

Community, Hospitality, and Cuppas

Dear Village,

Humans are made for relationship with God and with each other. We are made for life in community. The Village is about living life in community. When the Apostle Paul writes to the church in Rome as part of a long theological letter he reminds them what serving in community looks like, as a consequence he says:

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

These Christian values flow from our understanding that God loves us and has rescued us from death through Jesus. We show thanks for this through love and service. This captures the ethos of the St. David's Village Chaplaincy Team. Love others because we have been loved by God in Jesus. These are the kind of relationships we want to have with each other in the Village. The chaplaincy is responsible to care for the spiritual life of the residents of the Village. There are formal and informal things we do and plan to do. Formally we run weekly Bible Studies and Chapel service. We partner with the church to run various set events throughout the year. Easter and Anzac Day are approaching soon. Informally we meet with people in various situations to offer love, support, prayer and encouragement.

Further, we have a strong relationship between St. David's Village and St. David's Anglican Church Forestville. Church members serve the Village in a range of ways. Judy James has been training some chaplaincy volunteers to work with the chaplaincy team.

Our new Chaplaincy volunteers include Ros Scouller, Elizabeth Rhodes, Barbara Stutchbury, and David Savage. The volunteers are authorised by ARV to work with the Chaplains (Judy and Gavin) to extend the care and support of the team. They will be helping us in both the formal and informal activities. The Chaplaincy team are available for a chat or cuppa in times of need and stress. Please contact Annette in the office to link you up.

Introducing the latest Chaplaincy volunteers



L>R Judy James (Chaplain to the Hostel), Ros Scouller, Elizabeth Rhodes, Barbara Stutchbury, David Savage, Rev. Gavin Parsons (Chaplain to the ILU)

The chaplaincy team want to help build community, show hospitality, and share the hope we have in the promises of the Bible. Look out for us and join us for our events. We would love to have a cuppa with you.

Rev Gavin Parsons—St Davids Chaplain