

The Anglican Parish of Glenelg

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

Weekly News and Pew Sheet



SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION SUNDAY 16TH MAY 2021

WORSHIP THEME: Passing on the Baton

Parish Priest's Message

Ascensiontide is a short season, just ten days long and includes only one Sunday. Often the church is tempted to ignore it by calling this sunday the Seventh Sunday of Easter rather than the Sunday after Ascension. There are many paintings and icons that show Jesus ascending upwards on a cloud or into a cloud which may appear somewhat quaint to our modern scientific view of the universe. However that is not the only way to understand ascension. Another meaning of the word is to move to a higher plane of existence, which surely coincides more with our view of heaven. Jesus said the kingdom of



heaven is at hand and even the kingdom of heaven is within you. Ascension surely proclaims that Jesus is one with God in heaven around us and within us always.

Another important aspect of ascentiontide is the aspect of waiting. Whilst in the Johannine witness the Spirit is given to the disciples by the the Risen Jesus (John 20:22-23), in the Lukan narratives of Luke and Acts, the Spirit comes at Pentecost and the disciples are told to wait in Jerusalem for the Spirit. Luke tells us that they spent this time "continually in the temple blessing God" (Luke 24:53). It seems to me that this time of waiting for the Spirit is an important message for us at this time. We find ourselves in a time of waiting, of now and not yet, as the COVID vaccination programs are rolled out world-wide. Waiting is a spiritual endeavour too - waiting for the next thing we called to do; waiting for a greater revelation; waiting for a greater outpouring of the Spirit. So this Ascensiontide we can feel very much at one with the apostles, knowing Jesus risen and ascended, we wait on the Lord, for the empowerment of the Spirit and the next thing we are being called to do.

WORSHIP RESOURCES FOR TODAY

Sentence

Jesus prayed, 'Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.' **John 17.11**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth until the end of time; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.



First Reading Acts 1.15-17, 21-26
A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.

Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Hear the word of the Lord, Thanks be to God

Psalm 1

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¹ Blessed are they

who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly:

nor followed the way of sinners,

nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.

² But their delight is in the law of the Lord: and on that law will they ponder day and night.

³ They are like trees planted beside streams of water: that yield their fruit in due season.

⁴ Their leaves also shall not wither:

and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.

⁵ As for the ungodly, it is not so with them: they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.

⁶ Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up at the judgement:

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

⁷ For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.



Second Reading

1 John 5.9-13

A reading from the first letter of John

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

"I will not leave you orphans", says the Lord;
"I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy."

Alleluia!

Gospel John 17.6-19

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.



I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me.

I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.

They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

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Next Sunday's Readings – Sunday 23rd May Day of Pentecost – Living in the Spirit

Acts 1:1-21 Psalm 104:26-36 Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27;16:4b-15

Parish Calendar

Sunday 16th 7:45am Holy Communion, St. Peter's

8:45am Holy Communion, St.Martin's

10:00am Sung Eucharist, St. Peter's (Have-a-go Sunday)

FOLLOW US ON

12 noon Baptism of Bo Roesler, St Peter's

Tue 18th 7:30pm Parish Council

Wed 19th 10:00am Playgroup, St. Peter's

10:00am History Tour through St. Peter's Church

3:00pm Wellbeing Class, St. Peter's

Thu 20th 10:00am Eucharist in St. Michael's Chapel

Fri 21st 10:30am Funeral Richard Forder at St. Peter's

6:00pm Youth Group, St Peter's Community Centre

Sunday 23rd 7:45am Holy Communion, St. Peter's

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

12 noon Baptism of Ryder Dunn, St Peter's

Tue 25th 2:00pm GALS at St. Peter's

Wed 26th 10:00am Playgroup, St Peter's

1:30pm MU, St. Martin's

Thu 27th 10:00am Eucharist in St. Michael's Chapel

PARISH NOTICES

BAPTISM OF BO ROESLER

We welcome Bo Roesler to be baptized at 12 noon. We pray for all her family and friends as Bo is welcomed into the Christian family.

WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST

Please wear red (or something flame-like) to our worship next Sunday for Pentecost. As we inwardly give thanks for the coming of the Holy Spirit and the inspiration it brings to our lives, let's show some outward vibrancy.

PARISH GOLF DAY - BOOK NOW!

Thank you to those who indicated their interest in a game of Ambrose Golf. We have a booked timeslot of 12-12.30pm Saturday 22nd 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.

MOTHER'S UNION

For our next meeting on Wednesday 26th May we have a speaker, James Hill from the Louisa DaCosta Trust, an Anglican Samaritan help organisation. We meet at 1.30 at St Martin's, 45 Hastings Street, Glenelg South. All parishioners are very welcome to join us for the talk and afternoon tea.

PARISH COUNCIL

Meets this Tuesday in the Community Centre at 7:25 for 7:30pm start.

YOUTH GROUP

Meets this Friday in the Community Centre at 6pm, finishing around 8.30-9pm. Be prepared for some great activities and crazy games with the theme of Pentecost. Nnot that Pentecost is crazy!, Dinner will be tacos, followed by dyi icecream sundaes. For more information contact Michele.

GLENELG PARISH MEN'S GROUP - TEN PIN BOWLING NIGHT

Men of the parish you're invited to a ten pin bowling night. **Date: Tuesday, June 1**st **at 7.30pm** Place: Cross Road Bowls Goodwood. Cost: between \$22 and \$25 (depending on your age/concession status) for 2 games.
Coffee afterwards at McDonalds across from the bowling centre.
RSVP: by Sunday May 30th to Rev Andrew or Henry Schafing.

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 hotwater 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.

THE LAUNCH OF 'OPERATION TRACE' - YOU MUST CHECK IN.

Please be aware that we are obliged by law to provide QR codes and paper check-in facilities for our churches and you are obliged to use these. SAPOL has launched Operation Trace, whereby plain clothes police will be checking that this is being done. It is easy to become complacent with this routine, but it is a key strategy in containing an outbreak should one occur. We will also be reviewing our processes to ensure paper records are secure at point of entry and destroyed after the required period. Thank you for your assistance.



FOOD CUPBOARD

Thank you everyone for your continued support of our Food Cupboard. Firstly, our thanks to the Rotary Club of Holdfast Bay for their donations of clothing as part of our Food Cupboard support. Their generosity is warmly received by some of our clients! Still hold off on tinned baked beans and spaghetti for the month of May. Other items are still gratefully received – especially breakfast cereal, long life milk, pasta, rice and pasta sauces.

COMMUNITY FORUM RE SUICIDE PREVENTION NETWORK

The City of Holdfast Bay will be holding a Community Forum to develop a Suicide Prevention Network. The meeting will be held Wednesday, 9th June from 6 - 8.30pm at the ACH Group Stadium, Brighton Rd., Glenelg East, followed by a light supper. Register by phoning Tanya Malins: 0466 544 593 or by using this Eventbrite link: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/city-of-holdfast-bay-community-forum-tickets-151924723939 RSVP Friday 28th May.

REFLECTION - ASCENSION DAY BY MALCOLM GUITE



We saw his light break through the cloud of glory
Whilst we were rooted still in time and place,
As earth became a part of heaven's story
And heaven opened to his human face.
We saw him go and yet we were not parted,
He took us with him to the heart of things,
The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted
Is whole and heaven-centered now, and sings;
Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,
sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight,
Whilst we ourselves become his clouds of witness
And sing the waning darkness into light;
His light in us, and ours in him concealed,
Which all creation waits to see revealed.

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, Tim Went, Yvonne Thomas, Samuel, Trevor Marker, Tommy, Nicky, Jean, Peta, Roberta Steele, James.

RIP Richard Forder, Bishop David McCall

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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.