

Greenmount Ward

NEWSLETTER

17th May 2020

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"As we pray in faith, we become a vital part in the Lord's word as He prepares the world for His second coming"

President Henry B. Eyring

Bishop's Message

Hi Ward Family,
I hope you are well and safe.



For the month of May, President Russell M Nelson continues to assure members that church leaders are watching cautiously for government announcements and will communicate appropriately step-by-step measures to make sure it is safe to gather and revisit church sponsored activities.

At this point in time our chapel remains closed for all activities despite the easing of group restrictions. Local church leaders will determine and communicate when we can resume the use of our temple and chapel. A phased reopening of temples has already started in some parts of the world.

We are grateful for government and church leaders who are working tirelessly to ensure our safety.

We are deeply saddened this week by the news of the passing of Sister Roberta Kitchin,(Robbie) who is one of our Greenmount ward pioneers. Sister Kitchin served in many ward and stake callings during her church life and leaves behind many loving, fond memories with those who knew her. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and loved ones as they celebrate her life at a private service.

I'm reminded of Alma's words about death, that when the faithful saints depart from this life they *"are received into a state of happiness, which is called paradise, a state of rest, a state of peace, where they shall rest from all their troubles and from all care, and sorrow"* (Alma 40:12), and they remain in this state until the day of their resurrection. So as Nephi said to the members *"Ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ". "Having a perfect brightness of hope, and a love of God and of all men. Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end, behold, thus saith the Father: Ye shall have eternal life."* (2 Ne. 31:20.)

What a great blessing it is to have this knowledge and understanding of life and a glimpse into the life after. It remains up to us as individuals with the lord's help to stay focused on those things that are important.

Sincerely,
Bishop Spark

Ward Announcements

- **The passing of Sister Roberta Kitchin.** Our thoughts and prayers are with her family as they celebrate her life at a private service.
- **Special Devotional Broadcast Sunday 17th May at 7pm.** The focus of this devotional will be discussing life's questions and how they can be answered through God's Perfect Plan of Happiness, with special guest Paul N. Lekias an Area Seventy, President and Sister Bennalack of the Australia Perth Mission, and the Stake Presidents of the four Stakes located in Perth Australia, President Brodie, Standley, Jenkins and Skipworth. Link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtPtdIPQMgQ>
- **Young womens activity Friday, 22 May 2020 at 6:00 pm at Chris Lentz-Reid's home, 255 Viveash Road Swan View.** BYO comfy floor furniture (bean bag, cushion, blanket). Young women are invited to a movie night hang out at Sis Chris' home. We will be making our own toasties and hot chocolates. Next Young Women's activity will be on Wednesday 3rd June.
- **Young mens "Cook Out" activity Wed 20th May 2020 at Bishop Spark's home 2 Parkway, Swan View 6pm.** The aim of the activity is to reconnect as leaders and shoot the breeze with the YM while eating, what could be better.

We understand some families may be concerned with group activities, however, we will be adhering to social distance guidelines. We do understand this will require everyone to be vigilant and do our part as responsible citizens.

Ward Business

- We have called Sister Kate Morse as the Primary organist.
- We have called Sister Chris Lentz-Reid as the new 1st Counselor in the Young Women's organisation. It was incorrectly announced in last week's newsletter as the 2nd councillor.

Tithing Pickup

Our next tithing pickup will be Sunday the rd of 7th June. Please contact one of the Bishopric members to add your name to our pick up list. Call Bishop 0423 440 576 or Bro. Holder 0425 502 2434.

Relief Society President Message

Hello Sisters

Do you remember the days when we used to go to church on Sundays? It feels like a long time ago. It seems a lot of people are enjoying church at home. That's great! Enjoy it while it lasts!

I'm personally finding resistance in myself as I'm seeing things become more normal. It's really made me think about how I'll do things when it all goes back to normal.

We have a good home, but we were hardly in it. Meals were rushed. The kids didn't know how to be at home and chill without being entertained by sport or other activities.

I have goals in my mind but never seem to find much time to do anything about them.

We'd all have things we've reflected on during these weeks. I hope going forward you can apply it to yourself and family. Make any changes that should happen to strengthen yourself physically, mentally, and spiritually. So you're happy and content with life!

We have a few unofficial activities happening next week for anyone who is interested. No pressure to attend, it's just if you'd like. Some sisters are looking forward to doing something.

Tuesday 19th May at 9.30 at my house, 31 Fairfax Rd Swan View we'll learn a few quick healthy recipes with a demonstration of how to make them. Followed by a morning tea, and catch up. No need to bring anything. Please do not come if you're unwell, it'll make people very uncomfortable.

Thursday 21st May at 9.30 at Naomi Holder's house, 23 Camfeild way Darlington, we'll have a beginners, and seniors exercise group. It should be a bit of a laugh, and keeping fit and active.

Any questions feel free to call or text
Nic 0432155921

Relief society zoom lesson is on this Sunday at 11.30. Gemma King is a new teacher, I'm excited to have her serving in relief society. It's her first time to have a calling in relief society.

Like I said, no pressure to be a part of these things. All the family time, and home learning is just what so many of us needed.

Enjoy it, make the most of it while you can! But when church does go back we hope to see you all there, haha!

Sending my love Nicolette

Getting to know the Sisters.

Hello from Amy Taylor

Something I have learned from Come Follow Me this year?

I'm running a little bit behind everyone else in Come Follow Me. Last year, I went against the grain and studied The Book of Mormon rather than the New Testament, so I couldn't decide whether I wanted to do what I'm told this year and study what everyone else is studying, or go back and do the New Testament. You may be glad to hear that, however late I was, I did decide to follow the rules this year. Firstly, the existence of Come Follow Me itself has testified to me, once again, that God calls prophets, seers, and revelators to guide and direct The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and that He is aware of our needs.

Secondly, this year The Book of Mormon has really confirmed to me that every single person is a child of God and has the potential to be a formidable leader like Moroni, to be obedient and industrious like Nephi, to be a beacon of truth like King Benjamin, to change one's heart like Alma the Younger, to have courage and testify like Abinadi, to be like Jesus Christ. It's not an unreachable goal. The knowledge that we have and the choices that we make in light of that knowledge are what determines the kind of person we are and can become. I'd like to quote Albus Dumbledore here and say "it is our choices... that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities".

Something positive about quarantine?

Despite where I work, I'm not particularly physically active, but for some reason, this whole quarantine business has inspired me. I think it's a desperation to get outside, really, but my poor dog has never been walked so often in her life. She hasn't protested yet though, so I'll keep at it. After a long slump, I've also picked up my reading habits again.

Just seeing how the world is changing in response to quarantine is such a beautiful thing and I've definitely been able to see the Lord's hand in it all. The canals of Venice haven't been so clear in years, and dolphins have apparently returned to the Italian coasts. People are supporting small businesses and small businesses are supporting people. Air pollution is down. People are practicing self-care. We're looking out for our elderly people more than ever. People are singing to each other in the streets. Most families are spending more time together than they probably ever have.

Apparently, we Perth YSA are also reconsidering our "there's nobody in Perth" sentiments, and you may find that we become more willing to "buy local" when all this is over. We'll see.

What's the best way to start a day?

I read once that people who make their bed in the morning are happier and more productive and that "the state of your bed is the state of your head". I'm not sure who said it or how true it is, but since then I always make sure I make my bed every morning. I can't start my day without it. I also typically have a list of things to do for the day. I get a lot of satisfaction from crossing something off of my list, even if it's as simple as *buy toilet paper*.

It sounds so bourgeois, but I have a skincare routine for morning and night. There's something to be said about routine and small accomplishments. It makes me feel productive. I also prefer studying my scriptures in the morning, especially if I am on the train to uni (pre-COVID days, obviously). It just sets the tone for the day.

What are some hobbies you enjoy?

Researching my family history, playing guitar, learning another language (currently learning French), reading, writing poetry, writing in my journal, writing letters or emails to loved ones, playing board games, singing and listening to music, watching a good movie or TV series, photography, going for long walks or hikes, road trips, planning holidays that don't end up happening (thanks COVID).

Elders Quorum

Elders Quorum lessons and dates:

- 24-05-20 Ensuring a righteous judgment – James R Rasband
- 14-06-20 Deep in our hearts- Douglas D Holmes
- 28-06-20 Come unto Christ- John A McCune
- 12-07-20 Consider the goodness and greatness of god – Dale G Renlund
- 26-07-20 A good foundation against the time to come- Gary E Stevenson
- 09-08-20 He goes before us- Henry B Eyring
- 23-08-20 The Melchizedek priesthood and the keys- Dallin H Oaks
- 13-09-20 Opening the heavens for help- Russell M Nelson
- 27-09-20 Come and belong- Dieter F Uchtdorf
- 11-10-20 Finding refuge from the storms of life- Ricardo P Gimenez
- 25-10-20 The finest homes- L Whitney Clayton

Young women



navigating

a parents' moment

A discussion around the lunch table at work recently caught my attention. A sports-loving basketball-playing colleague was talking about being a teenager when Nike brought out their first "Air Jordan" shoes and mentioning how he pressured his parents to buy a pair ...

Fast forward to today, when a really normal discussion between a child and parent takes the form of "... if I don't have *Instagram* (or any other important item) *my life is over!*"

Something we can forget in the intensity of the discussion is the "other" world that is both real and hidden. Honestly, there are probably still things we won't talk to our parents about – this world is as real for us as our teens. As many parents express, it feels like constantly holding a line in a battle – social media, dating, standards ... and sometimes holding the line becomes easier if we can understand the impact of the other world and respond with kindness, openness and acceptance as we navigate the turbulence and search for useful answers!



Teena Spark 18th May
Owen Beckham 18th May
Howard Christensen 19th May

Primary

Primary spotlight

Sariah Beckham

What's your favourite hymn or primary song?

Follow the Prophet

Who do you miss seeing the most at church?

My friends.

Why is Jesus Christ special to you?

Because he loves me so, so much!

What is your favourite scripture story and why?

When Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ visit Joseph Smith.

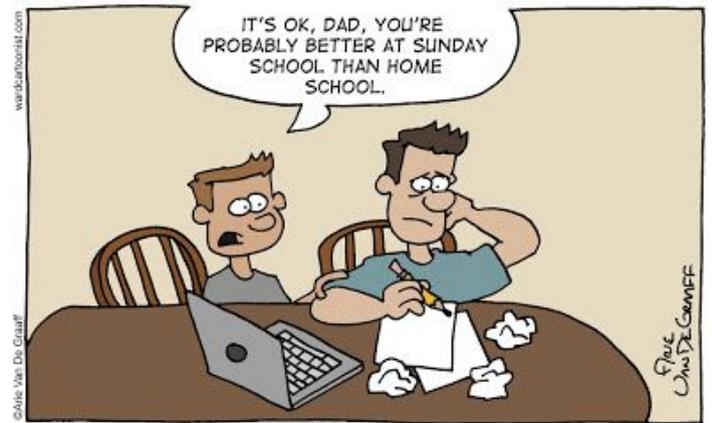


Weekly “Come, Follow Me” Home Centered Learning

We encourage you to continue your home-centered learning by continuing the “Come, follow me” program. If you need a “Come, follow me” manual, please call or message Luke Holder 0435 553 357 your name and address to get one delivered to your door this week! The learning schedule:

May 11– 17 Mosiah 18–24	May 18 - 24 Mosiah 25-28	May 25 - 31 Mosiah 29 - Alma 4	1 - 6 June Alma 5 - 7
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The Isolation Cantillation



Self Reliance Newsletter below

If you did not receive the business email or this newsletter via email, please contact Neville King (0412 684 403) with your email address to be added to the ward list.

If you want to add something to the newsletter then please contact Michael McIlwaine on michael.mcilwaine@gmail.com