



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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17th May 2015

Ascension Day



Prayer of the Day:

Welcoming and all-embracing Presence,
draw us to your self, clay bound as we are,
transform us body and soul,
surge through our hearts and lift us up,
that we may follow the Pioneer of the Way
into the cloud of your mysterious Presence,
and find ourselves most strangely at home.
We pray this in the Spirit of the Universal Christ,
the Resurrection and the Life.

From *Unfolding the Living Word*

Amen.

Hymns: 520 378 228 216

Setting: Caesar

Psalm 93

Anthems: *O God, the King of Glory* by H Purcell

Postlude: Chorale Prelude "*Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ*" by Johann Pachelbel

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 continue to pray for the people of Nepal as they begin to rebuild their lives
- Please pray for peace and understanding in our world
- Please pray for God's wisdom to guide the leaders of the nations
- Please also pray for Andrew, Ros and Susanne as they continue the interview process for our new Director of Music

We pray for the worldwide Church:

- Diocese of North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba
- Diocese of Ballarat
- Aged Care Ministry
- Parish of South Darebin
- St Paul's Geelong
- Mount Eliza Parish
- Highfield Uniting

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
- Bob Thompson
- Helen
- Heather Rundle
- Margaret Clausen
- Lois and Bruce Latimer
- Anna bel

We give thanks for the life of:

- Margaret Moore 13th May 2015
- Marjorie Pitt 17th May 1992
- Clair Shrimpton 17th May 1997
- George Rampling 18th May 1988
- Irene Amy Clissold 20th May 1976
- Emily Jany Dalconer 21st May 1988
- James Michael Courtney Shrimpton



Notice Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Parish Events for the Week

THIS SUNDAY

17TH MAY: ASCENSION

Our Preacher today is Bishop John Bayton

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

Monday 18th SUSANNE'S SABBATH
3.30-9.00pm Ceberano Martial Arts, Hall

Tuesday 19th
10.30am-12pm Women's Group, Parish Centre
12.00pm Caritas, Dr. Barbara Fary, Parish Centre
12.30-2.00pm Deanery at St Barnabas Glen Waverley
4.00-5.00pm Ballet, Hall
7.00pm MSG, Men's Group, Parish Centre

Wednesday 20th
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
7.00pm Pre-Synod Consultations: Melbourne Anglican Diocesan Corporation Bill (Kajal, Jeremy & Susanne attending: synod reps)

Thursday 21st
3.30-9.30pm Ceberano Martial Arts, Hall
10.30-12.30 Orana Morning
7.30-9.30 Choir Practice, Church
7.30pm Canterbury Council of Churches meeting at Canterbury Baptist

Friday 22nd
9.00-10.00am Tiny Tutus, Hall
5.00-9.00pm National Youth Choir, Hall, Church and Parish Centre

Saturday 23rd
10.00am-12pm St Paul's Kindergarten Open Day
9.00-10.30am Karate, Hall
11.00am-7.30pm Ballet, Hall

NEXT SUNDAY 24TH MAY: DAY OF PENTECOST

8.00am Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre
3.00pm Musical Society of Victoria Concert, Church

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JUNE:

2nd	Women's Group, MSG	27th	Parish Dinner
8th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	28th	St Paul's Festival
16th	Women's Group, MSG		
	Caritas Dinner at Saskias Restaurant		

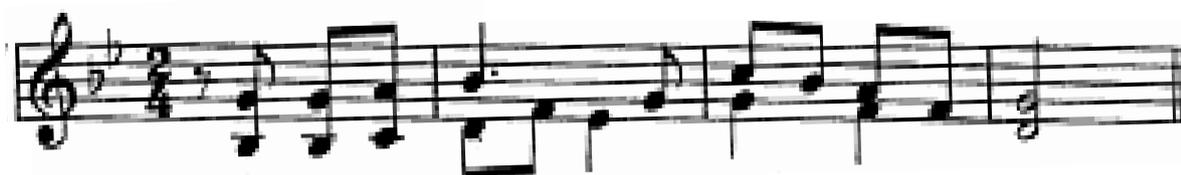
READINGS AND THE PSALM

Acts 6.1-8

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait at tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.' What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

Psalm 93

Andrew Moore



The Lord is King, with ma-je-sty en-rob-ed.

- 1 The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power.
- 2 The world you made firm, not to be moved
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.
- 3 Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time.

Ephesians 1.15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation

as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Luke 24.44-53

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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.*

Next week's readings for Pentecost:

Acts 2.1-21 Psalm 104.26-36 1 Corinthians 12.3-7,12-13 John 15.26-27, 16.4b-15

NOTICES

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

CONGRATULATIONS: NEW GRANDPARENTS!

Congratulations to Andrew and Sue Flint with the safe arrival of a baby girl. Claire (daughter) and Rob and baby are all well!

WANTED - PIANO:

If you have or know of someone who has a large German upright Piano, underdamper, I know of someone who would really love to have one. Please contact Susanne at the parish office.

DREAM STITCHES VOLUNTEER:

Volunteer needed for Anglicare Sudanese Sewing Group, Box Hill. You would be looking after children with other volunteers while their mothers are sewing.

Hours: Friday 9.30am to 12.30am.

You would be required to have a Working with Children check. If you are interested and would like more information please see Loraine Permezel. Phone 9888 4468

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:

The next Caritas Meeting will be held next Tuesday 19th May in the Parish Centre. Please note this is a lunch time meeting at 12am. BYO Lunch.

Our speaker will be Dr. Barbara Fary who will give us a very interesting presentation on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne. The small island of Lindisfarne off the coast of England, near the Scottish Boarder, holds fascinating history.

The Lindisfarne Gospels, one of England's greatest treasures, was created in this isolated, small monastic community nearly 1200 years ago.

We welcome all parishioners who would like to join us for this presentation.

Next month, 16th June, we are having our Evening out get together Dinner at Saskias Restaurant. Please see Sue Taylor for bookings. A list for names will be circulated at our lunch meeting.



ORANA:

Orana will be held this THURSDAY 21st MAY at 10 30am - 12 30pm.

All welcome.

I do appreciate knowing numbers by the previous day.

Suggested donation is \$15. Health card holders \$5. Chosen charity for the receipt of donations received during 2015 is Tear fund.

Every blessing, Roslyn

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.

SOUTH SUDAN:

The tragic situation of conflict in South Sudan moves into its 17th month, the World Council of Churches (WCC), asks for our prayers, for those affected by the South Sudanese conflict, for the revival of fruitful peace talks, and for new ways ahead.

PEW SHEET DEADLINE:

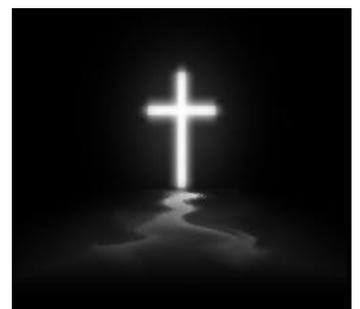
Please ensure your notices for the pew sheet are received in the office by 5pm on Wednesday. Thank you!

Wednesdays @ 5

Please join us for half an hour of

Meditation

in the church each Wednesday.



St. Paul's Ministry Teams

This Week's Ministry Team:

17th May: Ascension

8.00 a.m.

Sidesperson Gillian Jensen
Reader Gillian Jensen
Liturgical Asst
Flowers Lorraine Permazel
Brass

10.00 a.m. Service

Sidespersons Ruth Hudnott & Gail White
Children's Talk Callum Chambers
Reader Margaret Irvine
Intercessor Gordon Low
Welcomer ALL
Liturgical Asst Jeffrey Sheen
Server Hamish White
Refreshments Rosie Low & Cathy Gleisner
Coll. Counters John Capper & Charles H-J

Next Week's Ministry Team:

24th May: Day of Pentecost

8.00 a.m.

Sidesperson Rosemary O'Shea
Reader Rosemary O'Shea
Liturgical Asst Bert Lillywhite
Flowers Lois Latimer
Brass Gillian Lamb

10.00 a.m. Service

Sidespersons Jill & Stuart Bales
Children's Talk Susanne Chambers
Reader Elaine Smith
Intercessor Ros White
Welcomer ALL
Liturgical Asst Debbie Riley
Server Mark Lamb
Refreshments Elaine Smith & Lee Rough
Coll. Counters Liz Ollie & 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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