

# The Anglican Parish of Glenelg

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

# Weekly News & Pew Sheet

# TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2021

**WORSHIP THEME: HOW DO WE LOVE?** 

Welcome to worship today! If you are visiting or new to our church please see the welcome section on the back of this news sheet

## Priest's Reflection - Rev Andrew

Saint Paul in the letter to the Romans says that the commandments are summed up in this law: *love your neighbour as yourself.* He then adds, therefore – *love is the fulfilment of the law.* 



Jesus offers us a simple understanding of living our faith when he summarises all the commandments into just two — Love God and love your neighbour as yourself. This captures the essence of Christianity in action. Is it easy to do? Not always. Michael Leuning wrote a little prayer: "Love one another and you will be happy, its as simple and as difficult as that. There is no other way."

Every day of every week we each face the challenge of how to put the two great commandments into action. One way we have chosen to do this as a parish is to participate in the **Community Visitors**Scheme, where a volunteer visitor is allocated to a resident of a local aged care home and agrees to visit them for an hour a fortnight. A huge thank-you to all those



who already volunteer and make a difference in someone's life. We are currently below our quote of visitors so if there is anyone who would like to volunteer please speak to Hewina. This is love in action.

## **Today's Worship Resources**

#### Sentence

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

Mark 10:29-31

## **Prayer of the Day**

O God, whom to follow is to risk our whole lives: as Ruth and Naomi loved and held to one another, abandoning the ways of the past, so may we also not be divided, but travel together into that strange land where you will lead us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

First Reading Ruth 1:8–18

## A reading from the book of Ruth

Background info: Naomi and her husband, Elimelech, were from Bethlehem but they moved to the country of Moab. Naomi's husband died leaving Naomi with two sons Mahlon and Chilion. They too took Moabite wives, Orpah and Ruth, and they lived in Moab for ten more years when both Mahlon and Chilion died. Naomi decided to return to the land of Judah.

Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth, 'Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.' Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, 'No, we will return with you to your people.'

But Naomi said, 'Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.'

Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So Naomi said, 'See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.'

But Ruth said, 'Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die— there will I

be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!' When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

## Psalm 146:5-12

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5 Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob: whose hope is in the Lord their God,

6 The God who made heaven and earth: the sea, and all that is in them,

7 Who keeps faith for ever:

who deals justice to those that are oppressed.

8 The Lord gives food to the hungry:

and sets the captives free.

9 The Lord gives sight to the blind:

the Lord lifts up those that are bowed down.

10 The Lord loves the righteous:

the Lord cares for the stranger in the land.

11 He upholds the widow and the fatherless:

as for the way of the wicked, he turns it upside down.

12 The Lord shall be king for ever:

your God, O Zion, shall reign through all generations. Praise the Lord.

## **Second Reading**

Hebrews 9:11-14

## A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God



## **Gospel Acclamation**

## Alleluia! Alleluia!

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself, there is no other commandment greater than these.

#### Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 12:28–34

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

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked Jesus, 'Which commandment is the first of all?'



Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'

Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.'

When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Next Sunday's Readings – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – Theme: How shall we give?

Ruth 3:1-5: 4:13-17 Psalm 127 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

## **Parish Calendar**

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 7:45am Holy Communion, St. Peter's

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

10:00am Sung Eucharist & CVS Sunday, St. Peter's (please see insert)

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00am Playgroup

2:00pm Funeral for David Baverstock

7:00pm All Souls Day Service

Thu 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Eucharist in St Michael's Chapel, St Peter's.

11:30am Interment of Norah Jones' ashes

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 7:45am Holy Communion, St. Peter's

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

10:00am JAM, St. Peter's

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Playgroup

Thu 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Eucharist in St Michael's Chapel, St Peter's.

7:00pm Remembrance Day Service, St Michael's Chapel, St Peter's.

Prayer requests for Sunday intercessions can be given to the clergy or through the parish office. Confidential prayers can also be offered by the clergy and a small prayer group.



Kingsley Oakley, Kel Pittman, Rosalie & Phil Brown, Pat Donnelly, Melanie Lyons, Yvonne Thomas, Samuel, Jean, Peta, James, Dawn, Angela Sandstoe, Pat Carter, Kathy and Frank, Cath Brennan, Di Besson, Rod Dingle, Rhys Williams **RIP** David Bayerstock

## **PARISH NOTICES**

#### PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM RENEWAL

This week you should have received an email inviting you to either renew your planned giving pledge (PGP) or begin a new pledge for the coming biennium. If you did not receive this email there are paper copies of the letter and the reply form at churches this morning. There is no doubt these are challenging times for some people, but as a community we have the resources to continue God's ministry here. Please give this your prayerful consideration.

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – THANK YOU**

A big thank you to all those who returned their shoeboxes of love. Thank you to all those who have returned their shoeboxes. We collected 57 in all and these will help make some children's Christmas a little more joyful.

## ALL SOULS DAY SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE - 7:00PM WED 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER

A simple communion service to remember those we love who have died. Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7:00pm at St Peter's. Please add names you would like remembered to the memorial list in the church.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY – 7:00pm Thursday 11<sup>TH</sup> November.

Last year we missed out on the opportunity to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our war memorial chapel of St Michael. This year has also proved difficult, however Parish Council thought it appropriate to mark Remembrance Day with a simple 30 minute service in the chapel followed by a drink.

## **NEXT CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7:00pm in the community centre.

## **LECTIONARIES FOR 2021-2022**

If you are interested in purchasing a new lectionary, please pay \$15 at the Parish Office no later than Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> November.

## **ORCHIDS FOR SALE**

Beautiful cream and deep cream cymbidium orchids, in flower, are available for \$25 from the Parish Office.

## **ANGLICARE TOY DRIVE**

This Christmas AnglicareSA aims to hand out over 1,500 food hampers and gifts to support families and individuals who need some help. Will you donate a toy? Christmas Gift ideas include:

- Football, basketballs or soccer balls
- Tennis & cricket sets
- Lego for girls & boys
- Cars, planes or trains
- Construction sets
- Board games & jigsaws
- Dolls, prams, cradles or tea sets
- Art & craft sets

- batteries for children's toys (AAA, AA, C, D size & 9 volt)
- books & educational toys
- back to school kits –
  pencils, pencil cases,
  textas, back packs
- musical instruments
- remote control toys
- Make-up, nail polish, perfume or aftershave sets

Please leave them <u>unwrapped</u>. Final date for all donations: 5<sup>th</sup> December. Deliver items to St. Peter's. A tax deductible gift can also be made to the 2021 AnglicareSA Christmas Appeal. Visit our website <u>www.anglicaresa.com.au</u> to donate.

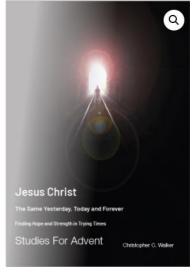
Merry Christmas and thank you for your support!

# ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: JESUS CHRIST, THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER.

Rev'd Michele will be leading Four Advent Bible Studies on Hope and Strength in Trying Times. Wed. 17th & 24th Nov. and Wed. 8th & 15th Dec. from 7.30-9pm and Michele's home in Glengowrie.

We will be using Christopher C. Walker's "Jesus Christ – The Same Yesterday, Today and Forever: Four studies on Hope and Strength in Trying Times."

In Week 1 we explore Trust in God's promises in challenging times. We will consider the set Bible readings, a quote from John Calvin and Karl Barth, learn about Maria Skobtsova, and a hymn "Our God, our help in ages past" by Isaac Watts.



Week 2: Explore being willing to be refined as we endure. We will consider the set Bible readings, a quote from Thomas à Kempis, reflect on Dom Helder Camara's life in Brazil, and a song "Refiner's fire" by Brian Doerksen.

Week 3: Know that the Lord is in your midst. We will consider the set Bible readings, a quote from Mother Teresa, hear about John Hunt's life as a missionary to Fiji, and a song "Be still for the presence of the Lord" by David Evans | Jesus Christ: The Same Yesterday, Today and Forever

Week 4. Look to God's future and follow Jesus' way. We will consider the set Bible readings, a quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Brian McLaren, learn from the life of Lesslie Newbigin, and a Hymn "Lord of Creation" by Jack Winslow.

Please indicate your interest on the sheet by letting Michele know, or emailing the parish office. Books are available from the parish office for \$12. If you'd prefer buy a book and to study at home, you are welcome to buy a book too. Unfortunately this book is not available as an eBook.

## **COMMUNITY VISITORS SCHEME MESSAGE**

The Anglican Parish of Glenelg's Community Visitors Scheme has been busy for about 20 years. Many people have had a hand in creating and continuing this highly beneficial scheme, that is now in the care of the Federal Government – and they do care, just in case you are wondering.



There are many people to thank for supporting this community outreach to those who reside in nearby aged care facilities. For many, that time of moving from one's home to an aged care facility is a time of depression and loneliness. Life has become smaller. One no longer has the same freedoms, space or neighbours. We rely on these treasured facets to give our lives meaning and purpose.

For aged care residents who find themselves in this situation, there are those among us who have given, and still give, their regular time and support to 'visit' these residents regularly – and I use the word 'visit' deliberately. 'Visit' can mean face to face visiting, the best and most popular form of all, but it can also include letters, cards, flowers, phone-calls, even face-time on a computer, phone or iPad. Also many of our visitors say it gets them out of the house and meeting new people and they get as much out of it as they give.

To all of you who have visited through CVS, or are still visiting, my deepest and sincere thanks. You share a ray of sunshine every time you step into your resident's life. You give them joy, even if they don't always say 'thank you' or smile. You give them a purpose for getting up. When you leave, you leave them with a sense of satisfaction and contentment because they had a chance to share some of their life with you. I am sure there is more that can be said about this; however I think I would need to write a book.

I repeat, I am deeply appreciative of your generosity of time and care that you each give, or have given, to your residents in aged care. This is just a small acknowledgement of the life-supporting cheer that you bring into other's lives.

If there is anyone out there who would like to give CVS visiting a go, or would like to learn more please speak to me about it. I also encourage men to consider it as male residents really enjoy having a bloke to talk to. Please give this some thought.

Hewina Jackson – Parish Administration Office and CVS Co-ordinator

## CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS — UPDATED 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER:

Please follow the current SA Health regulations

- 1. Please check-in by QR code or on the slips of paper when attending.
- 2. Masks must be worn indoors for public events and public areas. This applies to worship. However those doing bible readings, intercessions and preaching may remove them when presenting. (ie parish group gatherings on our premises that are not open to the public do not require masks but do require social distancing.)
- 3. Singing can take place but masks must be worn.
- 4. Please maintain 1.5m social distancing where possible.
- 5. Masks may be removed for receiving communion. Please sanitise your hands prior to receiving and observe social distancing when queuing.
- 6. Masks may be removed for morning tea, (must be seated for over 50% capacity)
- 7. Funeral and Wedding capacities have been increased to 150 people.



# CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2021 – WEEKLY UPDATE 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

Opening Night – Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 7-9pm Festival Dates - Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> & Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 11am -4pm; Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 11am-3pm

#### **Christmas Fun Fact**

London has its own arboreal tradition: a huge Christmas Tree in Trafalgar Square. This tree is a thank-you gift from Norway. Every year since 1947, the people of Oslo have selected a 50- to 60-year-old spruce tree to cut down and ship to London as a way of showing gratitude to England for supporting Norway in World War II. The tree is a Norway spruce and is usually more than 20 meters (65 feet) tall and decorated with 500 lights. In turn, Londoners decorate the tree in traditional Norwegian style, with vertical strings of lights descending from the star on top.

#### **Christmas Tree Registrations**

Would you like to decorate a tree but don't have one? We have been able to secure a few "blank' trees for the Festival and need some willing volunteers with decorations, a few ideas and some spare time to transform them! Registration forms are still available at the front office.

#### **Radio Interview**

Tune into Adelaide's Coast FM 88.7 on Wednesday 24th. November to hear Rev. Andrew being interviewed by Rob McLennan about our Festival. Starting time is 10.15am.

#### **Volunteer Lists**

Our sign up sheets for the cake/bake stall, raffle and gift stall are available at the front office. Thank-you to those who have already contributed but we are always happy to receive more.

Keep an eye out for a roster sign up sheet coming soon. We will need as many people as possible to help with set-up days as well as Opening Night and Festival days; we can't do this without you.

#### **Facebook Page**

If you'd like to hear more about the Festival, please join us on our page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/St-Peters-Christmas-Tree-Festival-107550461713007">https://www.facebook.com/St-Peters-Christmas-Tree-Festival-107550461713007</a>

Four weeks and counting.....

If you'd like to help in any way please contact Blake McInnes

stpetersctfestival@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE! TELL YOUR FRIENDS! GET INVOLVED!

It's always great to welcome visitors to our churches at St Peter's, Glenelg and St Martin's, Glenelg South.

At 7:45am (St Peter's) you will need this news sheet and a green prayerbook (p.119). At 8:45am (St Martin's) you will be greeted with a news sheet, prayer & hymnbooks to use. At 10am (St Peter's) you only need this news sheet as the service is on the powerpoint screen.



Feel free to sit anywhere - there are no specially reserved seats.

Toilets are located, at St Peter's, along the passageway, under the projector screen. At St Martin's, they are in the corridor adjacent to the worship space.

Feel free to join in with all aspects of worship as you feel comfortable. Please be aware that visitors are warmly welcome to receive communion with us.

We love to meet new people so you are very welcome to stay for a cuppa after the service, but don't feel bad if you need to get away - there's always next time.

We hope you find inspiration and blessing in your time spent here.

## **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

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The Anglican Parish of Glenela 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.