

# The Anglican Parish of Glenelg

A vibrant, welcoming and inclusive community growing in faith and love

# Weekly News and Pew Sheet

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2020 Worship Theme: We are God's Living Stones

## **Parish Priest's Message**

Dear Friends,

We continue to give thanks that the COVID-19 situation in South Australia has been improving and we pray fervently that this will continue.

Today we have a wealth of bible readings to reflect on but one that leapt out at me were the words from the Letter of Peter: "like living stones, let yourselves be built into a



**spiritual house"** During this time when we are not able to meet in the physical church building, it has become all the more obvious that the church is the people not the bricks and mortar of our wonderful churches. This is not a new thought we see it way back in the Christian story in the First Letter of Peter. We are the living stones of God's house and so we, the community of Christ, are encouraged to be the place of prayer, sanctuary and teaching for the world. A big ask!!

In our Facebook Bible Study this week we will hear in Chapter 3 of Philippians that our "citizenship is in heaven". Jesus says this two as he comforts his disciples in today's Gospel reading that he goes to prepare a place for them in his Father's house – which has many dwelling places for many different people. Just as God's house has room and welcome for many people so may we as the living stone's of God's house on earth show God's hospitality in our lives in whatever ways the COVID-19 restrictions will allow.

Grace and peace to you all.

Andrew



## WORSHIP RESOURCES FOR THE 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Sentence

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the Lord. 'No one comes to the Father except through me.' John 14.6

## Prayer of the day

Everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life: give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his

commandments, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one, God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

## **First Reading**

## A reading from the book of Acts

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Hear the word of the Lord.

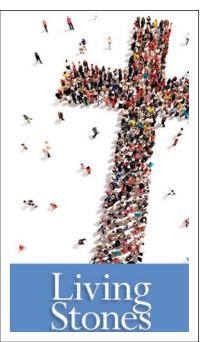
## Psalm 31.1-5, 17-18

- 1 To you, Lord, have I come for shelter: let me never be put to shame.
- 2 O deliver me in your righteousness: incline your ear to me and be swift to save me.
- 3 Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me: for you are my high rock and my stronghold.
- 4 Lead me and guide me for your name's sake: bring me out of the net that they have secretly laid for me, for you are my strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commit my spirit: you will redeem me, O Lord God of truth.
- 17 All my days are in your hand:O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors.
- 18 Make your face to shine upon your servant: and save me for your mercy's sake.

## Thanks be to God.

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Acts 7:55-60





## **Second Reading**

## A reading from the first letter of Peter

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner',

and

'A stone that makes them stumble,

and a rock that makes them fall.'



They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

## Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

## Gospel

John 14:1-7 (8-14)

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

#### The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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### Next Week: 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Theme: We Live and Move and Have our Being in God Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:7-18 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

## **Diary Dates**

## This week on Facebook: Services from 8am

10 <sup>th</sup> May	Fifth Sunday of Easter (Service and Kid's talk)
	10:30am ZOOM morning tea
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Midweek Bible Reflection – Session 3
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Sixth Sunday of Easter (Service and Kid's talk)

## **PARISH NOTICES**

### SUNDAY MORNING TEA ON ZOOM

Do you miss morning tea chats with people after church? Join Rev'd Michele from 10.30-11.30am for a virtual morning tea, just like we would after one of our regular church services. Organise your own cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit.

To join click in by clicking on the hyperlink below https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85821155146

You can do this on your phone, ipad or computer. If you have not used ZOOM before you will be prompted to download it before joining the group chat.

10.30am morning tea on zoom after watching church glenelganglican.org.au

Thank you to Tanya Leonardo, Lorna Fenech and Joan Sargent for joining Michele for morning tea last Sunday. Hope you can catch up for some of the time.



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### PARISH COLOURING-IN MURAL PROJECT

Thank you to people Jo M, Blake M, Ros M, Andrew M, Michele Y and Dawn B who have returned their parts of the Colouring-in Mural. There are 4 pieces that need to be returned and then once completed we will display this in the Eastern window. Please walk or drive past to see our mural. I already have plans for the next mural, so please get involved to help add colour and hope to our neighbourhood



### SUNDAY KIDS@HOME

HI Paretns and Kids. This Sunday's activity is on the website and based on today's reading from Acts 7:55-60. You can find the activity at the following link <u>http://www.glenelganglican.org.au/?p=1321</u> or simply go to glenelganglican.org.au and find the Sunday kids@home page under 'our community'.

### MIDWEEK BIBLE REFLECTION WITH ANDREW – ST PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Thank you to all those who have viewed the first two Bible reflections on Philippians. We are halfway through and you can see the reflection on Chapter 3 this coming Wednesday and the final chapter the week after. If you have missed them then just search up St Peter's Church Glenelg on Facebook and scroll back through the posts until you find them. Each into is about 10 minutes and feel free to post comments or thoughts in response.

### **PRAYERS FOR ROBIN**

Please keep Robin from 10am in your prayers. Some will be aware that his unit was severely damaged by fire during the week. Robin is recovering and alternative accommodation has been arranged but we may need to provide some practical help in coming weeks. Please speak to Andrew if you would like to be involved in any way.

### NEW PLANNED GIVING RECORDER FOR THE PARISH

I am very grateful to **Catherine Beer** who has accepted the appointment of Parish Council to be the our Planned Giving Programme (PGP) Recorder. We will give Catherine a few weeks to get used to the task and then give you her contact details in case you have any questions regarding your giving. A big thank you to **Judy Blieschke** who temporarily stood into the recorder role to keep it up to date.

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERMONS

Now available on the parish website or some printed copies available from the office.

### AN ONLINE EVENING WITH BISHOP JEFF DRIVER – 14<sup>th</sup> May

During this ONLINE event on May 14 starting at 730PM, Bishop Jeffrey Driver will explain his challenging role in the struggling **Newton Theological College in Papua New Guinea**. Hosted by Rev'd Stephen Daughtry, the talk will be followed by a live Q&A with an opportunity for participants to put forward their questions. All are welcome to register for this free online event <a href="https://bishopdriver.eventbrite.com.au">https://bishopdriver.eventbrite.com.au</a>

#### PRAYER FOR LOCAL STATE SCHOOL CHAPLAINS

Please pray for our local State school Chaplains (PCW's). The chaplains for this South Western Region they are : Brighton Primary (Sam Chan); Clovelly Park Primary (Wendy Cove); Darlington Primary (Debra Smith); Glenelg Primary & Seacliff Primary (Alison Reidy); Hamilton Secondary College (David Chikwuba); Marion Primary (Lisa Colton); Paringa Park Primary (Anita Trainor); St Leonards Primary (Karen Thorogood); Warradale Primary (Currently looking for a chaplain). Our parish makes a donation to their support every year and our clergy keep in touch especially with Karen Thorogood and Alison Reidy through the local ministers group.

### FURTHER CVS AND AGED CARE FACILITY UPDATE

**Do you visit aged care facilities?** – From May 1<sup>st</sup> you will need to have proof of a current flu vaccination. If you are getting a flu shot make sure you get a printed record of this. If you are a CVS Volunteer you may be able to get reimbursement for the cost of the Flu shot (that is the prescription cost not the cost of the visit to a GP) - contact Hewina for reimbursement.

For CVS visitors, thank you for all you are doing to keep in touch with your residents. Some aged care facilities may start to re-open soon for visitors. Hours may be limited and visits may have to be booked. This could vary from facility to facility. In the meantime continuing contact via phone, letter or electronical means is wonderful.

Hewina would love to hear from other parishioners prepared to be in phone contact with either Aged Care residents OR individuals in private homes who receive care packages. We are awaiting confirmation that private residents on care packages can now be included in our CVS scheme and this might be a way to grow our CVS ministry during this time. Speak to Hewina in the office to discuss this further.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Prayer requests can still be rung through to the parish office or emailed and we can add the person to the prayer list in the pew sheet. Private prayers can also be offered through contacting the Parish Prayer People. If there is



anyone on our prayer list who can come off it for the time being, please let us know.



Kingsley Oakley, Kel Pittman, Rosalie & Phil Brown, Tim Went, Nicole Cain, Pat Donnelly, Melanie Lyons, Daniel Roach, Jeremy Johnson, Nicky Heal, Dawn, Sheryl Anne Cox, Tony Tamblyn, Helen Williams, Kent Andrew, Robin Wilson

### **CALL TO PRAYER**

Diocesen prayer time 8am every Friday from now until Pentecost.

Together we join in prayer for

- an end to the pandemic
- healing for people suffering from the illness
- those researching a vaccine
- our political and community leaders as they try to provide
- wise leadership
- our health workers as they are at the front line

A suitable prayer could be...

Almighty and All–loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, We pray to you through Christ the Healer for those who suffer from the Coronavirus COVID–19 in Australia and across the world. We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease. Give wisdom to policymakers, skill to healthcare professionals and researchers, comfort to everyone in distress and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who showed compassion to the outcast, acceptance to the rejected and love to those to whom no love was shown. Amen. by Archbishop Michael Jackson, Dublin & Glendalough



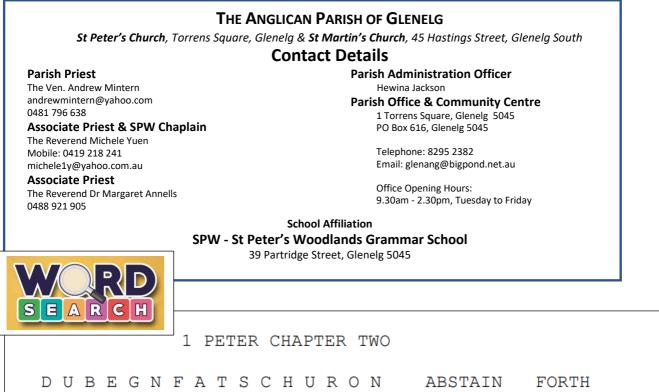
### PLANNED GIVING AND PARISH FINANCES

Thank you to all those parishioners are keeping up with planned giving. Your support for our parish community is inspiring. Please know too that if you are experiencing extreme hardship it is understood that you may not be able to maintain your current level of giving. Please keep in touch, and **remember that the parish emergency food ministry is also available for parishioners in times of need.** 

Regular planned giving can be directed to

Parish of Glenelg (AFSA) BSB 705-777 Account Number 00041211 (please use your surname and initial SMITHJ PGP). One off/occasional donations that are not part of regular PGP can be made to

Anglican Parish of Glenelg BSB 705-077 Account No.00000033



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