



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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*A caring community of Christ worshipping God, engaging the community and building connections
between people of all ages and cultures.*

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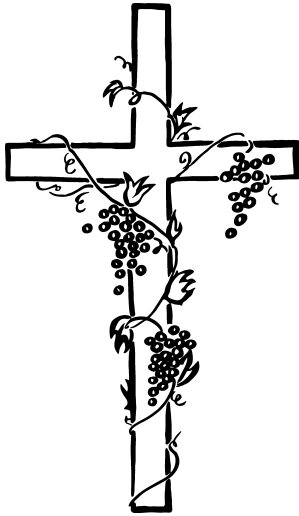
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Fifth Sunday of Easter



Anzac Prayer

O God, our ruler and guide,
in whose hands are the destinies of this
and every nation,
we give you thanks for the freedoms we
enjoy in this land
and for those who laid down their lives to
defend them:

We pray that we and all the people of
Australia,
gratefully remembering their courage and
their sacrifice,
may have grace to live in a spirit of justice,
of generosity, and of peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect

God,
you sent your Son into the world
that we might live through him.
May we abide in his risen life
so that we may bear the fruit
of love for one another
and know the fullness of joy.
Amen.

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Hymns:	392	217	178	'Let us build a house'
Psalm:	22.26-32			

READINGS

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.)²⁷ 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 worship²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.'³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?'³¹ He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.³² 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.'³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?'³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.³⁶ 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?'³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Psalm 22.26-29

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.

1 John 4.7-21

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

John 15.1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹ 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

HYMNS

Let Us Build A House

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome ...

3. Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space,
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome ...

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome ...

5. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome ..

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NOTICES AND PARISH NEWS

FAREWELL TO GAIL

Today we say farewell to Rev Gail Bryce. Gail has been a wonderful support to Rachel and to the 8am congregation in particular as well as her pastoral work in the parish. It is hoped that Gail will return to us in August.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 11 May Maling Rd Cake Stall
Details to follow.

BOROONDARA FOOD DRIVE

On 4 May there is a Boroondara Food drive. We have been given 100 bags to fill with non-perishable provisions. Food will be distributed to agencies that provide food relief in Boroondara and beyond. The bags will be handed out at church. Please return them by 5 May.

ROSTERS

**This Week: Fifth Sunday
of Easter**

**Next Week: Sixth Sunday of
Easter**

8am

Sidesperson	Bruce Brown	Bruce Brown
Reader	Bruce Brown	Bruce Brown
Liturgical Asst	Steven Wong	Steven Wong
Flowers	Anne Harding	Leigh Etheridge

10am

Sidesperson	Anne Harding	Liz Olie
	Gail White	Margaret Irvine
Reader	Kesta Fleming	Alicenne Stevens
Intercessor	Allan Smith	Julie Houghton
Liturgical Asst	Hamish White	Ross Fishburn
Refreshments	Sung Hee Moon	Gail White
	Heather Rundle	Susie Calwell

FOOD DONATIONS

Please remember those in need in our local community. You can bring non-perishables and toiletry items. Money donations ph 1800 809 722; or online at anglicarevic.org.au/donation/, then in "What Prompted" box, select "Mission House".

CHILD SAFE: We take children's safety seriously at St Paul's. If you have any concerns as to the safety of a child in the parish please see the vicar, the safe ministry officer; Margaret Irvine, or one of the wardens; John de Araugo, Andrew Flint and Bruce Brown.

ST PAUL'S DIRECT DEBIT:

St Paul's Anglican Church Canterbury
BSB 633 000
A/C 119 199 941.

PEW SHEET NOTICES: Please ensure notices for the pew sheet are in the office by 5pm on Wednesday. Thank you!

NOTICES OF THE DAY

Welcome to worship and our faith community.

Prayer Points:

We give thanks for

- God's deep abiding love.

We pray for

- those who served in times of war and their families
- those recovering from the earthquake in Taiwan,
- Sudan and Jordan enduring famine,
- peace in our world, for the people of Ukraine, of Russia and leaders of the world and the UN,
- an openness to listen to the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people,
- the church to abide in you and reveal your love in action,
- grace to be a loving, caring and accepting church,
- the healing of our planet,
- wise response to climate change,
- grace to bear fruit of love.

Parish Council Members for 2024:

Parish Council - Geoff Hannan, Sue Wuttke, Diana Murray, and Barrie O'Shea

Wardens - John de Araugo, Andrew Flint and Bruce Brown

Please keep our parish councillors and wardens in your prayers.

We give thanks for the lives of:

Myra Loughlin	12 April 2024
Barbara Louise Peddlesden	29 April 1989
Hilary Chapman	29 April 2017
Maggie (Margaret) Moore	May 2015
Dorothy Mary Blanch	3 May 1980
Ronald Edward Lyth	3 May 1999
Rosemary Elizabeth Coleman	4 May 2004

We pray for those in need:

- Gwenda;
- Narelle;
- Bryan B;
- Warwick;
- Margaret C
- Simon
- Diana
- Pat A
- Robert
- Steven
- Barbara, Bob & family;
- Jill B
- Tom & Gill
- Trish C
- Annie
- Lance, Lavina & family
- Miff
- Geoff W

*We pray for those in need as a community for **four weeks**. If you would like our prayers to continue for another month, please contact the office.*

A Parish Prayer for St Paul's:

Renew in us, O God, the zeal of your love. Let our parish come alive with the power of your Spirit. Where we have failed, forgive us. Where we have persevered, encourage us. When we are in doubt, direct us. Help us to see new opportunities for witness and service. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for the worldwide Church:

- St Paul's Kindergarten staff, children and parents;
- St Thomas' Moonee Ponds (Vanessa Bennett);
- The Diocese of Willochra (Bp Jeremy James, Clergy & People);
- SparkLit (Michael Collie, National Director);
- The Church of Bangladesh (Bp Samuel Sunil Mankin);
- St Dominic's Catholic (Rev Father Paul Rowse OP).

Parish Events for the Week

This Sunday

8.00am

10.00am

28 APRIL: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Eucharist

Sung Eucharist

Monday 29

Catherine of Siena, spiritual teacher (d. 1380)

Tuesday 30

Wednesday 1

10.00am

5.00pm

PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES AND MARTYRS

Eucharist

Meditation

Thursday 2

Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, teacher (d. 373)

ANZAC DAY Public Holiday

Friday 3

Rachel's Day Off

Saturday 4

Next Sunday

8.00am

10.00am

5 MAY: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Eucharist

Sung Eucharist

Next Week's Readings: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10.44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5.1-12

John 15.9-17