



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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3rd May 2015

Fifth Sunday of Easter



by Lawrence OP

Prayer of the Day:

God of deep soil and luxuriant growth; you call us from our shallow selves to find our depth in you: may we abide in him alone who can teach us who we are; through Jesus Christ, the true vine.

Amen.

Hymns: 153 691 534 258

Setting: Matthias

Psalm 22.26-32 (APBA p243)

Anthems:

Postlude: *Point d'Orgue sur les Grands Jeux* by Nicholas de Grigny

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.

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."

Our locum organist is Chris Riley.

We pray for the World:

Pray for peace and understanding

- Please pray for the people of Nepal as the long journey of healing begins
- Please pray for peace and understanding in our world
- Please pray for God's wisdom to guide the leaders of the nations

We pray for the worldwide Church:

- Diocese of Ngbo
- The Diocese of Rockhampton
- Victorian Council of Churches
- St Paul's Caulfield
- St Paul's Cathedral - Korowa Anglican Girl's School
- Altona/Laverton Parish
- St John the Divine Croydon
- East Camberwell Baptist

A Parish Prayer for our discernment of our vision and mission here at 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 give thanks for our local community

We pray for those in need:

- David Chambers
- Joan Harrington-Johnson
- Hayley Dickson
- Helen's family - Anne and lens Shaw
- Maggie
- Bob Thompson
- Helen
- Heather Rundle
- Margaret Clausen



We give thanks for the life of:

- Dorothy May Blanch 3rd May 1980
- Ronald Edward Lyth 3rd May 1999
- Rosemary Elizabeth Coleman 4th May 2004

Notice Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Parish Events for the Week

THIS SUNDAY 3RD MAY: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre
We welcome the return of our Choir from their break

Monday 4th SUSANNE'S SABBATH
3.30-9.00pm Ceberano Martial Arts, Hall

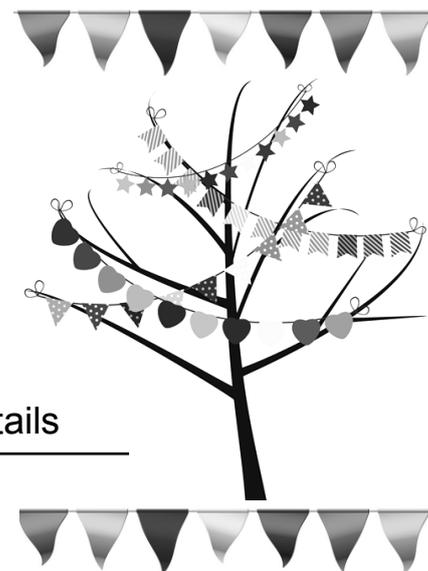
Tuesday 5th
10.30am-12.00pm Women's Group, Parish Centre
4.00-5.00pm Ballet, Hall
7.00pm MSC, Men's Spirituality Group, Parish Centre

Wednesday 6th
9.00-11.00am Kinder Dance, Hall
10.00am Eucharist followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre
4.30-6.30pm Ballet, Hall
5.00-6.00pm Meditation
7.00-9.00pm Taekwondo, Hall

Thursday 7th
3.30-9.30pm Ceberano Martial Arts, Hall
7.30-9.30 Choir Practice, Church

Friday 8th May
9.00-10.00am Tiny Tutus, Hall
1.00-3.00pm Dave Csinos, St Michael & St Lukes's,
please see last week's pewsheet for details

Saturday 9th
9.30-3.00am St Paul's Fair and Market



NEXT SUNDAY 10TH MAY: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MOTHER'S DAY

8.00am Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MAY:

12th Parish Council
19th Women's Group, MSG
Caritas, Dr Barbara Fry, "The Lindisfarne Gospels"
24th Concert - Musical Society of Victoria

NAME BADGES

If you have a name badge, please remember to wear it, as it can be of help to those of the congregation who have trouble remembering names.

If you would like a badge, please fill out a form in the Narthex, or see Margaret Irvine.

If this is your first badge, it is free. Replacements at a cost of \$7.00

READINGS AND THE PSALM

Acts 8.26-40

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. 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. 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 22.26-32

(APBA p243 - Said Psalm)

1.John 4.7-21

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.

John 15.1-8

'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.

Keep in your prayers: Time of listening for seeds of hope:

We invite you to continue in discussions around the future of St Paul's.

Prayers of Dedication:

We long to be a Parish that is fully alive with You, O Christ, at the centre. Inspired with this hope we pray.

Response: *Spirit of Jesus, You make all things new; renew our hearts and bind us together.*

Mission House

Please help those in need by picking up something extra when you are shopping. Mission House distribute food to those in need, and are especially in need of the following items: rice, 2-minute noodles, long life milk, sweet biscuits, small honey, jam, vegemite, peanut butter, tinned vegetables, baby formula and baby food, personal toiletries. Thank you!



Next week's readings:

Acts 10.44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5.1-12 John 15.9-17

NOTICES

PLEASE CHECK THE NOTICE BOARD FOR A FULL SET OF NOTICES AND FURTHER INFORMATION.

ST PAUL'S KINDERGARTEN HAS A NEW DIRECTOR:

We warmly welcome Toulia Poulakis to the role of Director/teacher. Toulia has 25 years teaching and leadership experience. She will begin with us on Friday 1st May. Susanne will commission Toulia at a date to be confirmed.



YOUTH GROUP:

The Youth Group has been in remission since the end of 2014 and we're hoping to start it again in Term 2. For St Paul's Youth Group to continue we will need volunteers to help run the Saturday evening program. If you're able to help, even if infrequently, please speak to Kelly Murray. At this stage, it is hoped Youth Group will run monthly, however if another coordinator can be found we might be able to increase the frequency to fortnightly. Again, please speak to Kelly if this is something you might be interested in. (Kelly 0402 217 515)

CARITAS CORNER:

For future events and more information, please consult the Caritas Noticeboard located in the Parish Centre.



PEW SHEET DEADLINE:

Please ensure your notices for the pew sheet are received in the office by 5pm on Wednesday. Thank you!

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY APPEAL:

On Saturday 25th April, Nepal suffered one of the worst earthquakes to hit a populated area in living memory. To put this in perspective, the Christchurch earthquake in New Zealand in 2011 was a 6.2 magnitude. The Nepal earthquake has led to at least 2,500 people confirmed dead, the destruction of countless homes and buildings and has left many people sleeping on the streets in freezing temperatures. ABM has earmarked \$10,000 in order to provide emergency relief for those affected. ABM is working through ACT Alliance members, a network of Churches around the world providing Aid to the world's poorest, in order to provide emergency relief. ABM's Executive Director, the Rev John Deane, said, "This (Nepal) is one of world's poorest nations substantially due to its ruggedness and the task of rebuilding will be massive and take years." Please help ABM support the people of Nepal by donating and spreading the word. To keep up-to date with the latest emergency news or to donate to ABM's Nepal Earthquake Emergency

Appeal please call on 1300 302 663, email info@abm.asn.au or visit www.abmission.org/nepal-emergency.

Please pray for the earthquake victims, and all who are helping in the relief effort.



ST PAUL'S MARKET & GARDEN FAIR - 9 May 2015

Please come and bring your friends!!

The Planning Team - Jill Bales, Margaret Irvine, Bert Lillywhite, Margaret Capper, Laura Dean, Kaye Rands, Alex Murray and June McKay (Co-ordinator)

CHOCOLATE FOR CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY:

Please bring a family sized block of chocolate for use in the children's chocolate game. (There will be a box for chocolate donations in the narthex this and next Sunday.

RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION: Please ensure all items have a current use by date.

1. Type of Items. eg Fancy Deli Items, wines

Mother's Day treats, Lunch/Dinner for 2 @

Pamper Items, Garden Delights

Service Items – garden labour, baby sitting, dog walking

Week end in Holiday Home

2. You may prefer to donate money in lieu to enable us to buy items. Please put money in envelope marked "*Raffle*" for the collection plate.

3. Do you know any business you think could donate ? Many businesses require a formal letter of request now. If you provide their name and address we will write a formal request which you take to the shop or business

4. If possible please indicate **today**. The tickets for the raffle will be on sale from 3rd May. Please leave labelled items/goods in Parish Centre or bring to 10 Church Street Canterbury during week (phone: 9836 1895)

WANTED:

Good quality, relatively new, clean second hand clothing. Also, jewellery and accessories. Can anyone help with a roller rack? Please see Gail White or contact her on 0418149 300 before the fair. Thank you.

CALLING ALL BRIC-A-BRAC:

We're looking for assorted treasures in good condition, such as china, crockery, cutlery, ornaments, toys and general household utensils, but please, no furniture or electrical goods. We'll be very grateful to receive your contributions closer to the Fair. Contact Rosemary O'Shea, 9836 8823 for further information.

BIODYNAMIC ORGANIC APPLES AND PEARS:

Remember to order this beautiful scrumptious fruit from Greenwood Orchards in Merrigum. Keeps well. Fruit picked only a couple days before the fete.

OPEN GARDEN:

Please ask your friends and neighbours to come and enjoy this special garden and listen to the music. There is a super Children's Trail booklet. Now you will be hungry so wander over to the Café in the Parish Centre for a special treat!

St. Paul's Ministry Teams

This Week's Ministry Team:

3rd May: Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00 a.m.

Sidesperson Bruce Brown
Reader Bruce Brown
Liturgical Asst
Flowers Val Sayers & Jasmyrn Davids
Brass

10.00 a.m. Service

Sidespersons Liz Olie & Susan Havelock
Children's Talk Carol Pitt
Reader Kajal Wagner
Intercessor Lek Koswig
Welcomer ALL
Liturgical Asst Mark Lamb
Server Debbie Riley
Refreshments Gail White & Gwenda Harding
Coll. Counters Kajal Wagner & Jenifer McKenzie

Next Week's Ministry Team:

10th May: Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00 a.m.

Sidesperson Di Gurney
Reader Trish Cain
Liturgical Asst Andrew Ham
Flowers Gillian Jensen
Brass Barbara Alderton & Beth Reid

10.00 a.m. Service

Sidespersons John DeAraugo & Graham Scott
Children's Talk Beryl Burn
Reader Jill Bales
Intercessor Alastair Tweedale
Welcomer ALL
Liturgical Asst Rowan Litchfield
Server Tom Lambert
Refreshments Ruth Hudnott & Leanne Reichmann
Coll. Counters Stuart Bales & Chris Hudnott

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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