

Each week, at all centres, we will be learning the songs for the Confirmation Service. This week we will be practicing:

'COME AS YOU ARE:

'Come as you are:
that's how I want you.

Come as you are;
feel quite at home,
close to my heart,
loved and forgiven.
Come as you are:
why stand alone?

'No need to fear,
love sets no limits;
no need to fear,
love never ends;
don't run away shamed
and disheartened,
rest in my love, trust me again.

'I came to call sinners,
not just the righteous;
I came to bring peace,
not to condemn.

Each time you fail
to live by my promise,
why do you think
I'd love you the less?

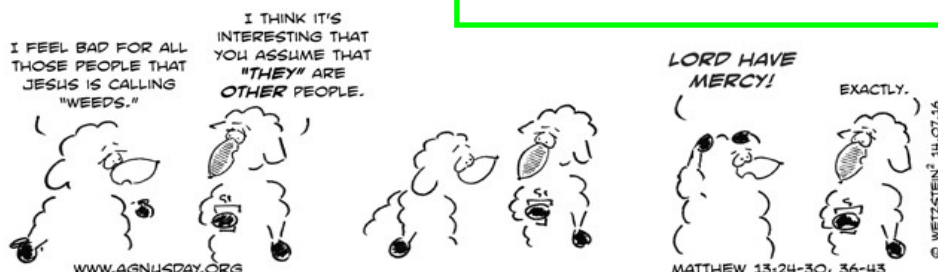
'Come as you are:
that's how I love you;
come as you are,
trust me again.
Nothing can change
the love that I bear you;
all will be well,
just come as you are.'

Deirdre Browne OSJ, 1936—.
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Trivia Night Friday 4th August at the Dunedoo Bowling Club, start getting your table together. Tickets from Milling Stuart.

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FR ROBERT TO RETIRE.

Fr Robert announced at Tuesday's Parish Council meeting that after much prayer, discussion with Family, the Bishop and Advisors, that he will be retiring from full time ministry following services on 31st December, 2017. Fr Robert and Rev. Beth plan to move closer to their family in Coonabarabran. Fr Robert and Rev. Beth give grateful thanks to Parishioners and the Parish Council for their prayerfulness and support over their 10 years of ministry in the Coolah Dunedoo Parish and ask for your continued prayers during this time of transition.

LOVE AS COMMUNITY

Come together as a Parish and Celebrate

Love as a Community of Grace

on 5th Sunday 30th July
10:00 am

in
St Andrew's Octagon, Coolah.

Following a
Contemporary Worship Service

There will be a BYO
Everything To Share
Luncheon and Fellowship,
With BBQ facilities,
Tea & Coffee Available

ALL ARE WELCOME.

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

V Merciful God:

R hear our prayer.

Merciful God, hear us as we pray:
Search our hearts and lead us, that we may work for the end of war, injustice, genocide and religious bigotry. **V/R**

Faithful one, call us to grace as your sons and daughters, change our hearts and lead us on your way, that by our lives we may proclaim your good news to the world. **V/R**

You promise to bless all the earth, continue to comfort Sir Ivan Fire victims. Comfort them as they seek healing of mind and spirit, and to the land. **V/R**

Come Holy Spirit, lead Sam Bennetts; Meg Christensen; Hollie Copeland; Paul Sweeney; Malcolm and Brian Hellyer, Charlie and Sophie Kensit, into love for you and their peers. **V/R**

You walk with us in the heard times as our shepherd and guide. Comfort these pilgrims on their journey: Margaret, Evelyn Finch, Fay Jones, Shirley Edmed, Tracie Walsh, Kim Chaffey, John & Janet Kubowicz, Fred, Irene & Barbara Osborne; and, those known to your Father's heart. **V/R**

Search our hearts and leads us in the way of your truth that with all your saints we may dwell in your house forever. **V/R**

Faithful God, you promised to be with us and not abandon us enable to grow as the people of God in this Parish. Amen





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PENTECOST +7

Continuing with the theme of the sowing of seeds, Jesus explains more fully for us this image he gives us of his Kingdom, and warns us of the eternal consequences for those among us who sow the seeds of weeds amongst the wheat. Using powerful dichotomous imageries, Jesus presents us with a choice...

Pray that we will remain faithful to God's word.

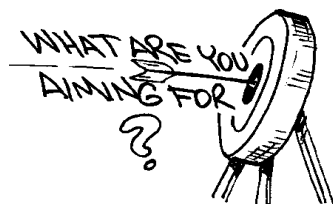
Give thanks for the Daehan Seong



Gong Hoe (대한성공회), the Anglican Church of Korea.

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Saint Peter's, East Maitland,



The Parish Survey Results

These comments and interpretation of the results for the parish survey conducted in March 2017 were presented to the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday night by Fr Robert.

General Questions

5 Questions: The General Questions tell us that there have been lots of years of worship ie a lot of wisdom and practice in prayer and worship and the average parishioner has worshipped in the parish for 30 years. We are a committed and dedicated worshipping, prayerful mob! We need to attract young people and more people. But we feel time/other attractions/ commitment are the reason why people do not come to worship. We offer worship, fellowship, friendship and fundraising.

PENTECOST +8 Sunday July 30th

10:00 am 5th Sunday Celebrations followed by
BYO everything to Share lunch.
Tea, Coffee, BBQ available

NOTICES:

- **St Andrew's Anglicare Op Shop** is very low on winter items and stock, jackets, jumpers, blanket, woollies, long sleeve garments etc. If you can help with a donation it would be appreciated.
- **Late Valentine's Day Dinner September 1** coming soon with guest speaker Andrew Dunkley, Radio Presenter and author of 'All I see is MUD'. Further information available after the Trivia Night.
- If you are aware of people who need support in the wake of the February Fires, please give their details **in writing**, to an LLM or one of the clergy
- The AWA will be celebrating AWA Sunday in mid-August. It was carried forward as many were away at the regular time.

Sermons

2 Questions: There seems to be a high proportion of parishioners who prefer sermons to stay the same, especially when in the second question "don't change" is the 3 most popular answer. Although the range of answer scores in the second question suggest a mixture of topics for sermons would be acceptable.

Parish Vision

5 Questions: As a parish, we seem to know what a vision or focus statement is and does. We seem to be split in focusing on ourselves and on other people, where as our desire is for growth in numbers. We are split on whether we need a vision or focus statement with a slight

MEETING NEXT:

- Confirmation Next Classes Dunedoo Monday 31/7/17 @ 3:30 pm and Mendooran School Tuesday 1/8/17 @ 3.10 pm
- AWA 7/8/17 at 7:30 pm in the Dunedoo Church Hall.
- Parish Council 7:30 pm 15/8/17 at Dunedoo

majority opting for a vision statement. We want all parishioners and the parish council to be involved in deciding what that vision statement says, which would be difficult seeing just under half the responses were 'we didn't need one'.

Worship Services

3 Questions: It's understandable that those who have a monthly service would be reluctant to make changes to their regular service. Most Dunedoo answers were in favour of changes to the way we do church services whilst most Coolah answers were not. There seem to be an appetite for change but not to current services.

Logistics

4 Questions: We see that our vision should be to Appeal/ encourage/ attract non-Christians, young people, families
If we had new services they should be:

1. family services, services with other denominations, or special events,
2. have more well known hymns
3. take place monthly in the morning of a Saturday or Sunday.

This would mean that, if these new services are to be held on a Sunday, once a month Sunday services would need to change. Yet we are reluctant to change our normal service.

A full copy of the results are available from Fr Robert.