

# The Messenger

## “Take and read”

**February 19, 2012**  
**Epiphany 7**



**Plagued with problems (Exodus 7-11)**

### **Welcome to Moreland Anglican Church**

A warm welcome to St Augustine's Moreland! Today we continue in our sermon series on Exodus. In today's reading, God demonstrates his power (as well as his judgement) on the Egyptians by sending them plagues. We are mindful that God is a God who acts powerfully in his world, but we also may well ask: What does it mean when a good God does “bad things”? The Lord of Exodus declares himself to be a God who wants to be known to the nations. But he is no tame God. As the writer of Hebrews exclaimed: “It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God!”

### **Moreland Anglican Church**

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## Contact List available

Our 2012 contact list is now available. Please take a copy. This list helps us to make contact with other congregation members. Please do not use the information for any other purpose. We have published the list in accordance with privacy legislation.

## Junior (pre-schooler) Kingdom Kids almost ready to roll

The pre-schoolers are raring to go, and we've ordered some special materials for a fun season of pre-schooler Kingdom Kids. We are hoping someone will step up to act as a coordinator! There is room for some more helpers too. Please speak to Len if you would like to help.

## Easter ad competition

We want to advertise Jesus death and resurrection (and the Easter Services for St Augustine's Moreland). Local real estate companies will place a advertising sign in front of the church. Would you like to design a graphic for this sign? The design judged best by the vicar will be used on the church's Easter advertising sign. Competition closes March 1.



## Gluten free communion bread and our nut free allergy policy

We are concerned for those with serious allergies, and especially where there can be life threatening reactions. Gluten free communion bread is available if needed. Also we have a nut free policy for food provided at morning tea and parish meals. Please speak with Len if you or your children have any serious allergies.

## Restoration: Living the Resurrection (EFAC Overnight Retreat)

24 hours of Scripture reflection, silence and worship.

Time for God. Time for rest. Time for restoration.

5th-6th March, 2012 (4pm Monday - 4pm Tuesday)

The Lodge, Belgrave Heights Convention Centre

23 Lockwood Road, Belgrave Heights

Register: [https://www.efac.org.au/index.php?option=com\\_form&form\\_id=19](https://www.efac.org.au/index.php?option=com_form&form_id=19)

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## **Vestry Meeting revamps portfolios**

Last week's Vestry meeting revised the portfolios. Vestry members are considering which portfolio areas are a best fit for their gifts. The minutes of December's Vestry Meeting have been approved and are now posted on the notice board.

## **LentFast – Abstinence from Alcohol**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. The Anglican Diocese of Melbourne Synod encouraged:

“fasting, prayer and penitence during Lent as a means of purifying our hearts and minds, as we reflect on the extraordinary sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross; “All parishes to abstain from consumption of alcohol during the Lenten season, as together we acknowledge and deeply reflect on the harm being inflicted on individuals and on our society through alcohol abuse.”

## **John and Jill Morshead write from Tanzania**

Join John and Jill in asking God to raise up more godly and capable people to meet the teacher shortage in the Theology Faculty at St Marks. Pray also, that the college will maintain a strong Christian witness in the midst of a very large student body coming from many different faiths. Give thanks with them that the shipment of books, which John and Jill had collected and packed in Australia 2 years ago, all arrived safely and intact this last week. They are much appreciated by the theological students, as well as the radiography and nursing students.

## **Weekly Bible Study Groups**

Groups meet in the middle of the week to pray and study the Bible. It's a simple but great opportunity to make new friends, share life with one another, and to deepen your relationship with God.

For more information contact:

Wednesday: contact Jia Yee

Thursday: contact Sally



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Holy Communion Service 3<sup>rd</sup> Order

(Service Leading: Chris Swann; Preaching: Len Firth)

**Theme:** Plagued with Problems

**Sentence:**

**Psalm 96:3**

Declare God's glory among the nations,  
his marvellous deeds among all peoples.

**Prayer of the Day:**

Almighty God,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you with our whole heart,  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Children's time**

Mark 1:40-45 (page 813))

*Children's song:* Be strong and courageous

**Bible Reading**

Exodus 7:1-13 (page 47)

**Talk**

Len Firth

**Prayers**

**Holy Communion**

**Notices**

**Blessing**

**Next Week**

**February 26 Lent 1**

**Baptism and Holy Communion 3rd Order**

Jesus, the resurrection and the life (John 11)

**Moreland Anglican Church "Together in Mission"**