



The Anglican Parish of Glenelg

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

Weekly News & Pew Sheet



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 5TH MAY 2024

WORSHIP THEME: THE JOY AND SACRIFICE OF LOVE

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Parish Priest's Message

The Gospel reading leaves us in no doubt how important love is in the teaching of Jesus. The word *love* is repeated eight times in just the first five verses. The Gospel reading then stresses the importance of friendship and being chosen to bear good fruit, before finishing by stressing again the foundation of love: *"I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another"* [15:17].



After two thousand years of Christianity it is hard for us to grasp how radical the Christian use of the word *agape* was when speaking of God's love for us and our love for one another. You have probably heard preachers speak about the different Greek words for love: *Eros* (sexual passion); *Philia* (deep friendship); *Ludus* (playful love); *Agape* (love for everyone); *Pragma* (longstanding love); *Philautia* (love of the self); *Storge* (family love); *Mania* (obsessive love). Our passage today emphasizes *agape* and that this love then leads to the love of friendship (*philia*).

In the midst of a Greek culture where the gods were seen as exercising power and control over people, the Christian idea of a God who loved unconditionally and would come to earth in vulnerability to give his life on a cross, seemed ludicrous. Yet this is the foundation of our faith – that as our God exemplifies self-giving love, so we are called to live in this love and show this love to others. In doing so we are bearing the fruit of the Kingdom – fruit that will last.

WORSHIP RESOURCES FOR TODAY

Sentence

Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you.

And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.' **John 15.16**

Prayer of the Day

Loving God,
your Son has chosen us and called us to be his friends:
give us grace to keep his commandments, to love one another,
and to bear fruit which will abide; through him who is the true vine,
the source of all our life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

First Reading

Acts 10.44-48

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The Jewish believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

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- ¹ O sing to the Lord a new song:
for he has done marvellous things;
- ² His right hand and his holy arm:
they have got him the victory.
- ³ The Lord has made known his salvation:
he has revealed his just deliverance
in the sight of the nations.
- ⁴ He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel:



and all the ends of the earth
have seen the salvation of our God.
⁵ Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth:
break into singing and make melody.
⁶ Make melody to the Lord upon the harp:
upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.
⁷ With trumpets and with horns:
cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.
⁸ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
the good earth and those who live upon it.
⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands:
and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord;
¹⁰ For he comes to judge the earth:
he shall judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of John

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?



This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**
I appointed you to go and bear fruit,
fruit that will last.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15.9-17

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.



'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Next Sunday's Readings – Sunday 12th May
Sunday After Ascension (Easter 7) – Passing on the Baton

Acts 1:15–17, 21–26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9–13 John 17:6–19

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, Emily, James and Liz.
RIP Edna Baker

PARISH CALENDAR



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 12:00pm Interment - Joan Sibly
Mon 6 th -Wed 8 th	Diocesan Clergy Conference for Rev. Tracey and Rev. Andrew
Wed 8 th	10:00am-11:30am Playgroup in the Community Centre
Thu 9 th	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
Wed 15 th	10:00am-11:30am Playgroup in the Community Centre 7:00pm Parish Men's Group – Dinner at the Broadway.
Thu 16 th	10:00am Eucharist in the chapel at St Peter's
Sun 19th	7:45am Holy Communion at St Peter's 8:45am Holy Communion and Healing Service 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.

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.



PARISH MEN'S GROUP – PUB MEAL

Our Parish Men's Group will meet for a pub meal at the Broadway hotel on **Wednesday 15th May at 7:00pm**. This is open to men of the parish who would like to attend. **Please RSVP to Rev. Andrew or Ian Pearce** if you would like to come. This will be an informal catch-up but we will also discuss the idea we had last year to have some sort of a project for the year to support a charity or a cause in some way. Feel free to bring your ideas along for discussion.

PENTECOST NEWSLETTER COMING SOON

We will be putting a Parish Newsletter together in the coming fortnight. If you have any photos or stories from your parish groups or activities to include, please forward them to Jade in the parish office. Thank you.

DEANERY LUNCHEON

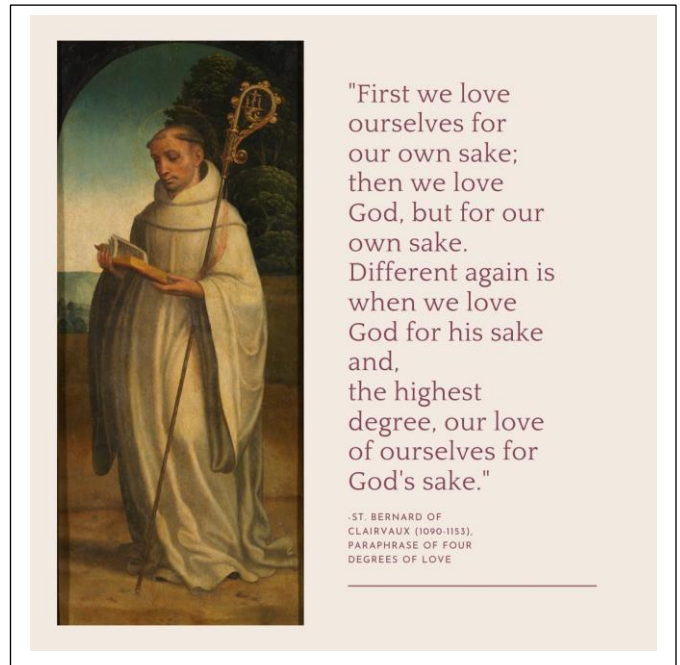
An invitation to join parishioners of Saint Francis Anglican Church, Clarence Gardens for a social event. Friday 17th May 11:30am for 12noon Maid of Auckland Hotel, 926 South Road Edwardstown – in a private room. Guest speaker: Michael Hillier will give an illustrated talk concerning older people and their spiritual journey, pointing out some of the things we need to confront, deal with and resolve as we age RSVP by 13th May to Malcolm Sweet malcanne@bigpond.net.au or mob. 0416 221 148

Reflection on St Bernard of Clairvaux

St Bernard is depicted in one of the stained glass windows in St Peter's on the northern side of the church. The article that precedes this reflection can be found at the following website. <https://renovare.org/articles/four-degrees-of-love>

If anyone deserves to stand beside St. John as an “apostle of love,” it has to be Bernard. He wrote some eighty-six sermons on the Song of Solomon as an allegory of divine/human love. His beautiful hymn, “Jesus the Very Thought of Thee,” reverberates with the language of divine love.

*O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek;
To those who fall, how kind thou art!
How good to those who seek!
But what to those who find?
Ah, this no tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is
None but His loved ones know.*



How very appropriate of Bernard to remind us of the centrality of love. We so easily elevate other things to the place of first importance: our big budgets and impressive buildings, our dedicated service to the world, our doctrinal eccentricities. But Bernard cuts through all our ego-strutting activity and calls us again to love God in purity of heart, in sincerity of soul, in holiness of life.

—Richard J. Foster

A Prayer by St Bernard

I will love you, O Lord my strength, my stony rock and my defence, my saviour, my one desire and love. My God, my helper, I will love you with all the power you have given me; not as much as you deserve to be loved, for that can never be, but as much as I am able to. Whatever I do, I never can discharge my debt to you, and I can love you only according to the power that you have given me. The more power to love you give me, the more I will love you; yet never, never, can I love you as much as you should be loved.

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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