

The Anglican Parish of Glenelg

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

Weekly News and Pew Sheet

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2021

WORSHIP THEME: GENERATION TO GENERATION

Parish Priest's Message

In Genesis, chapter 15, God makes a promise to Abraham. This promise is re-iterated in today's passage from chapter 17. In the first promise, God takes Abraham outside and says "Look toward heaven and count the stars.... so shall your descendents be." We are told that Abraham believed the Lord and it was reckoned to him as righteousness. Blessings can come in many forms, but the point here is not so much about how many descendents Abraham will have but that Abraham simply responds to God with faithful belief.



Jesus also makes a promise to his disciples in the Gospel today which seems less of a blessing - the promise that the Son of Man will suffer and be killed and rise again - the promise that his followers will also take up the cross and any who wants to save their life will lose it. Only those who lose their life for the sake of the gospel will save it. This hardly sounds like good news and it hardly sounds like a blessing. Yet the response asked from them (and us) is the same as that of Abraham – to faithfully believe. We are asked to believe that the life we will gain is infinitely more valuable than the life we will lose. Jesus challenges us to see that living solely for ourselves, our own survival, our own benefit is no life at all. Whilst this is a challenge that cuts to the heart of our individual autonomy, we can see the truth of it too. The challenge is that this central precept of Christianity is totally counter-cultural to our society which often promotes individual success at all costs.

Lord give us faith to believe in your blessings and faith to take up our cross and follow you. Amen.



WORSHIP RESOURCES FOR TODAY

Sentence

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him.

Mark 8.34

Prayer of the Day

God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life: grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16

A reading from the book of Genesis

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer



shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- ²⁴ O praise the Lord, all you that fear him: hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob, and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.
- ²⁵ For he has not despised nor abhorred the poor man in his misery: nor did he hide his face from him, but heard him when he cried.
- ²⁶ From you springs my praise in the great congregation: I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;
- ²⁷ The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied: and those who seek the Lord shall praise him—may their hearts rejoice for ever!
- ²⁸ Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord: and let all the families of the nations worship before him.
- ²⁹ For the kingdom is the Lord's:
 - and he shall be ruler over the nations.
- How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage: or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?
- ³¹ But he has saved my life for himself: and my posterity shall serve him.
- This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation: and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

Second Reading

Romans 4.13-25

A reading from the letter to the Romans

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.'

He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

If you want to be my disciple take up your cross and follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Mark 8.31-35

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter



and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Next Sunday's Readings – Sunday 7th March Third Sunday in Lent – Faithful Living

Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22

This Week

Sun 28th **Feb** 7:45am Holy Communion at St Peters

8:45am Holy Communion at St Martin's

10:00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's

5:00pm Ukulele Church

Tue 2rd March 9:30am Interment of Jean Detchon's ashes

7:30pm Community Centre booking (external group)

Wed 3rd 10:00am Playgroup

1:00pm CVS Co-ordinators meeting, Community Centre

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Thu 4th 10:00am Chapel

11:30am Interment of Ward McLeary's ashes

7:30pm Lent Study at St Peter's

Fri 5th 10:00am World Day of Prayer, Glengowrie Uniting Church

Sun 7th 7:45am Holy Communion at St Peter's

8:45am Holy Communion at St Martin's 10:00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's

PARISH NOTICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN FOR OUR ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING SUNDAY 21ST MARCH—9:30AM

PLEASE NOTE – There will only be one service in the parish at 9:30am At St Peter's on 21st March for our Annual Vestry day.

The shortened service will finish by 10:15, followed immediately by Vestry Meeting concluding by 11:00am and then Morning tea in the Community Centre. Vestry reports will be emailed to Parishioners on Friday 12th March with your pew sheet. Some paper copies will be available at all services on Sunday 14th March.

This will give you a week to read the reports.

Nomination slips for elected parish positions are available this morning.

People's Warden (one for each church), Parish Council,

Nomination Committee (one for each church).

NB: All small group reports need to be with Hewina in the parish office (alenana@biapond.net.au) by Friday 5th March.

PRAYER DIARY

Copies of the Term 1 prayer diary leaflet for State School chaplains in our local area are available this morning. Please keep them in your prayers.

PARISH FOOD CUPBOARD

As always we are incredibly grateful for all donations to our Parish Food Cupboard for Emergency Assistance. At present we have an over-abundance of tea and so please hold off on tea donations for the next month. Thanks.

LENT BIBLE STUDY — DETAILS...

is continuing Thursday evenings at **7:30pm** in the community centre. Copies of the book "Awakening My Faith" by Bishop Jeremy Greaves are available from Michele for \$10.

UKULELE CHURCH RESUMES - THIS SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 5:00PM

Come along at 5:00pm for worship and singing. Ukuleles can be supplied if you don't have one. A light meal will follow the worship at 6pm. Entry by donation.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021 - THIS FRIDAY!

This year Glengowrie Uniting Church is hosting the World Day of Prayer at **10am, Friday, 5th March**. The church is on the corner of Butler Crescent and Beadnall Terrace. Please consider attending this ecumenical prayer opportunity. This year's prayer focus will be Vanuatu.

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.

FACEBOOK GLITCH

Apologies for the Facebook glitches of the past week. It was through no fault of ours. We were posting as per normal but our page was blocked from being viewed. We assume we were affected by the well-publicised stand-off between the Government and Facebook. All seems to be restored now.

ABM LENT APPEAL

Each Lent we support the Anglican Board of Mission Lent Appeal. Donations can be made online at abmission.org/Lent21 where you can learn about some of the Lent Appeal projects. You can also post a cheque to Anglican Board of



Mission – Australia, Locked Bag Q4005, Queen Victoria Building NSW 1230. Alternatively if you place an envelope marked **ABM** in the collection plate we will see it gets there.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Council has made some decisions regarding building projects for this year.

- 1. We are proceeding with the repair and protection of the lower western windows at St Peter's. The two lower windows to the church need repairs to the rusted hoppers and new protective external coverings to replace the rusted wire ones. The window to the porch also needs new protection. A Local Council Development Application was approved for this in 2019 but until now we have not been able to proceed. We feel we can proceed now with a majority of funds available and while the development application is still valid. Further donations to support this can be made via the National Trust Heritage appeal as detailed at the end of the pew sheet.
- 2. We are currently applying for a Heritage Grant to make repairs to the western porch, including roof, guttering, downpipes and painting, as well as church nave guttering. Should we be successful in obtaining a grant we hope to proceed with this work this year too. We hope that our nearly completed Conservation Management Plan for St Peter's will be presented for Vestry meeting.
- 3. The Memorial Garden is long overdue for improvement and expansion. In order to improve the garden in the short term we have made the decision to remove a non-significant tree in the North-Eastern Corner of the memorial Garden and prune all remaining trees to reduce leaf litter on the roof and allow in more light. We are further concerned about the tree on South-Eastern corner and the damage it is doing to the wall and garden and are seeking further advice on an application for its possible removal. Plans for future new plantings, beautification and expansion of the Memorial Garden will be dependent on a local council decision about this tree.
- 4. Other smaller projects for the year include repairs to the rectory fence, re-pointing of the Rectory chimneys which is now critical for safety reasons. Also planned are repairs and upgrade of the St Martin's Church hall the venue which provides the major source of rental income for the parish. We hope improvements will increase its usage.

PRAYER REQUESTS — PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

Prayer requests for Sunday intercessions can given to the parish office and added to the Sunday prayer list for a time. Please note that people should give their permission to have their name added to this list. We also appreciate updates on their progress and in the event of good news, people can be removed from the list. If you would like prayers for yourself or someone else but confidentially, rather than on the public list, then please speak to one of the clergy (or Sandy Anderson at St Martin's). There is a dedicated team of prayer people in the parish who will pray for you. If you feel called to this ministry of prayer please speak to one of the clergy.



Kingsley Oakley, Kel Pittman, Rosalie & Phil Brown, Pat Donnelly, Melanie Lyons, Daniel Roach, Tim Went, Tony Tamblyn, Yvonne Thomas, David and Marion McCall, Samuel, Nicky, Trevor Marker, James, Tommy, Anne Johnson, Desley.

RIP Margaret MacArthur

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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 *The Anglican Parish of St Peters Glenelg*. 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.