



# 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 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2021**

**WORSHIP THEME: BELOVED, BE LOVED, BE LOVE**

### Parish Priest's Message

Our three readings today give us so much to consider. The powerful story of Philip baptising the Ethiopian official opens our eyes to the inclusiveness of the Gospel. The official asked Philip: *"What is to prevent me being baptised?"* and Philip's response is to remove all barriers and make it happen. This is the work of the church - not to set up hurdles and hoops for people to jump over and through, but to facilitate people's journey to a deeper relationship with God in Christ.



The Gospel reading gives us the enduring image of the vine: Jesus said *"I am the vine you are the branches. Those who abide in me will bear much fruit."* [John 15:4]. This reminds us, not only of our connection with God, but that we are all interconnected with each other - bound together in Christ.

The New Testament reading contains perhaps the most important three words in the Bible – *God is love*. Love is from God. God's love is revealed in Jesus. God loved us before anything else. There is no fear in love. If we love, we live in God and God lives in us. So we can live in this love and love one another. St John gives us an inspirational message that leads to our theme for the day – we are God's beloved, we can be loved, and we can be love towards others.



***Love is the greatest thing that God can give us; for he himself is love:  
and it is the greatest thing that we can give to God***

***Jeremy Taylor 1613-1667***

## WORSHIP RESOURCES FOR TODAY

### Sentence of the Day

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. **John 4:10-11**

### Prayer of the Day

O God, form the minds of your faithful people,  
that we may love what you command and desire what you promise,  
so that, amid the many changes of this world,  
our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading

**Acts 8.26-38**

#### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.  
In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.'



The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 22.26-32**

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- <sup>26</sup> From you springs my praise in the great congregation:  
I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;
- <sup>27</sup> 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!
- <sup>28</sup> Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord:  
and let all the families of the nations worship before him.
- <sup>29</sup> For the kingdom is the Lord's:  
and he shall be ruler over the nations.
- <sup>30</sup> How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage:  
or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?
- <sup>31</sup> But he has saved my life for himself:  
and my posterity shall serve him.

**Second Reading**

**1 John 4.7-21**

**A reading from the first letter of John**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.



Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world.

God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Hear the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Live in me and let me live in you,  
says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

**Alleluia!**

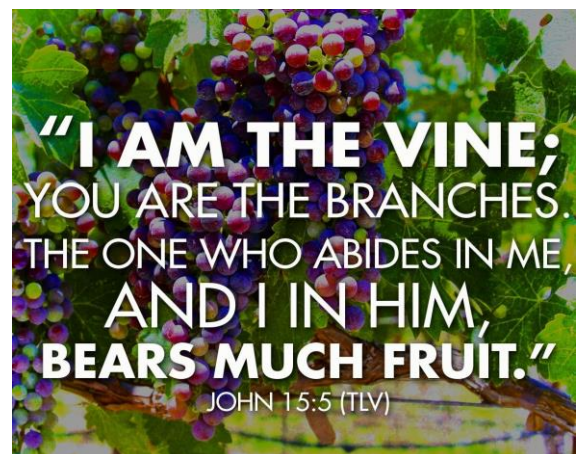
### **Gospel**

**John 15.1-8**

✠ The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.





Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

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## Next Sunday's Readings – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May

### Sixth Sunday of Easter – The Joy of Love

Acts 10.44-48    Psalm 98    1 John 5:1-6    John 15:9-17

## Parish Calendar

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>7:45am Holy Communion, St. Peter's</b> <b>8:45am Holy Communion, St. Martin's</b> <b>10:00am JAM Eucharist, St. Peter's</b>
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>	Provincial Clergy Conference
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Playgroup, St Peter's 3:00pm Wellbeing Class, St Peter's
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Eucharist in the St Michael's chapel
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:45am Holy Communion, St. Peter's</b> <b>8:45am Holy Communion, St. Martin's</b> <b>10:00am Sung Eucharist, St. Peter's &amp; Sunday Kids resumes</b> <b>12 noon Baptism of Elena Charlton, St Peter's</b>
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Playgroup, St Peter's
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Eucharist in the St Michael's chapel



## PARISH NOTICES

### SUNDAY KIDS RESUMES NEXT SUNDAY

'Sunday Kids' will resume on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May** at the 10am service.

### BUSH CHURCH AID

It is time to return your Bush Church Aid boxes to the Parish Office for Joyleen to count. She is looking for someone to help her carry the coins to the bank too. BCA Boxes need to be returned by Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021.

## WELCOME GABRIEL KUHNER BUTTON

Josephine and Andrew Button, parishioners in our extended parish family, now living in the USA, welcomed their first child Gabriel Kuhner on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Baby and parents are doing well. It was a joy to have both Adelaide based grandmothers in church last week, proud as punch! Blessings to you all!

## AMBROSE GOLF

Thank you to those who indicated their interest in participating in a game of Ambrose Golf. We have a booked timeslot of 12-12.30pm

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at the North Course of West Beach Parks Golf Course (formerly known as

Adelaide Shores). We will play in groups of 4 and will tee off at 6 minute intervals (Maximum 24 people). Cost is \$20 per person on the day and some gold coins for drinks which will come around to you in the buggy. Sign up sheets in church and please see Michele or Andrew for more information.



## SUPPORT FOR A BELOVED PARISHIONER

Donations are sought to help a well-known parishioner who had a major fire in their home unit last year. Donations already given have paid to install a hot-water service. If you would like to help by contributing towards window blinds for the lounge room and bedroom windows and for floor coverings. Please talk to Rev'd Andrew if you can assist. Donations can be made through the parish.

## PROVINCIAL CLERGY CONFERENCE

Reverends Andrew, Margaret and Michele will be at the Provincial Clergy conference Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Rev'd Russell Simonds will preside at the Thursday 10am service at St Peter's.

## WE DO STILL HAVE SOME COVID RESTRICTIONS – PLEASE READ

Thankfully restrictions are not too stringent at present, but we are still operating under a COVID safe plan so... please remember to stay home if you are unwell, sanitise your hands and observe social distancing "where possible". Importantly, please QR into all parish services and events or register on the sign-in sheet. The situation around the world remains dire and we should keep praying about this as well as being sensibly vigilant here. Current COVID safe plans are on display in our churches.

Let's continue to be a **COVIDSAFE** church

## FOOD CUPBOARD

Thank you everyone for your continued support of our Food Cupboard. We have a glut of tinned baked beans and spaghetti at the moment. Please hold your donations of these items for the month of May. Other items still greatly received – especially Weetbix, long life milk, pasta, rice and sauces.

## A SLOW PRAYER REFLECTION FOR TODAY

*In times of sadness, loss, and disorientation, Holy One, abide in me*

*In times of anger, betrayal, and slander, Holy One, abide in me*

*In times of hopelessness, brokenness, and failure, Holy One, abide in me*

*In times of hopefulness, renewed faith,*

*and the assurance of the good yet to come, Holy One, abide in me*

*In times of forgiveness, happiness, and thankfulness, Holy One, abide in me*

*In times of joy, unity, and peace, Holy One, abide in me*

*Your love, O God, is ever-present in our times of deepest despair as well as through the joy of our praise. Your invitation to abide in you has no qualifications, but promises to be ever-close and ever-present when life is at its best, at its worst, and at every time in-between.*

*Abide in me, Holy One, as I abide in you. Amen.*

## WORDSEARCH FOR TODAY

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VINE    BRANCH    FRUIT    PRUNES  
WORD HOME    PLENTY    THROWN  
FIRE    BURNT    GLORY    DISCIPLES



## PRAYER REQUESTS – PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

Prayer requests for Sunday intercessions can be 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, Tim Went, Yvonne Thomas, David and Marion McCall, Samuel, Nicky, Trevor Marker, Tommy, Desley, Jean, Peta, Roberta Steele, Richard Forder, Yvonne Curran, James RIP Norah Jones

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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 deductible): Ensure the donation is designated for *The Anglican Parish of St Peters Glenelg*. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/donate-sa>

**[www.glenelganglican.org.au](http://www.glenelganglican.org.au)**

*The Anglican Parish of Glenelg acknowledges that we are meeting on the traditional country of the Kurna 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 Kurna people living today.*