



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANTERBURY

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

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5 May 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Collect

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.**

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Hymns: 105

152

372

595

Psalm: 98

READINGS

Acts 10.44-48

⁴⁴ While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Psalm 98

- 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.**

1 John 5.1-12

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴ for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵ Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶ 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. ⁷ There are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. ⁹ If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰ Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

John 15.9-17

Jesus said to his disciples ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹² 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

NOTICES AND PARISH NEWS

SOULMATES

We have another luncheon this month on May 16th. Please come along and enjoy some fellowship, a glass of wine and some lunch. Everyone is welcome but please let us know if you are coming.

Date: May 16th

Venue: Parish Centre

Time: 12.00pm

Cost: \$15.00

Lorraine 0417 133 235

Margaret 0412 930 990

CAKE STALL

Saturday 11th May 9am till sold out.

Theatre Place Maling Rd

John will have plates to hand out on Sunday.

Please deliver goods to Parish Centre on Friday 10th May at 4pm or ring John on 0417 391 311.

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA - SUNDAY 19TH MAY

This year we will celebrate The Biggest Morning Tea after church on Sunday 19th May. Please bring a plate to share and help raise funds for cancer research. We have a reputation to uphold of raising in excess of \$1.000. Let's make sure we do that again.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral for Ann Phillips will take place here at St Paul's Canterbury on Tuesday 7th May at 2.30pm.

WELCOME BARRY

Rev Barry Fernley will be joining us as locum for the next couple of months.

QUIET MORNING

Saturday May 25th

9.30am – 1pm

Come to the Waters : the Place of Prayer in an Anxious World

A Retreat Morning led by Carol O'Connor

What can possibly be said about Christian prayer that hasn't already been said? Over the ages so many wise spiritual writers have been supportive guides for living a life of devotion in God. Perhaps one of the most helpful comments is CS Lewis in his **Letters to Malcolm**: '*We must lay before Him what is in us, not what ought to be in us.*' Join us for a morning when we will explore some of the different types of Christian prayer. In coming to be still, recognise and own who we are, and not what we expect ourselves to be, the tight grip of the many pressures that burden and distract us may be loosened, as we let go and know ourselves to be more fully human and alive in the love of God.

Carol O'Connor works at St Peter's Bookroom Anglican bookshop at St Peter's Eastern Hill Melbourne. She is a writer, retreat conductor, has a background in Classical Studies and a Masters in English Literature.



ROSTERS

**This Week: Sixth Sunday
of Easter - 5 May**

**Next Week: Seventh Sunday
of Easter - 12 May**

8am

Sidesperson	Bruce Brown	Rose O'Shea
Reader	Bruce Brown	Rose O'Shea
Liturgical Asst	Steven Wong	Steven Wong
Flowers	Leigh Etheridge	Leigh Etheridge

10am

Sidesperson	Liz Olie	Sue Flint
	Margaret Irvine	John De Araugo
Reader	Alicenne Stevens	Julie Houghton
Intercessor	Julie Houghton	Graham Scott
Liturgical Asst	Ross Fishburn	Andrew Flint
Refreshments	Gail White	Sharon Murphy
	Susie Calwell	Laura Kaspen

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
- being chosen as God's friends.

We pray for

- wise response to climate change,
- those affected by floods in East Africa,
- those recovering from the earthquake in Taiwan,
- Sudan and Jordan enduring famine & conflict,
- 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,
- all who are affected by family violence, for change to keep women safe,
- strength and wisdom to all family violence services,
- grace to abide in your love and bear fruit that endures.

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:

Ann Blair Phillips 27 April 2024

Jean Irene Gell 11 May 2021

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
- Ian, Steve, David & Michael

*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 Philip's Mount Waverley (Ruth Newmarch, Breannon Wilkinson);
- The Diocese of Adelaide (Abp Geoff Smith, Asst Bps Denise Ferguson, Timothy Harris, Christopher McLeod; Clergy & People);
- Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil (Abp Marinez Rosa Dos Santos Bassotto);
- Canterbury Presbyterian (session clerk Peter Graham).

Parish Events for the Week

This Sunday

8.00am

10.00am

5 MAY: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Eucharist

Sung Eucharist

Monday 6

JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Tuesday 7

9.00am

10.30am

2.30pm

Pharmacy College interviews

Women's Circle

Funeral for Ann Phillips

Wednesday 8

Julian of Norwich, holy woman and mystic (d.1417)

10.00am

5.00pm

Eucharist

Meditation

Thursday 9

ASCENSION DAY

7.00pm

Choir Practice

Friday 10

Rachel's Day Off

Saturday 11

9.00am

Maling Rd cake stall

Next Sunday

12 MAY: ASCENSION SUNDAY

8.00am

10.00am

Eucharist

Sung Eucharist

Next Week's Readings: Ascension Sunday

Acts 1.1 - 11

Psalm 93

Ephesians 1.15 - 23

Mark 16.15 - 20