

The Anglican Parish of Glenelg

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

Weekly News and Pew Sheet

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2021

WORSHIP THEME: COMING THROUGH CAPTIVITY

Parish Priest's Message

Many people will recall the hit cover song "By the Rivers of Babylon" released by Boney M (1978). The words were, of course, taken directly from Psalm 137 and speak about the Babylonian Exile of the people of Judah. There are many parts of the bible that address the Exile, and, along with the Exodus from Egypt, are the two biggest defining events for God's people, Israel.



Today's passage from Isaiah is thought to date from the 6th Century BCE, during the Babylonian Exile. The people of Judah were in captivity away from their homeland. Their temple, and Jerusalem, has been destroyed. They have suffered such a severe dislocating experience that they have every reason to lose faith. In this context Isaiah encourages them to continue to believe in the God who does not grow faint or weary, and who gives power to the faint-hearted and strength to the powerless. The Lord will renew their strength.

In the current context of our world, we too need to hear this message. Collectively we have been through a dislocating experience. So much of life seems to be on hold, especially for those experiencing lockdown, quarantine, illness and unemployment. We too want to rise up on wings like eagles, we want to run and not grow weary. The Gospel story of Simon's mother-in-law being raised up to ministry, is encouragement that Christ offers us the strength we need to rise above times of struggle and minister to others.



WORSHIP RESOURCES FOR TODAY

Sentence

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles. **Isaiah 40:31**

Prayer of the Day

Saving God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, healed the sick and brought them wholeness of body and mind: inspire us, his disciples, so that we may constantly proclaim his gospel by our words and by the dedication and integrity of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 40:21-31

A reading from the book of Isaiah

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

who brings princes to naught,

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.



Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

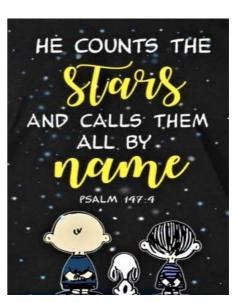
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

Psalm 147:1-7 A.P.B.A. **page 377**

1 O praise the Lord, for it is good to sing praises to our God: and to praise him is joyful and right.

- 2 The Lord is rebuilding Jerusalem: he is gathering together the scattered outcasts of Israel.
- 3 He heals the broken in spirit: and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars: and calls them all by name.
- 5 Great is our Lord, and great is his power: there is no measuring his understanding.
- 6 The Lord restores the humble: but he brings down the wicked to the dust.
- 7 O sing to the Lord a song of thanksgiving: sing praises to our God upon the harp.





Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them.

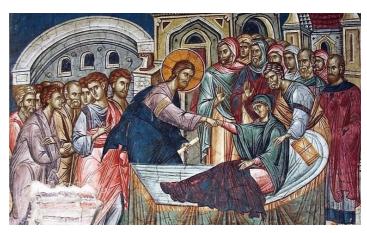
To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!
I am the light of the world,
says the Lord,
Anyone who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Thanks be to God.



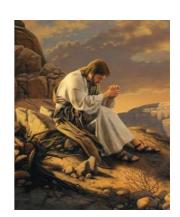
Gospel Mark 1.29-39

★ The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

As soon as Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.



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For the Gospel of the Lord Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Next Sundays' Readings – Sunday 14th February Last Sunday After Epiphany - God's Light Shines Forth

Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9 2 Kings 2:1-12

This Week

Sun 7th 7:45am Holy Communion at St Peters

8:45am Holy Communion at St Martin's

10:00am JAM Eucharist

12:00pm Baptism

Tue 9th 5:00pm Finance Committee Meeting via ZOOM

Wed 10th 10:00am St Peter's Playgroup Thu 11th 10:00am Eucharist at St Peter's Fri 12th

2:00pm Funeral – Beverley Dungan

Sun 14th 7:45am Holy Communion at St Peters

> 8:45am Holy Communion at St Martin's 10:00am Sung Eucharist and Baptism

Wed 17th 7:00pm Ash Wednesday at St Peter's. (Please note: There will be no

morning service on Ash Wednesday due to a church booking,

instead the service on Thursday 18th will follow the Ash Wednesday

PARISH NOTICES

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE TEA – TUESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

Please sign up for this on the RSVP sheet. In compliance with our COVID plan we will cap the maximum attendance at 50 adults seated at tables. Children are welcome of course but not included in that number.





YOUTH GROUP RETURNS IN 2021

Youth Groups returns for 2021 with its annual Ice Cream Crawl down Jetty Road on **Friday 19**TH **February 2021 at 6pm**. A flier with the 2021 dates are available from the Parish office ledge or contact Rev.Michele.

PARISH COUNCIL DATE CHANGE

Due to Shrove Tuesday falling on the normal Parish Council day this year, we will postpone parish council to the following week - Tuesday 23rd February at 7:30pm. Apologies to those who are inconvenienced by this date change.

MOTHERS UNION

The Mothers Union rescheduled Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 24th February at the Broadway Hotel, Glenelg. Holy Communion will commence our meeting at 11.30am at St Martin's and the meal at 12.30pm. Please RSVP and if, on the day, you are unable to attend please ring either of us as below. Pat 0407884451 or Margaret 0410697939 or leave a message with the office.

MEN'S BREAKFAST — SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

We are kicking off the year with a Saturday breakfast at The Strand, Jetty Road, Glenelg on Saturday 27th February at 8:30am. Please RSVP to Henry Schafing or Rev. Andrew if you would like to attend.

VESTRY REPORTS DUE BY FRIDAY 5TH MARCH

Please note that our vestry meeting will be held on 21st MARCH. In order to have reports to everyone by the Sunday beforehand, if you are responsible for a parish group, could you please have reports to the parish office (preferably emailed) by Friday 5th March. Many thanks.

UKULELE CHURCH RESUMES – SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 5PM

Ukulele Church continues to have a loyal following of attendees from our parish, other parishes and the community. We will resume monthly services on Sunday 28th February at 5pm followed by a light meal. All Welcome. Ukuleles available to borrow on the night.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PARISH AMBROSE DAY

Do you play golf? Michele is happy to organise an Ambrose game at a local golf course in Autumn. Let her know if you're interested in the idea.

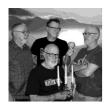
COLOURING, CHEERS, CHEESE & CAKE!

Let's finish the final colouring murals in fine style with the 4C's! **Thursday 18**th **February at 7:30pm** in the Community Centre. Please BYO Colouring implements. Refreshments provided by Michele. All Welcome!

LENT BIBLE STUDY - DETAILS

This Lent we will be using the book "Awakening my Faith". An evening session will commence Thursday 25th February at 7:30pm in the community centre. If there is enough interest for a daytime session that will commence on Wednesday 24th February at 2pm. We really need to order books so please confirm with Michele by this Sunday if you would like to participate.

ADELAIDE FRINGE COMES TO ST PETER'S



Adelaide Fringe Guides are available at St Peter's church. Two events will be happening this Fringe.

Andrew's band "What about Jeff?" will be presenting **Duelling Duos** Sunday 14th March at 8pm (see p.68 of the guide)



Gary Sanderson will be presenting *Songs of the Sea and Other Ballads* Sunday 21st March at 2pm (see p.75 of the guide).

Please feel free to promote these events to your friends.

RETURN PALM CROSS BEFORE ASH WEDNESDAY

Q: Where does the Ash Wednesday ash come from? A: From last year's returned palm crosses! The box for the last year's palm crosses is by the office window. If you wish to return yours please place it in the box in the coming weeks. Some people like to keep their palm crosses from previous years and that is fine too. Thanks.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests for Sunday intercessions can given to the parish office and private prayers can also be offered by 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



Kingsley Oakley, Kel Pittman, Rosalie & Phil Brown, Pat Donnelly, Melanie Lyons, Daniel Roach, Tim Went, Tony Tamblyn, Sarah, Yvonne Thomas, Samuel, Nicky, Trevor Marker, James, Tommy, Anne Johnson RIP Bryan Charlton, Beverley Dungan

OUR PARISH'S COVID SAFE PLAN — UPDATED 14TH DECEMBER

In compliance with our COVID Safe plan we continue to request: - attendance records for all services with mandatory provision of QR codes. maximum attendance at St Peter's 273 plus officiants (84 in the Community Centre) maximum attendance at St Martin's 40 plus officiants; (60 in the hall) physical distancing of at least 1.5metres applies where possible;

no hand-shaking for greeting of peace;

not passing the collection plate -

Let's continue to be a

but please use it when you come forward for communion;

having communion with bread only.

No self-service food and drinks or shared utensils (Your morning tea will be joyfully made for you).

Copies of our current COVID Safe plan are displayed in the foyer of both our churches.



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DONATING TO OUR PARISH

Regular 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 deductable): Ensure the donation is designated for *St Peters Anglican Church Glenelg Appeal*. https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/donate-sa

www.glenelganglican.org.au

The Anglican Parish of Glenelg acknowledges that we are meeting on the traditional country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today."