



The Anglican Parish of Glenelg

*a vibrant, welcoming and inclusive community
growing in faith and love.*

Weekly News & Pew Sheet



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 28TH APRIL 2024

WORSHIP THEME: BELOVED, BE LOVED, BE LOVE

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Parish Priest's Message

As we move through the season of Easter, the emphasis of the Sunday readings begins to shift away from the resurrection appearance accounts to instruction on how Jesus' followers are now to live without his physical presence with them.

The next three Sundays are all instructional about the nature of relationships between believers. This provides an important foundation for the coming of the Holy Spirit – the one who brings unity, peace and power.

In today's Gospel we hear the image of the vine and our organic connection with Jesus and one another [John 15:1-8]; next week we hear the commandment to love one another even to the point of sacrifice [John 15:9-17]; and the following week we have Jesus' prayer for unity amongst all believers [John 17:6-19]. The teaching in this for us is to understand our connection with Jesus and the implications for our lives and our community life.

The beautiful image of the vine in John's Gospel and the image of the body in St Paul's writings [1 Corinthians 12:12-31] are really crucial texts for understanding how Christians are to relate. In the Western world, our wealth and our powers of self-determination mean we are not so desperately dependent on one another as these texts intend nor as Christians in different times and places have had to be. Perhaps that is a reason why Christianity is diminishing in wealthier countries and growing rapidly in poorer ones. The radicalness of the Christian faith is that we are all crucially linked as brothers and sisters in Christ, children of the one God, all members of the vine, all members of the one body. It is an incredible and radical belief that we are still trying to live up to.



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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- 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.
- ³⁰ 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.

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!

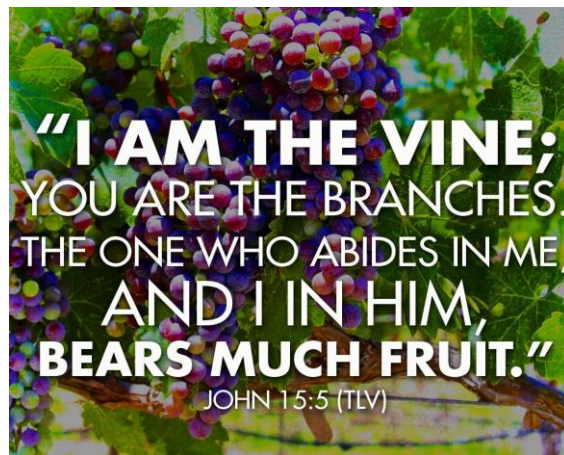
Gospel

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 5th May
Sixth Sunday of Easter – The Joy and Sacrifice of Love

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

Please pray for them

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, Pat Donnelly, Samuel, Di Besson, Peta, Pam & John Court, Paula Medway, Brian Goode, Pat Beggs, Emily, James and Liz.

RIP Betty Mintern

PARISH CALENDAR



Sun 28th

7:45am Holy Communion at St Peter's
8:45am Holy Communion at St Martin's
10:00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's
5:00pm Ukulele Church in the Community Centre

Tue 30th

GALs morning tea and tour of Cummins House

Wed 1st May

10:00am-11:30am Playgroup resumes in the Community Centre

Thu 2nd

10:00am Eucharist in the chapel at St Peter's

Sun 5th

7:45am Holy Communion at St Peter's
8:45am Holy Communion at St Martin's
10:00am All-Age Family Eucharist at St Peter's

Mon 6th-Wed 8th

Diocesan Clergy Conference for Rev. Tracey and Rev. Andrew

Wed 8th

10:00am-11:30am Playgroup in the Community Centre

Thu 9th

10:00am Eucharist in the chapel at St Peter's

Sun 12th

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

CLERGY CONFERENCE

Rev. Andrew and Rev. Tracey will be away attending the clergy conference from Monday 6th to Wednesday 8th May. The focus will be on leadership with the keynote speaker being Professor Albert Haddad from the University of Divinity.

MEMORIAL GARDEN LANDSCAPING

It's exciting to see the progress being made on the new memorial garden. This should be finished by the end of May. We are continuing to work on the new terms and conditions for the memorial garden and hope to have that completed soon. For further information speak to Rev. Andrew or Jade in the parish office.

THANK-YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

In this **National Volunteers Week (20th -26th May)** it is a great time to say a huge **"Thank-you"** to all members of the parish for your volunteering in so many forms, both within the parish and in your Christian service beyond it. May God bless you and our Christian community.

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR CONDOLENCES

Thank-you to all those who have expressed condolences to me and my family following the death of my mother, Betty. We will be gathering for her funeral at St Columba's Hawthorn, this Tuesday 30th April at 2:30pm. – **Rev. Andrew**

ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION – FUNDRAISER SHIRAZ

ABM's Encounter Program will support a priest from PNG visiting Adelaide to learn about useful approaches and resources to take home to churches back in PNG. The Encounter Shiraz is a fundraiser towards this project. The cost is \$160/dozen and order forms are available at church or you can order via the QR code supplied here. Orders can only be made by the dozen so if you want a smaller amount consider finding two or three others to share an order with you.



ABM AFTERNOON TEA

There will be an afternoon tea at the Cynthia Poulton Hall at St Peter's Cathedral on **Sunday the 28th of April** from **4.30 pm** to meet with ABM staff, Meagan Schwarz and Robert McLean, and hear updates of the work of ABM with its partners. Following afternoon tea, Robert will be the ABM speaker at St Peter's Cathedral at Evensong, starting at 6 pm. You are warmly invited to attend Evensong as well.

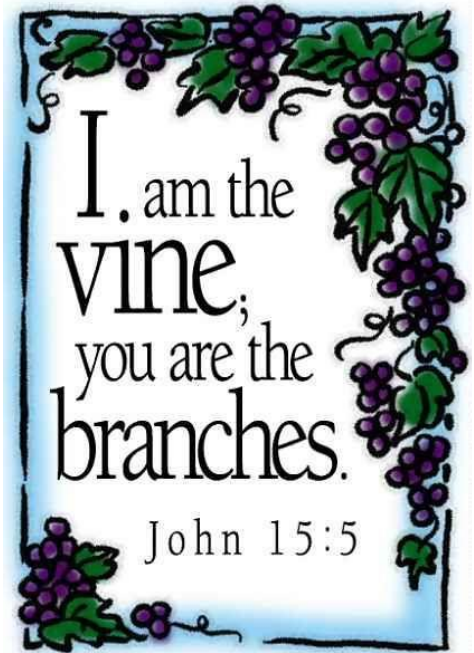
SA CHURCH HISTORY NETWORK DAY CONFERENCE PARADISE OF DISSENT REVISITED

Saturday 4th May 9:00am-5:00pm at the Church of the Trinity, 318 Goodwood Road, Clarence Park. Cost \$30. For conference details and presenters. Please take one of the flyers at church if you are interested.

I am the Vine: A Sonnet

By Malcolm Guite - based on John 15:5

How might it feel to be part of the vine?
 Not just to see the vineyard from afar
 Or even pluck the clusters, press the wine,
 But to be grafted in, to feel the stir
 Of inward sap that rises from our root,
 Himself deep planted in the ground of Love,
 To feel a leaf unfold a tender shoot,
 As tendrils curled unfurl, as branches give
 A little to the swelling of the grape,
 In gradual perfection, round and full,
 To bear within oneself the joy and hope
 Of God's good vintage, till it's ripe and whole.
 What might it mean to bide and to abide
 In such rich love as makes the poor heart glad?



WORDSEARCH FOR TODAY

P	L	E	N	W	T	E	Y	E	P	VINE	BRANCH	FRUIT	PRUNES
Y	O	G	O	E	N	U	R	P	S	WORD	HOME	PLENTY	THROWN
T	L	R	N	T	H	R	O	W	N	FIRE	BURNT	GLORY	DISCIPLES
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WELCOME MESSAGE TO VISITORS TO ST PETER'S AND ST MARTIN'S

We aspire to be a *vibrant, welcoming and inclusive community growing in faith and love*. By growing in discipleship and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ; Building strong community connections within and beyond our church; Advocating and working together for Gospel-based justice; and Caring for creation and for each other.

7:45am at St Peter's you will be greeted with this news Sheet. A green prayerbook is found in the pews (p.119).

8:45am at St Martin's you will be greeted with a news sheet, prayerbook (p.119) and hymnbook to use.

10am at St Peter's you will be greeted with a news sheet and the service can be followed 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 annex adjacent the worship space.

Please join in with all aspects of worship as you feel comfortable. Be assured 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.



HOW TO DONATE TO OUR PARISH MINISTRY

Regular Planned Giving can be directed to Parish of Glenelg (AFSA) BSB 705-077 Account Number 00041211 (please use your surname and initial e.g. 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 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.

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