



St Paul's Anglican Church

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

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6th July, 2014

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us; yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymns: 517 472 665 571

Setting: Dudman

Anthem: *"Be thou my vision"* Chilcott (solo: Andrew Ham)

Postlude: *"Sun dance"* Chilcott

Notices of the Day

Welcome to worship and to our St. Paul's faith community.



If you are new, we hope you enjoy being a part of this community of faith in worship. Please join us for a cuppa in the Parish Centre after the service.

We would like to thank the Rev'd Jenny Sumpter for her ministry as our Locum Priest while Susanne is away.

Prayer Corner

"Great Spirit, we remember the land and its first people with respect and dignity. May we live in harmony with all those who share this sacred earth and be thankful. Amen."

We pray for the World:

- The Church of Pakistan
- Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia
- Hume Anglican Grammar School
- Lorne Anglican Uniting Church
- Wonga Park Parish
- Church of the Resurrection, Macedon
- St George's Red Hill
- East Camberwell Baptist

We pray for the worldwide Church:

- The worsening outbreak of the Ebola virus in West Africa
- The children of Palestine and Israel
- The safe passage and just treatment for all refugees

We pray for ourselves & Community:

Ever-present God, take care of all who travel by land, water or air; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them safely back home. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We give thanks for our local community of which St Paul's is very much a part.

We pray for those in need

- David Chambers
- Joan Harrington-Johnson
- Alex Gosden
- Hayley Dickson
- Helen's family - Anne and lens Shaw and Susan Shaw
- Susanne Chambers
- Pauline Murray
- Geoff and June Davenport
- Bishop John Bayton



We give thanks for the life of:

- Gay Vandelleur Tolhurst 8th July 1988
- Alexander John Farthing 9th July 1997

Notice Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Parish Events for the Week

THIS SUNDAY 6TH JULY: FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8.00am Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre

MONDAY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
9.00-10.00am Little Footy Tackers, Hall

TUESDAY
9.30am-12.00pm Archives Group, Parish Centre, Upper Room
7.30– 9.30pm Parish Council, Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY
10.00am Eucharist followed by morning tea, Parish Centre
5.00-5.30pm Wednesdays @ 5 (Meditation) in the Church
7.00-9.00pm Tae Kwon Do, Hall

THURSDAY
9.00am-12.30pm Gillian in Office

FRIDAY LAST DAY OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
9.00am-12.30pm Gillian in Office
5.00-9.00pm Aust. Youth Choir Practice, Church, Parish Centre, Hall

SATURDAY

NEXT SUNDAY 13TH JULY: FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8.00am Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JULY:

15th Tuesday Circle
 MSG
 Caritas
19th Youth Group
26th St Paul's Trivia Night



Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67

So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son." 'I came today to the spring, and said, "O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also' - let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son." 'Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.' And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.' Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Next week's readings:

Genesis 25.19-34 Ps 119.105-102 Romans 8.1-11 Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

Psalm 45.10-17

Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear; forget your people and your father's house, and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him; the people of Tyre will seek your favour with gifts, the richest of the people with all kinds of wealth. The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes; in many-coloured robes she is led to the king; behind her the virgins, her companions, follow. With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king. In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons; you will make them princes in all the earth. I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations; therefore the peoples will praise you for ever and ever.

Romans 7.14-25

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Matthew 11.15-19, 25-30

Let anyone with ears listen! 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.' At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

NOTICES

SUSANNE ON LEAVE:

Susanne is home and taking things gently. We pray for her continuing recovery and look forward to her return.

PROGRESS WITH CUSHIONS FOR THE PEWS: TRY THEM OUT!

More than half the cushions have been completed for the nave. We do need to purchase more material if we are to complete cushions for all the pews in the church; the choir would like new cushions as the old ones on their pews are really worn out. However we do need more money if we are to do these extra cushions. Susan Hollingdale is kindly collecting the money and keeping account of it - please make sure you give your contribution to Susan as soon as possible so that we can finalise just how many more cushions we can do. It will be wise to get the rest of the material we need quickly before it is sold out.

Thank you for your help.

The Cushion Team

ROSTERS:

Would those involved in the Lay Participation Roster please let Ruth Hudnott know of any dates they will be unavailable from July 27 to October 5 inclusive. The new roster will be drawn up on July 15.

If anyone is interested in joining the roster please talk to Ruth after church or call her on 9830 4665.

TRIVIA NIGHT: SATURDAY 26TH JULY

Save this date - it is going to be an awesome event and planning is well underway!

MONSTER SALE: JULY AND AUGUST

20% off all second-hand books and CDs at New Life Books and Archaeology Inc. This recycling bookshop is organised and staffed by volunteers as an aid to members of the public and to Christian missions, Park and enter at rear of 44 Dublin Road, Ringwood East.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 10am-2pm; Thursdays 9am-4pm

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION:

A **Service of Reconciliation** will take place at Easter next year, 5th April 2015. This has been approved by Vestry to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the dedication of St. Paul's (this brick church we worship in!) If you are interested in exploring the history and traditions of our indigenous brothers and sisters who are the traditional custodians of the land on which our church stands, please see Susanne (on her return!)

SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday afternoon August 31st (3.00 pm) there will be a recital at St Paul's featuring flautist Bronte Hudnott and guitarist Andrey Lebedev. Bronte has been a member of this parish since she was a girl and met Andrey while undertaking their Masters degrees at the Royal Academy of Music in London. Flyers will be available in July.



Agnus Dei

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Jesus, Lamb of God,, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

St. Paul's Ministry Teams

This Week's Ministry Team
6th July Fourth Sunday after
Pentecost

10.00 a.m. Service

8.00 a.m. Service

Sidesperson Di Gurney
Reader Rosemary O'Shea
Liturgical Asst Steven Wong

Flowers Leigh Etheridge
Brass Sue Taylor

Sidespersons Carole & Jim McCormick
Reader Jill Bales
Intercessor Miles Green
Welcomer ALL
Liturgical Asst Jeffery Sheen
Server Hamish Lord
Refreshments Winifred Nahed & Laura Dean
Coll. Counters Liz Ollie & Jenifer McKenzie

Next Week's Ministry Team
13th July Fifth Sunday after
Pentecost

10.00 a.m. Service

8.00 a.m. Service

Sidesperson Bruce Brown
Reader Bruce Brown
Liturgical Asst Jacqui Smith

Flowers Susan Hollingdale
Brass

Sidespersons Lois Latimer & Ruth Hudnott
Reader Lois Latimer
Intercessor Debbie Riley
Welcomer ALL
Liturgical Asst Mark Lamb
Server Tom Lambert
Refreshments Heather Rundle & Gill Lambert
Coll. Counters Chris Hudnott & Iona Christianson

Copies of full rosters are available in the Narthex.



LIGHTING A CANDLE

Did you know...?

If you light a candle and say a prayer during church on Sunday, your prayer continues all week.

Candles that are lit on Sunday mornings are relit at morning and evening prayer each day, and during the Wednesday Eucharist and Meditation services.

The people you pray for today will be held up to God in prayer throughout the week.

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