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4Join Zoom CUPPA Mass - Sunday 14th April. 4.30/5pm



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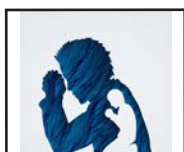
Chat time 15 minutes before service starting time.



PRAYERS – THIS WEEK – If you have any prayer requests, please go on line and fill out the brief form at

<http://www.anglicanzoomchurch.com.au/FormPrayers.html>

Prayers for this week - Sue



Special prayer for today

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Date	Prayers	Readings
24-Mar	Doreen	Bev
14-Apr	Sue	Barry
28-Apr	Together	Anna
12-May	Miguel	Ruth
26-May	Ruth	Bruce



(Barry) Matthew 22: 1-10

22 And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, 2 “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, 3 and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.” ’ 5 But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ 10 And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

INTRODUCTION

Ellis Anne, our six-year-old granddaughter, was being taught by her parents that playdates are by invitation and require parental approval. When Grand and I made our 259-mile trip to visit, Ellis Anne greeted us with the question "Were you guys invited?" Grand explained that we were invited, and we are family.

The Gospels tell us that Jesus was often invited to the homes of others for meals, weddings, and parties and to visit the sick and dying. Many of his parables are about invitations to banquets and parties. The Gospel of Luke is full of examples, and we also see banquets in the story of the Last Supper and the post-resurrection meals in the Gospel of John.

When we look at the Gospels and think about Ellis Anne’s question, we can see that everyone is invited to come to God's table. That is the good news. All are God's children, and God's desire is for all to come to the banquet — life in fellowship with all of God's children and God's creation. As servants of God, we have the privilege and the commission to tell everyone to come and share in fellowship as God's family.



1. Suppose you were to host a party in your home. Whom would you be reluctant to invite? Why? What would make inviting this person less of a challenge?
2. When have you not received an invitation to an event that you expected to be invited to? How did it make you feel to be excluded?
3. How did the church you attended for Easter make people feel welcome and included? In what ways could it do a better job of this?

Final details of the April Zoom Camp can be found at
[www.anglicanzoomchurch.com.au/Camp 2024.pdf](http://www.anglicanzoomchurch.com.au/Camp%202024.pdf)