

Welcome to St Theodore's Anglican Church

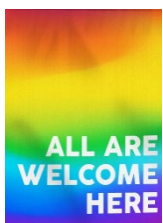
16 February 2025 – Ordinary 6

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A warm welcome to St Theodore's – we hope you feel at home here. We are an Anglican church in the Anglo-Catholic tradition with a contemporary and progressive outlook. We seek to be a living community of faith which values relationships, liturgy and preaching to sustain our faith and action in daily life. Our Mission is to be an active, caring and supportive Christian community.

Not everyone here believes exactly the same thing and we don't expect that you will agree with everything we do and say. A church community is always made up of people with differing views and beliefs about certain things, a place where we can respectfully and enthusiastically seek truth together.



St Theodore's supports the *Anglican Rainbow Network*, which meets monthly at several Anglican churches, including ours. Please contact Peter Burke (0411 872 461) for details.

Parish Notices

Vestry is on today, **Sunday 16 February 11am-12pm**.

St Michael's Mitcham is hosting **Hymns of Hope Festival, 5-6pm on Sunday 16 February**, where the Archbishop will announce the winner of the *Hope25 Hymn Competition*, of which Matthew is one of the four judges.

Matthew will be lecturing on *Introduction to Old Testament Studies* at St Barnabas College, commencing **25 Feb Tuesdays 4:30-7:30pm, online**. Anyone can audit this subject for \$500. Contact Maria Harrison at registrar@sbc.edu.au for details.

Feast of the Transfiguration and Harvest Festival, with a special morning tea organised by the Social Committee featuring pancakes after the 9.30am service on **Sunday 2 March**. There will be a **Produce Sale**: home-made jams, chutneys, baked goods, plants, etc are welcome. Funds raised will go to Mission Giving. Contact Peter B on 0411 872 461 for more information.

There will also be a **Harvest Festival Altar Display**, so donations of home grown fruits, vegetables, foliage, and flowers are welcome for display at our services on **Sunday 2 March**. Please bring contributions to the church the day before, on Saturday 1 March from 2.00pm to 2.30pm. Robyn Copeland will incorporate flowers donated into floral arrangements.

Years Mind

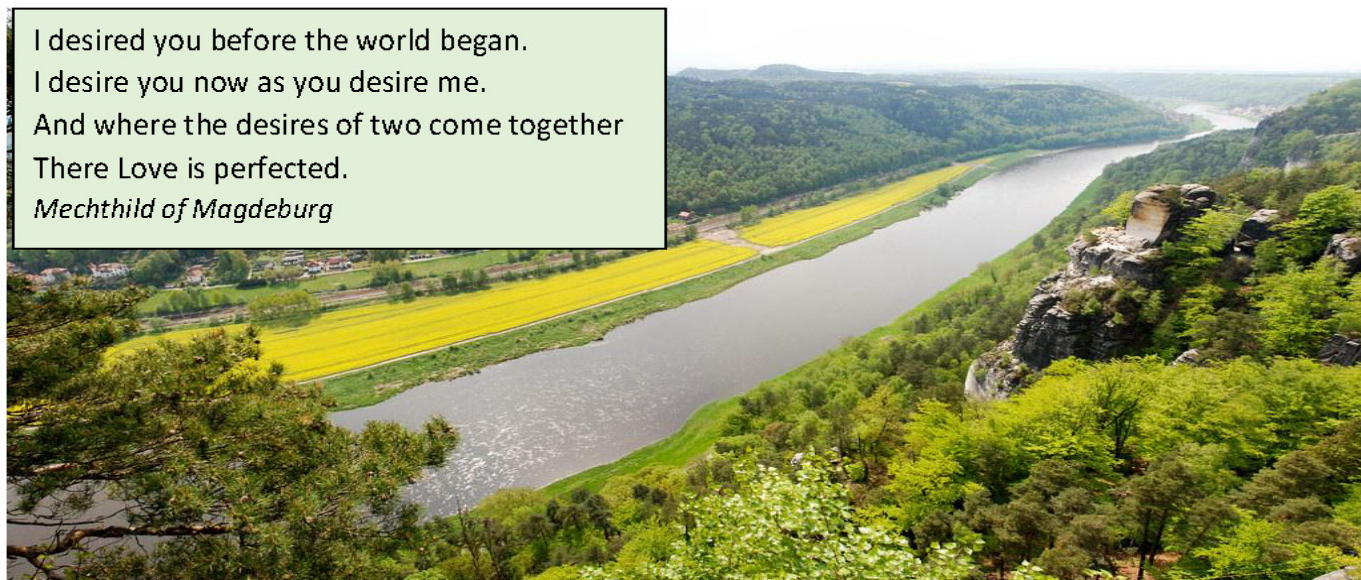
Feb 18	Maud Freeth	Feb 22	Joan Thompson
	Patricia Phillis		Margaret Dawson
Feb 21	Desma Miscamble		

Hearth Gatherings: Wisdom from three Dominicans, two Benedictines, and a Beguine – Rhineland Mystics of the 12th to the 14th centuries

What was it about the German Rhineland which bordered France, Switzerland, Belgium and the Netherlands that made it the cradle of a kind of mysticism which still draws those seeking to walk more closely to God? For the Dominicans beginning with **Meister Eckhart** (1260 – 1326) Cologne became the centre of theological education and both **Henry Suso** born in Switzerland around 1300 and **Johannes Tauler** born in Strasbourg in 1300 were students of Eckhart in Cologne.

Mechthild of Magdeburg who was born in German Saxony 50 years before Eckhart was a Dominican Tertiary. Her Dominican confessor encouraged her to compose *The Flowing Light*. While **Hildegard of Bingen** died almost 100 years before Eckhart was born there is scholarly evidence that he was familiar with her writings as well of those of Mechthild. **Gertrude Benedictine Abbess of Helfta** was a contemporary of Eckhart and it is not too much of a stretch to imagine them corresponding even if they didn't meet. ***How might their insights be relevant to us over 600 years later?***

I desired you before the world began.
I desire you now as you desire me.
And where the desires of two come together
There Love is perfected.
Mechthild of Magdeburg



Saturday March 1st, 2025

VENUE: St Theodore's Anglican Church 46 Prescott Terrace Toorak Gardens.

TIME: 11.00am to 2.00 pm

Coffee, tea, cold drinks, and snacks provided. BYO Lunch if required.

COSTS AND PAYMENT: Individual reflections \$30/\$20 (Pensioner/ Student)

Payment by card or cash (or by EFT contact Angela to obtain bank details.)

REGISTRATION: Contact Angela one week prior to the session

SMS to 0407 600 124 or angelaandjack@gmail.com

ZOOM REFLECTIONS: Tuesday 11th March 9.30 am to 12 noon.

Cost \$20 See EFT payment details above

Please register one week prior to the session to receive materials and Zoom link.