of a "self-centred ego" totally focused in its own desires and needs, but also unleashed abusive forces upon the environment that have had a crushing impact on our contemporary world.³

If modernism did away with the human spirit, then post-modernism did away with the human soul. Whereas modernism tried to impose order on fragmentation and chaos, postmodernism sought to accept, affirm and embrace the chaos. The postmodern mind-set has a devastating impact on the human personality. Rejecting absolutes and making truth relative reduces stability and removes any meaning in life. It notes that If reality is socially constructed (that is, reality is something we concocted ourselves) then moral guidelines are only masks for oppressive power and individual identity is an illusion.^{5a} This is seen in the definition of reality and meaning of human personality by punk-rockers:

Punk Rocker: I belong to the Blank Generation. I have no beliefs. I belong to no community, tradition, or anything like that. I'm lost in this vast, vast world. I belong nowhere. I have absolutely no identity.⁴

Slashing away at modernism's concept of the self-centred ego, which it proposed was simply a human construction, a human invention, it dealt a blow to the human soul that devastated any remaining sense of personality and uniqueness in the human person. In its place it proposed a decentred ego. In postmodernism there is no centre to the human person. It removed any sense of stable core to a person's identity and life - there is no longer anyone at home, there is no one in there. This produces an inability to make any firm commitments in every arena of life. Only a real-self (a real-me) can make such commitments. There has to be someone at home to establish who would be the "I" in the "I do".⁵

Restoration of the Soul and Spirit

The Bible offers a strong argument for the restoration of both the spirit and the soul of the human person in its focus upon a "God-centred Ego". A God-centre ego is no

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longer primarily focused upon itself, but on the Trinitarian God - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Humanity is no longer alone in the universe but can have an intimate relationship with the one who created the universe and humanity in the first place. This God has sought to bring us back into relationship with Himself through the sacrificial death of the Son of God in the person of Jesus Christ on the cross. Such a focus enables the soul and spirit to return to their rightful place in the human person - someone is really at home, there is a personal someone in there who is valuable, unique, and has aspirations that can be realised and ideals that can be fulfilled.

When we look at the Biblical understanding of the nature of the human person we note that there are three levels of consciousness. There is the:

1. **Body**, which enables us to be material-world conscious, and thus enables us to relate to and live in a physical world.
2. **Soul**, which enables us to be self-conscious and thus see our part as an individual in the world in which we live and have relationships with others. It consists of our mind, emotions and will and forms the basis of our personality.
3. **Spirit (or inner person or heart)**, which enables us to be God-conscious and thus enables us to relate to God on a spiritual level. It consists of our conscience, spiritual intuition and ability to have spiritual communion with God.

The Overcoming Soul

Favour comes to us all from time to time (Eccl 9:11). Our ability to capitalise on such opportunities depends on the condition of our souls. The difference between failure and favour has to do with taking hold of what God wants for us on the inside first. Success is an internal issue not external - it begins in the soul of a person first, long before it has impact on his or her external circumstances. James challenges us to receive with meekness the implanted Word of God, which is able to save our souls (James 1:21-22). The implanted or engrafted word has to become part of our very being. That word changes our soul. It saves us from a negative picture of God and His expectations, as well as a negative picture of ourselves - our being, abilities and circumstances. It also delivers us from negative attitudes, perspectives and actions.⁶

Real growth in our lives, relationships and circumstances comes to our souls first. John writes to his friend Gaius, praying that he might prosper and be in good health, "just as his soul prospers" (3 John 1-2). When our soul caves in to the difficult circumstances that surround us it produces a negativity that concentrates on minor issues and turns molehills into mountains. It always reflects a defeat or loss; is always about "you" and moves to justify the position it takes. The Bible describes the negative position of the soul in the following terms:

- **Negative picture of God** - considers God's commands, guidelines, instructions and counsel as chains from which they wish to be free;

- **Negative picture of themselves** - they can sin against their own soul as well as wrong and seek to destroy their own souls;
- **Impacted by life's problems** - they become discouraged by circumstances, feel entrapped in situations from which they cannot escape, feel unloved or cared for, refuse to be comforted, and end up in despair, anguish; and despondency;
- **Troubled in mind, emotions & purpose** - they become vexed, bitter, depressed, tormented, troubled, grieved and in sorrow, cast down, heavy, filled with scorn, overwhelmed and imprisoned in persecution and darkness.⁷

On the other hand, those who capitalise on favour and its opportunities always seem to bounce back from difficult situations and defeat. They refuse to be ruled by the bottom of the pile or be constrained by always looking for the lowest common denominator. They are not content to stay within the confining walls of mediocrity, but will take a hold of favour and its opportunities and risk everything for the things in which God wants them to prosper. They have invited God to cleanse their hearts with the precious sacrificial blood of Jesus, who died on the cross for us so that we can be forgiven and cleansed from our sins and guilt. They have learnt to guard their hearts from corroding forces such as cynicism and pessimism. Proverbs challenges us to "keep our hearts with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23).⁸

They have allowed the Good Shepherd to carry out His work in their lives by restoring their souls and healing their wounded spirits. They seek God's counsel's and take His advice in the situations of their life. They have endeavoured to seek God, obey His word, and walk in His ways with all their heart and soul. They lift up their heart and soul in praise of God and Bless His Holy name. They spend time waiting upon God and seeking His purpose for their lives. They have allowed Jesus to take away the bitterness and resentment in their souls and allowed Him to turn their grief, sorrow, and despondency into joy, faith and love. They have responded to God's challenge to move from despair to faith and commit their lives and all that they have to His purpose and will. They have learnt to rest in His peace that passes all understanding no matter how troubling the situation and circumstances around them.^{2a} Let your soul thrive - it is time to come alive!⁹

Pastor Andrew Peters

1. F.A. Schaeffer, *Back to Freedom and Dignity*, (Hodder & Stoughton, London, 1973), 11-14.
2. *Back to Freedom and Dignity*, 32-33.
3. J.R. Middleton, *Truth is Stranger than it used to be*, (InterVarsity Press, Illinois, 1995), 48-50.
4. Gene E. Veith, Jr, *Postmodern Times*, (Crossway Books, Illinois, 1994) 72.
5. *Truth is Stranger than it used to be*, 50, 53, 54-55
6. Brian Houston, conference notes 1994
7. See "Soul Deprivation" attachment for biblical references
8. Brian Houston, conference notes 1994



We live in a time of great paradigm change in the world in which we live. This has brought about a change in our perception of reality and a different way of doing things. It involves a change in the way we see people and the establishment of a new paradigm – which sees a movement from a “coercion to uniformity” to an ongoing development of diversity. This movement has involved catastrophic or revolutionary change in every part of our society, including the Church. It has seen the crumbling of the old foundations and the establishing of entirely new foundations for us to operate upon. It involves immense changes in the way we need to operate and communicate, that uses new technology to take us to heights in accomplishment that the old paradigm could never achieve.

This movement in paradigm requires the Church to learn to speak effectively, in the power of the Holy Spirit, into the new paradigm that has emerged. This can only happen as we equip and empower both ordained leaders and laity to engage in ministry in concrete and impacting ways. The immense diversity of the paradigm change requires a response from God's people that uses all of the diversity and uniqueness of each member of the Body of Christ. In order that our people can become ministers of a new paradigm we must endeavour:

- To enable all members of the people of God to discover and use the gifts and skills God has given to them. This involves enabling each person to find and identify his or her unique purpose and destiny in God.
- To equip God's people to pastorally care for one another and to help each other blossom in God.
- To bring the people of God to a place of maturity in God whereby they can effectively care for God's babies (new Christians).
- To equip and nurture leaders so they can effectively lead and develop the people in their teams to work effectively for the Kingdom of God.
- To enable leaders to identify, develop and mentor new leaders.
- To equip and enable men and women for ministry, both academically and practically - to inspire them to reach out to a needy Church, and a much more needy world outside the precincts of the Church's life.



Transformation of Print Room



Thanks to our building and maintenance team for their work transforming our laundry to a stunning office print room. Thanks also to C TATTERS & SON PTY. LTD. who provided and installed a full-wool carpet for the print room with a great discount.

Ps Andrew concedes a Maroon win



Anglican Church of Australia - Diocese of Brisbane

Safe Ministry Policy Statement

The Anglican Church of Australia is committed to the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare and safety of all people within its own community.

The Church will:

- Carefully recruit and train its clergy and church workers;
- Adopt and encourage safe ministry practices by its clergy and lay church workers;
- Respond promptly to each concern raised about the behaviour of its clergy and lay church workers;
- Offer pastoral support to any person who has suffered abuse;
- Provide pastoral support to and supervision of any person who has been accused of abuse; and
- Provide pastoral support to an supervision of any person known to have abused a child or another vulnerable person.

Resolution of general Synod 2004

Resolution of Archbishop-in-Council 2005

Amended by Brisbane Synod 2007

Pastoral Care Workshops

The Course: has been specifically structured as a seminar learning experience for those involved in leadership and ministry in their local church. The course is for prospective and existing:

- * Ministry Leaders
- * Pastoral Workers
- * Small Group Leaders
- * Follow-up and Nurture workers

This is not a clinical training program, but rather is aimed to equip those who are involved in general pastoral ministry, team leadership and ministry to new Christians in their local church or parish.

Theme of the Course:

A Time of Gathering Seed For Sowing

For us to impact the world around us for the Kingdom of God we need to understand the way in which, seemingly ordinary everyday people can rise up to the challenge and bring the harvest in. Psalm 126 notes:

“May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy! He that goes forth weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.” Psalm 126:3-5

Before there can be a shout for joy there has to be a **heartfelt cry** for those who are lost and outside the Kingdom of God. Someone has to care.

Before there can be a shout for joy we have to **go forth** to those on the fringe of the church.

Before there can be a shout for joy we have to **sow** the seed.

Before there can be a shout for joy we have to **gather** the “seed” for sowing.

A Time of Gathering the seed and Gaining of Heart:

The Pastoral Care Workshops are a time for the gathering of seed, and the gaining of heart, so that when we go forth to sow, we will have the right seed to sow and have the right heart from which to sow it. Before we can successfully evangelise those outside the church’s

precincts we have to know how to effectively and lovingly Pastorally Care for those inside the Church.

Pastoral Care is a “nurturing” that is spontaneous in action, but developed through training and learning. Our ability to care for someone else increases when we understand that we need to continually learn and grow ourselves.

Topics will include:

WORKSHOP ONE – AUGUST

Session 1: Introduction to Pastoral Care – Martha syndrome

Session 2: Caring for the Carers – Stress Relief & Management

Session 3: Nature & State of the Human Person

WORKSHOP TWO – SEPTEMBER

Session 4: Road to Maturity

Session 5: Self-Acceptance – search for True Identity

Session 6: Self-Acceptance – the impact of Conscience Healing of Bitterness

WORKSHOP THREE – OCTOBER

Session 7: Overcoming Anger and Worry
Overcoming Fear and Guilt

Session 8: Overcoming Negativity

Session 9: Understanding Core Values and Tacit goals

WORKSHOP FOUR – NOVEMBER

Session 10: Basic Relational Skills I – counselling skills
Basic Relational Skills II – trust & uniqueness

Session 11: Release from the Occult/New Age

Session 12: Ministry of servant-leader

DATES: Saturday 29th August
Saturday 26th September
Saturday 31st October
Saturday 28th November

TIME: 9.00 am to 2.30pm

REFRESHMENTS: BYO Lunch; morning tea/coffee provided

RSVP: 25th August

COSTS: St Jude’s Members \$15 per workshop/day
Other participants \$25 per workshop/day
Includes copies of notes & books

New Website Launched



St Jude the Apostle Anglican Church

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St Jude's contribution:

Donations:	\$ 553
Auction of Red Frogs:	\$ 772
Gala Dinner donations:	\$610)
Total: \$ 1,935	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you for coming and supporting Red Frogs at our Annual Gala Dinner. As one of our valued supporters, we want to extend an enormous thank you to YOU for your time, support and great generosity. We were overwhelmed with the generous response and are pleased to announce that the total funds raised were **\$195,500!**

Thank you for your contribution and assisting Red Frogs in looking after thousands of young people each year. It's because of people like you, that we are able to do the work that we do each day

From Ps Andy Goulay & the Red Frogs Team

Thanks to Allens Red Frogs give out 16 tonnes of Red Frogs every year



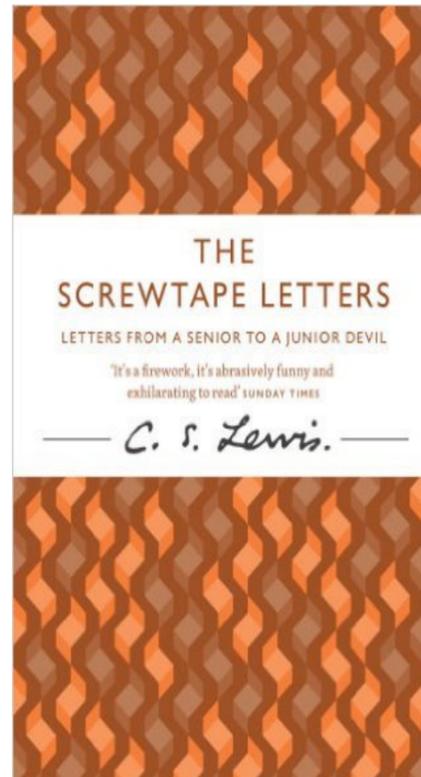
Study Groups New Book

Our Men's and Ladies' Study Groups are completing the current study on "Realising Hope". They will then move to study "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis.

Men's Study Group - 7pm Monday Evenings

Ladies' Study Group - 9.30 am Wednesday Mornings

Additional Groups - we have purchased extra books so we can organise additional groups during the week or after the 9.30 am service on Sunday mornings.



Loan Appeal Report

We have had a number of donations to date, with additional commitments for the rest of the year:

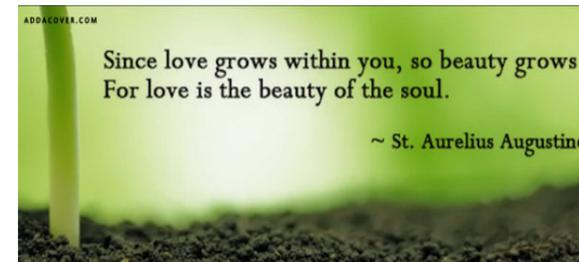
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\$6044	\$600
Total: \$6,644	

This is about 17.5 weeks of loan payments @ \$384 per week
 We need an additional:
 34.5 weeks of loan payments @ \$384 per week
 OR
 8 months @ \$1,664

Projects Appeal Report

We have had a number of donations to date:

Item	Donated
Chairs	\$1,810
PWD Rails - internal	\$1,580
Educational material	\$100
General donations	\$2,366
Carpet	\$250
Total	\$6,106



YOU DON'T HAVE A SOUL.
You are a Soul.
 YOU HAVE A BODY.
 ~C.S. LEWIS

“whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully”

(2 Corinthians 9:6).

Thanksgiving Commitment Cards for 2015

If you have not yet completed your Thanksgiving Commitment Card for 2015 you can complete it and put it in the offertory plate at any of our services.

Merchant Card Facility



St Jude's has its own merchant card facility that means members and guests can use their credit or debit cards to make payments for:

- Tithes and offering;
- Mission donations;
- Building Fund donations [not for Tax Deductible Education Trust donations]
- Event fees
- Book Purchases; and
- Other.

Please see Jimmy or Ps Andrew if you wish to use this facility.