# The Anglican Parish of Glenelg

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





# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022

WORSHIP THEME: LIFE-GIVING ACTS (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)

# **Priest's Message**

On a post-ordination training trip to Peterborough to learn about country ministry, we visited a sheep farm. The farmer, who had around 30,000 sheep told us that he only saw the sheep four times a year, for dipping, docking, crutching and shearing. "What about lambing?" we asked. "No need" was the response – let only the strong survive otherwise the

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whole flock is weakened. It struck me powerfully how worlds away this sheep farmer was from the  $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$  century Palestinian idea of being a shepherd to a family's flock.

The above photo fits more closely with the Gospel language about shepherding. When Jesus told a story about a farmer who had a hundred sheep that would be have been a rich farmer indeed. All families would have had some sheep and goats and this would've ranged from a handful to a dozen or so. Each animal was individually known and cared for. None was expendable. This helps us put in context the shepherding language of the New Testament. "I know my sheep and they follow me" says Jesus in today's gospel. This represents a reality that his listeners understood in their daily lives.

J.A.Thompson in "The Handbook of Life in Bible Times" says "The shepherd developed a close relationship with his sheep, and had a distinctive call which the sheep could recognise. At a watering place several flocks might mingle together, but each shepherd could extract his own sheep from the rest simply by calling them. Unlike most modern



shepherds, he would lead the sheep from in front rather than drive them from behind." Likewise, Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows each of individually, cares for us and calls us to follow him as he leads the way to safe pastures.

#### **WORSHIP RESOURCES**

#### Sentence

The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from

their eyes. Revelation 7.17

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Gracious God, you sent Jesus,
the good shepherd, to gather us together:
may we not wander from his flock,
but follow wherever he leads us,
listening for his voice and staying near him,
until we are safely in your fold,
to live with you for ever;
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 9.36-43

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

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.

Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So, Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up.

He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

#### Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd:

therefore, can I lack nothing.

2 He will make me lie down in green pastures:

and lead me beside still waters.

3 He will refresh my soul:

and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me

in the face of those who trouble me:

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life:

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



# Second Reading Revelation 7.9-17

### A Reading from the Book of Revelation

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that

knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason, they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! Alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep and my sheep know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 10:22-30

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So, the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.'

Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

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

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## Readings for Fifth Sunday of Easter: 15<sup>th</sup> May: Boundary Breaking (Volunteer Sunday)

Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31–35

#### PRAYER REQUESTS – PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

Prayer requests for Sunday intercessions can be given to the clergy or 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, Peta, Pat Carter, Di Besson, Paris D'Souza, Joanna Muspratt, Jennifer Elbe, Jim, Matthew, Krissa Buhain, Andrea, Rosie, Jeff, Janine and Beryl.

#### **Parish Calendar**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 7:45am Eucharist at St Peter's Mother's Day 8:45am Eucharist at St Martin's

10:00am Sung Eucharist, baptism of Xavier & Dakota, St Peter's

12:00pm Private baptism at St Peter's postponed

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Playgroup

Thu 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Eucharist at St Peter's

7:30pm Lenten/Easter study at Rev'd Michele's

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Pest inspection of parish properties

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 7:45am Eucharist at St Peter's

(Volunteers) 8:45am Healing Service at St Martin's

10:00am Have-a-go-Musicians & Volunteer Sunday, St. Peter's

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Parish Council meeting

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Playgroup

2:00pm Wellbeing Class

Thu 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Eucharist at St Peter's

7:30pm Lenten/Easter study at Rev'd Michele's

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:45am Eucharist at St Peter's

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

12:00noon rescheduled Baptism at St Peter's

#### PARISH NOTICES

#### **BAPTISMS**

We welcome the family and friends of Xavier and Dakota Stone, as they are baptised during the 10am service this Sunday. Please pray for Xavier and Dakota, their parents and godparents as we welcome them into our family of faith.

#### **HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY**

Happy Mothers' Day to all the mums, grandmothers, godmothers, stepmothers and mother-figures in our community. As we give thanks for the gifts of life and love received from our own mothers may you each have a blessed day.

#### SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ST PETER'S PLAYGROUP - TERM 2

Our playgroup is one of the lovely ministries of this parish. It runs Wednesday 10:00-11:30am, during school term time, in the St Peter's Community Centre. If you know of anyone with pre-school aged children please let them know that this is on. Cost is \$5 per family per session to pay for craft material and equipment.

#### VOLUNTEER SUNDAY – 15<sup>™</sup> May 2022

National Volunteer Week, from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers. As a way of celebrating all the wonderful volunteers in our parish we will be making that a special theme of our service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Please come along to be part of the thanksgiving.

#### **CONCLUSION OF LENTEN STUDY**

Lenten study participants agreed they would like to finish the final three chapters of ABM Repairing the Breach Lenten study. We'll look at the readings from Lent 5 and Passion/Palm Sunday. The study group meets at Rev'd Michele's at 7.30pm for Thursday 12th & 19th May.

#### CELEBRATING HEALTH AND WELFARE CHAPLAINCY

The diocese has been focussing on a celebration of Health and Welfare Chaplaincy during the month of May. There will be a celebratory choral evensong in St Peter's Cathedral **6:00pm Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May** followed by a supper. This is a good chance to get to know all the Health and Welfare Chaplains in the diocese.

#### CAN YOU HELP OUR PARISH FOOD CUPBOARD?

Thank you so much for the donations already given to our Emergency food pantry. We also expect another donation from the Holdfast Rotary Club soon. If you are looking for ideas for further food donations, the following items are still needed.

- Weetbix (small or medium boxes)
- Long life cow's milk
- Biscuits (sweet or savoury)
- Small containers of preserved fruit
- Pasta sauces and pasta
- Tinned vegetables
- Packets of soup or noodles
- Tinned stews
- Tea, coffee and sugar



#### **COPIES OF LUKE-ACTS LENTEN REFLECTIONS**

The printed copies of the daily Lenten reflections on Luke-Acts disappeared quickly so more have been printed if anyone wants a copy. Also copies of the Good Friday service are available at St Peter's which include coloured stations.

#### HYMN FEST AT ST MICHAEL'S MITCHAM

As part of their Sunday Sacred Space services, St Michael's Mitcham is having a Hymn Fest on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 5-6pm. See poster on noticeboard for details.

# **JOAN CHITTISTER OSB, THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Joan, a Benedictine Sister from Erie, Pennsylvania, is a best-selling author and lecturer on topics of justice, peace, human rights, women's issues and contemporary spirituality. She will be delivering the Janette Gray Memorial Lecture at the Adelaide Town Hall. Tickets are \$25 each, available through Ticketek.

#### **UPDATED EASING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS**

**Checking in** – no longer required to Check-in for services and events.

**Masks** - We are <u>no longer mandated</u> to wear masks although if you choose to wear them in worship or other crowded settings that is perfectly acceptable as well.

**Hospitality** – <u>all restrictions removed</u> as long as good infection control is in place. **Singing** – all restrictions eased.

Physical distancing – recommended but not required

**COVID-safe plans** – We are still required to have a COVID safe plan. Current plans continue to be displayed at the entrances of both churches.

**COVID Marshals** –COVID marshals are no longer required for our events **Communion** – Continuing as is for the time being.

**Baptisms** – continue as is with no shared water for multiple baptisms.

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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 deductible): 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 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.