

St John the Baptist Bulimba.



READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF EASTER

Easter Eve 30 March / Easter Day 31 March 2024

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2.10–11*

THE COLLECT FOR EASTER EVE:

Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ: renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR EASTER DAY:

Brightness of God's glory, whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison: as you have shared our frailty in human flesh, help us to share your immortality in the Spirit; let no shadow of the grave terrify us, and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you. Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days, as the First and the Last, the Living One, our immortal Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

READING FROM ACTS 10:34-43

VANESSA HANLON LINDA PHILLIPS

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Notes on Acts 10:34-43

This message from Peter shows a delightfully broad understanding of the grace and vision and embrace of God. This celebration of new life is not for a small group, not for a clique of the perfect insiders. It is for people everywhere. This message rippled out from Jerusalem and ripples still!

Questions to take into the week ahead:

- 1. If God shows no partiality, do we? How does God's perspective open your eyes?*
- 2. Peace, the desire for love and mercy and justice to prevail, was at the heart of the preaching of Jesus. How do you share peace?*
- 3. Peter's description of the resurrection of Jesus reveals it as an act of God for our benefit. How does that gift of God touch your life?*

EASTER ANTHEM

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,
not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:**

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over him.
In dying he died to sin once for all:
in living he lives to God.
See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first-fruits of those who sleep.
For as by man came death:
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;
for as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now:
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Notes on the Easter Anthem

This anthem was created by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer for the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549. He wove together passages from 1 Corinthians 5:7-8, Romans 6:9-11 and 1 Corinthians 15:20-22. It was set to be used at Matins on Easter Day. These words and the passages from which they are drawn are familiar to anyone who knows Handel's Messiah, words declaring the amazing work of God in the resurrection. The opening line draws the clear connection between the sacrifice of Christ, which we also draw into our understanding of Holy Communion, and the Passover which marked the release of the Jewish people from captivity in Egypt, and which has been celebrated ever since.

Questions to take into the week ahead:

- 1. What changes for you with Easter? How is your heart and your outlook transformed?*
- 2. What does it mean to you to be 'dead to sin', released from the power of sin to control your thoughts and actions?*
- 3. Resurrection and Easter draw us to think of family members who have died, as this celebration is over the finality of death. Who will you carry in your heart in the celebration of Easter?*

READING FROM ROMANS 6:3-11 (EASTER EVE)

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the

Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Notes on Romans 6:3-11

The connection between baptism and death may seem unusual and striking. Though both are about transition and transformation, entering into a new way of being. They are connected here as we recognise that when we are baptised we are connected to the one who conquered death. In the early Church Easter was THE time when baptism was celebrated.

Questions to take into the week ahead:

- 1. When were you baptised? Have you brought children or partners or others to celebrate baptism? Have you pledged to support a person who has been baptised by being a godparent? How does this bold reading transform your understanding of the significance of baptism?*
- 2. How does baptism bring life to you?*

READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11 (EASTER DAY) TONY RIGBY ROLAND SOWERBY

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you - unless you have come to believe in vain. ³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Notes on 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Continuity is the key here. This is a message which has been handed down, from reliable witness to faithful people and on and on and on down to us. We stand in a long line of

continuity. We stand in a long line of people whose lives have been brought to richness and light by this relationship we have with the one who was raised and who is here for us still. This is a gift, grace.

Questions to take into the week ahead:

- 1. Who shared the message of Jesus with you?*
- 2. Who do you share faith with? How?*
- 3. How is relationship with God a gift in your life?*

GOSPEL: MARK 16:1-8 Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.’ ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Notes on Mark 16:1-8

Everything stopped for the Sabbath. Jesus was only just placed into the tomb in time on Friday and this was the first opportunity to finish what would usually have been done all at the same time, proper preparation of the body. But that job half done is never finished, because everything is turned upside down by this astounding news, this astonishing event. This is the end of the original manuscripts of Mark's Gospel. You can understand, perhaps, why later members of the Church tried to add more verses to round out the story. Yet this astonishment is an important message. Be amazed!

Questions to take into the week ahead:

- 1. How have you cared for people at the end of their physical lives? Most modern families hand that responsibility over to others, but some do physically care for their loved ones even after death.*
- 2. What do you think your reaction would have been in this situation? Why?*
- 3. What happened next? It is happening still! Can you see that? What do you see?*

At the 9.00am service today we welcome Noah and Elle who will be baptised. We will be celebrating with their family and friends!

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- The Church in the Province of the West Indies
- The Diocese of Willochra: †Jeremy James; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- The Parish of Leichhardt: Vacant
- Mathew Hale Public Library

Pray for those in need:

Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Douglas, Helena, Roy, Williamson Family, Helen, Rev Paul Bland, Joan, Pam, Dorothy, Gary, Rev Karen, Samantha, Ian, Brian, Karen S., Robyn, Lionel.

To add names to this list please contact Sarah in the Parish Office. Names will be kept for two months unless requested to continue. Please let us know of changes in situation for those who we hold in prayer.

Please take and use this list in your prayers throughout the week.

In Memory

1st April – 7th April

Ernest Stirling Collin (1967)

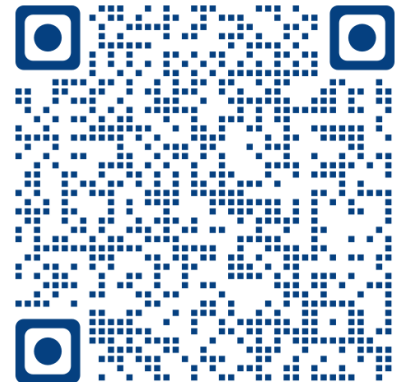
Irene Mildred Hardcastle (2006)

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THIS COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH			
NO MORNING PRAYER MONDAY 1 APRIL UNTIL WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL			
NOTE – NO FRIDAY 10AM SERVICE ON 5 APRIL.			
WEDNESDAY	3rd	6.30pm	Parish Council (Maheno Room)
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	7th	7.30am	Sung Eucharist
		9.00am	Sung Eucharist (Guest at both services: The Reverend Dr Ruth Mathieson)

ROSTERED DUTIES FOR 7/4	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Roslyn/Tony	Howard/Roland
MUSIC	Alan	Wendy
READERS	June/Tony	Linda B/Donovan
INTERCESSOR	Roslyn	Roland
MORNING TEA	Dianne/Jenny	
WELCOMERS	Bob & Glenda	Lisa
AUDIO VISUAL	Volunteer	Joanna
FLOWERS Kerry	CHURCH CLEANING Wendy/Sara	

Please note that Canon Paul and Rev Sharon Mitchell are away overseas from 1st to 16th April. During this period please contact the Office via email, or, if urgent, contact Sarah on 0422494161 and I will try and find someone to assist with any pastoral matters.

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Notices

GOODIES FOR GOODNA

Goodna Anglican Welfare Ministry (GAWM) has requested that we continue to donate toiletry items (which are not able to be purchased with their funding) and here is their current list:

Shampoo; Conditioner; Deodorants (men's and women's); Sanitary pads and tampons; Tissues; Kids Snacks; Toothpaste; Toothbrushes; Shaving Cream.

They have adequate supplies of toilet paper and nappies but will let me know if needs change. They are also putting together packs of school supplies (pencils, pens, school stationery; exercise books; pencil cases and backpacks) and this will be an ongoing need for children starting or changing schools.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are desperately in need of volunteers for the following ministries within our church. Contact the Parish Office to volunteer

- AV operators during the 7.30am Sunday service
- Morning Tea volunteers after the 9.00am service for third Sunday (you need to put on the urn beforehand and provide milk and biscuits). Nothing fancy needed. Serving from the Maheno Room and washing up afterwards.
- Cleaning our church, can be done on a weekday or Saturday. Dusting and vacuuming about once every 6 weeks, if there are a few more people on roster.

FOR YOUR DIARY. AN EVENING OF HEAVENLY MUSIC ON 27th APRIL 7.00pm

We are planning a concert of music and song in the church from our wonderful parishioners Sebastian Maclaime and Ashleigh Crane who are both trained and experienced opera singers. This concert will be in aid of the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza, which was built by ABM (Anglican Board of Mission) in 1882 and is still supported by ABM. It has suffered severe damage but continues to care for the injured. Tickets will be \$40 and will be available via Eventbrite shortly.

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