



The Anglican Parish of Glenelg

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

Weekly News and Pew Sheet

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY 26TH JULY 2020

WORSHIP THEME: THE POWER OF SILENCE

*You are
Welcome!*

Parish Priest's Message

Dear Friends,

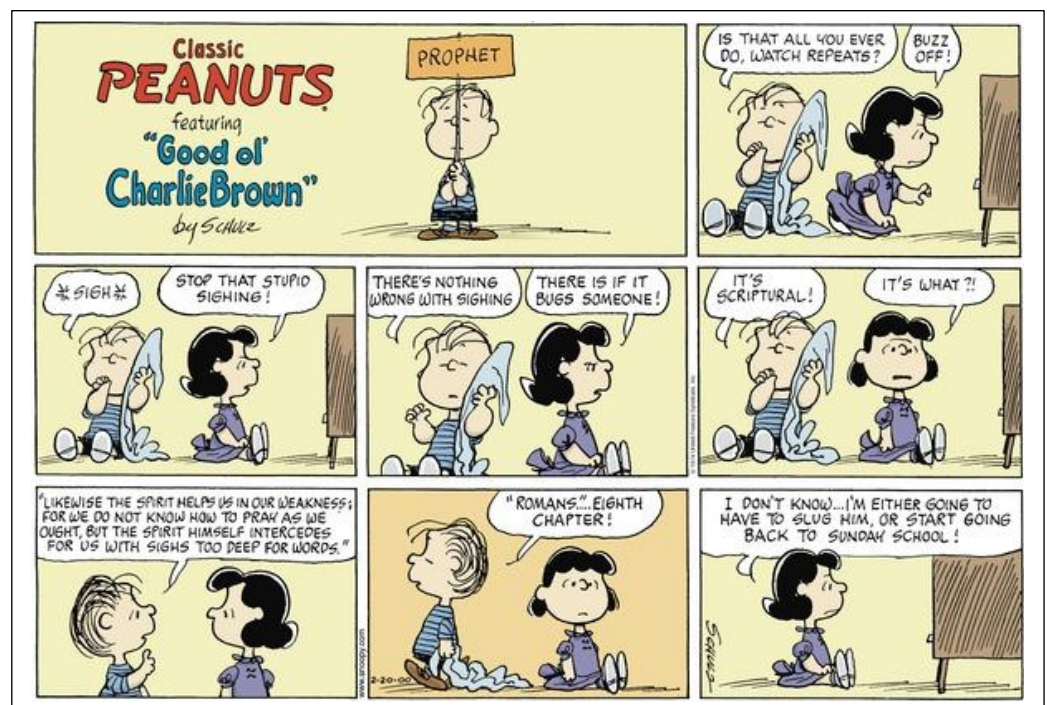
St Paul writes that: ***"The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words."*** I find that incredibly comforting. Sometimes I might not know how to pray or I might feel that I'm just praying the same things all the time. Perhaps I need to heed the message to just be quiet. To be still and know that God is God. To sit and contemplate and see what God might be whispering to me. To allow in the silence for the Spirit to move in my prayers and say the things that I don't know how to say.

There is great power in silence. Mother Teresa wrote: *"In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you."* Today in our service we will sing a hymn, perhaps not well known for it doesn't appear in many hymn books. You can find the words at the back of the pew sheet. The hymn points out that God's giving, touch and mercy is as gentle as silence. This week if you find an opportunity, try sitting somewhere pleasant and comfortable in silence for a few minutes knowing that the spirit is praying for you all the things you struggle to put into words.

Grace and peace to
you all.

Rev. Andrew

Please stay COVID safe vigilant. Details in this pew sheet. Please social distance where possible. This is not unfriendly, it is us caring for each other.



Worship Resources

Sentence

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

Romans 8:26

Prayer of the day

O God, the fount of wisdom,

You have revealed to us in Christ the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price: Grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment, that, in the midst of the things of this world, we may learn to value the priceless worth of your kingdom, and be ready to renounce all else for the sake of the precious gift you offer. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 29:15-28

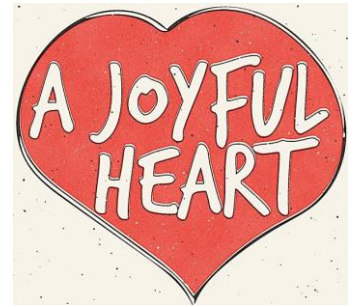
A reading from the book of Genesis

Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.'

So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.)

When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' Laban said, 'This is not done in our country - giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.' Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife. Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

105 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:
tell among the peoples what things he has done.
106 Sing to him, O sing praises:
and be telling of all his marvellous works.
107 Exult in his holy name:
and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.
108 Seek the Lord and his strength:
O seek his face continually.
109 Call to mind what wonders he has done:
his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,
110 O seed of Abraham his servant:
O children of Jacob his chosen one.
111 For he is the Lord our God:
and his judgements are in all the earth.

**Second Reading****Romans 8:26-34****A reading from the Letter to the Romans**

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Hear the word of the Lord.**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you
Everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-48

✠ The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Next Sundays' Readings

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost: God's Abundant blessing

Gen 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7,16 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21

Diary Dates for July

Sunday 26th	7.45am Holy Communion at St Peter's 8.45am Holy Communion at St Martin's 10am Sung Eucharist with Organ and Choir
Tuesday 28th	7.30pm GALS
Wednesday 29th	1.30pm MU
Thu 30th-Fri 31st	Organ work in preparation for Salt damp work.
Sunday 2nd Aug	7:45am Holy Communion at St Peter's 8:45am Holy Communion at St Martin's 10:00am JAM Eucharist at St Peters.

Sunday reflections are posted on Facebook as well as other prayers and reflections through the week. Let's keep in touch



Parish Notices

OBSERVING COVID SAFE REQUIREMENTS

In our ever changing COVID world, we still have some restrictions we need to observe.

For Church attendance – continue to register your attendance (either online or when you arrive), sanitise your hands as you enter, and when you receive Communion. No hand-shaking or hugs in the greeting of peace. The collection plate will not be passed. Communion will be by bread only.

Morning Tea – designated person(s) to serve coffee and tea, including the addition of milk and sugar (there is no self-service or shared utensils). No shared plates of food, but a designated person can serve individuals. It is recommended that people are seated for morning tea, to minimise standing and mingling. Table groups are separated by 1.5m as in a café.

At the St Peter's Altar rail – Sanitise your hands before communion and observe physical distancing when receiving communion.

let's continue to be a

COVIDSAFE
church



Kingsley Oakley, Kel Pittman, Rosalie & Phil Brown, Nicole Cain, Pat Donnelly, Melanie Lyons, Daniel Roach, Nicky Heal, Sheryl Anne Cox, Kent Andrew, Ruth Allen, Tim Went, Michael, Marilyn Jackson, **RIP** Leonie Harris.

REGISTERING FOR CHURCH

Please be patient with the new processes for entering church. We are trying to streamline our 10am processes with online bookings, but have had a few hiccups. You may want to arrive slightly earlier to avoid traffic jams for signing in. I'm sure you are aware that we are under COVID safe obligations to carry out this registration process for all events. Small Group leaders please note this too for other events on Church property. Blank recording forms can be accessed from Hewina in the office.

EVENTBRITE BOOKINGS FOR 10AM SERVICE SUNDAY 26TH JULY

As we send out the pewsheets on Friday's we will include the booking reference for the immediately upcoming 10am service.

For this **Sunday 26th July**, register your attendance using this link

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-peters-10am-service-at-glenelg-registration-112068483852>

PLANNING AHEAD FOR 10AM SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST

If you want to book ahead for the 2nd August JAM service please use the following link. <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-peters-10am-service-at-glenelg-registration-112068536008>

SUNDAY KIDS@HOME

Holiday activities for Kids@Home are posted on the Sunday Kids@Home page of our parish website.

<http://www.glenelganglican.org.au/?cat=38>



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – POSTPONED FOR THIS YEAR

Following the Christmas tree festival meeting and discussion at Parish Council it has been decided that we will not risk doing all the preparation work for the festival only to have it cancelled at the last minute due to potential lockdown. We hope to hold it next year but will give some consideration to a Christmas event or concert that may be able to be held this November in its place.

PLAYGROUP HAS RE-STARTED – WE NEED SOME SHORT TERM HELP

Playgroup returned last Wednesday, but two of our kitchen helpers are having surgery this month and cannot assist. The role includes cutting up and serving fruit, serving tea and coffee to parents and cleaning up in the kitchen. It is not arduous and with our helpers returning soon it would be great to hear of anyone who could help for a week or two. Speak to Helen Burke or Fr Andrew.

CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION INTO THE ANGLICAN CHURCH

Bishop Denise Ferguson will be visiting our 10am Service on Sunday 20th Sept. This is a great opportunity if anyone wants to be confirmed or formally received into the Anglican Church from another denomination as both rites require a Bishop's presence. Please speak to Andrew if you are interested.



MOTHERS UNION RETURNS

MU meets **Wednesday 29th July at 1.30pm** in the St Peter's Community Centre. This is MU's first gathering since the loosening of COVID restrictions.



PARISH FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Due to the generosity of parishioners, Holdfast Bay Rotary Club and others, the Food Pantry is well stocked with many items. We have beanies, scarves and knee rugs courtesy of the Rotary Club to help during this cold weather. We also have oodles of *some* food items. Your help would be appreciated in helping keep our pantry stocked with the following: **tins of baked beans & spaghetti; cereal (small sizes), pasta, pasta sauce, small tins of tuna, rice, small containers of fruit, UHT milk (1 litre size).** If you would like to donate men's socks, instead, that would also be appreciated. Hewina & Ros M

NO MORE LIDS PLEASE

Thank you to all those who brought used lids and a huge thank you to Karyn Tait for co-ordinating this collection. We are no longer doing this as a Parish but if you wish there is a collection point at Ecolateral on Brighton Road.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests for Sunday intercessions can phoned or emailed to the parish office and private prayers can also be offered through contacting the Parish Prayer People.



Can we help? Contact Prayer People through:
Vi: 8295 5726 / vekeam@bigpond.com
Ros: 8376 9739 / neville.cordes@bigpond.com
St Martin's ; see Sandy Anderson

DONATING TO OUR PARISH

Planned giving can be directed to Parish of Glenelg (AFSA) BSB 705-077 Account Number 00041211 (please use your surname and initial SMITHJ PGP).

One off/occasional donations that are separate to regular PGP can be made to Anglican Parish of Glenelg BSB 705-077 Account No.00000033

Heritage Conservation Fund (tax deductible). Please ensure the donation is designated for *St Peters Anglican Church Glenelg Appeal*. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/donate-sa>

Reflection Hymn – Oh The Love of My Lord is the Essence (As Gentle As Silence) By Estelle White 1925-2011

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence
Of all that I love here on earth
All the beauty I see he has given to me
And His giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment
Have been blessed by the strength of His love
At the turn of each tide, he is there at my side,
And His touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from his presence
And I've walked other paths, other ways
But I've called on His name in the dark of my shame
And His mercy was gentle as silence.



ESTELLE WHITE
1925-2011

Elizabeth Estelle White (1925-2011) wrote more than 160 hymns for adults and children, including **Gentle as Silence**, **Autumn Days**, **Deep Calls to Deep** and a setting of the **Our Father**.

Brought up in Tyneside, Estelle played the piano, guitar, clarinet and tenor saxophone. She joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service when she was 17 and played with the HQ band on many occasions, including the 1946 Victory Parade, and travelled entertaining the troops in the Central Mediterranean Force in Palestine and Egypt. After the war, she trained as a physiotherapist, and moved to Canada where she joined the Roman Catholic Church.

She returned to England in 1965 and took temporary vows with the Congregation of Corpus Christi Carmelite Sisters. She qualified as a teacher of theology and music. After leaving the convent she taught in schools in the North of England. She was director of the church choir at St Josephs, Dewsbury, from 1984 until 1991.

She said in 1996: "All my hymns are very clear, very concrete. ... I think you find the transcendental in everything, so I tend to write hymns that bring in concrete things."

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