

St John the Baptist Bulimba.

I am a
CHILD
of God.

I know it. I live it. I love it.

READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

14 April 2024

Today we welcome the Reverend Jonathan Kemp, Chaplain at Springfield Anglican College, who will preside and preach at both services.

In the services we will use the Dudman sung setting (TIS 756).

Note that the Kyrie will be sung with the confession after the Prayers of the People (later than the usual pattern in the service).

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

Turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord. *Acts 3.19–20*

THE COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Lord of life, by submitting to death, you conquered the grave; by being lifted upon the cross, you draw all peoples to you; by being raised from the dead, you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin: be with us in your risen power, that in word and deed we may proclaim the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. **Amen.**

READING FROM Acts 3:12-20.

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¹² When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, ‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷ ‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, ²⁰ so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus.

Notes on Acts 3:12-20.

‘Refreshing’ is a key word in this passage. ‘Can we start again?’ is a good question. But it is not like resetting on a game. A refreshed life is one which is given a new start with honesty and transparency. Peter was very confronting. He wanted those who were around him to take responsibility for their part in all that had happened BUT without letting that be something which made them feel that they were forever ‘out’ with God. The door is always open. It is best approached though with honesty. Honesty allows a real fresh start, for them and for us.

Questions to take into your week:

- 1. How do you feel when an accusation is raised against you? How do you respond when the accusation is actually true?*
- 2. Have you ever been caught out doing something ‘in ignorance’? How did you respond?*
- 3. When in your life have you been aware of learning through your mistakes?*

Psalm 4.

¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness:
when I was hard-pressed you set me free;
be gracious to me now and hear my prayer.

² **Children of earth, how long will you turn my glory to my shame: how long will you love what is worthless and seek after lies?**

³ Know that the Lord has shown me his wonderful kindness: when I call to the Lord he will hear me.

⁴ Tremble, and do no sin:

commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still.

⁵ Offer the sacrifices that are right:
and put your trust in the Lord.

**⁶ There are many who say ‘Who will show us any good?:
the light of your countenance, O Lord, has gone from us.’**

⁷ Yet you have given my heart more gladness:
that they have when their corn, wine and oil increase.

⁸ In peace I will lie down and sleep:

for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Notes on Psalm 4.

Distractions. There are many things which we may allow to become the focus of our lives which are actually hollow or not worthwhile. Peace. Space. Awareness. Openness. All of these, allowing a connection with God, are grounding and fulfilling. At the heart of this psalm is the question which many of us may ask of ourselves – “is all that activity and busy-ness in your life really fulfilling?” The invitation here is to discover what really feeds and sustains us.

Questions to take into your week:

- 1. Take that question to heart: is all that activity and busy-ness in your life really fulfilling?*
- 2. Where DO you find life?*
- 3. What do you have in your life which is life-giving which you share with others and invite them to participate in with you?*

The Second Reading, from the New Testament, 1 John 2:15-17, 3:1-6.

Bradán Sonnendecker Linda Phillips

2 ¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; ¹⁶ for all that is in the world - the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches - comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live for ever. **3** ¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been

revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.⁵ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.⁶ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

Notes on 1 John 2:15-17, 3:1-6.

The letters of John were written at a time of increasing conflict between members of church communities and the society around. This came on both an official level, as Roman authorities tried to decide what to do with these pesky subversives, and on a communal level as people in communities wondered how to respond to the message which was calling for changes in how people lived and acted and spoke and treated one another. It is this growing opposition which was labelled 'the world' by the authors of these letters (it is likely that these letters came from the leaders of communities founded by John). This is not a call to escapism but a call to be faithfully present in the places where Christians find themselves.

Questions to take into your week:

- 1. How do you feel that tension between 'the world' around us and the faith which we hold, the relationship with God which gives us life?*
- 2. What are the choices which you have made which have seemed incomprehensible from a 'worldly' perspective?*
- 3. What steps do you take in your life to realign your priorities, to reorient yourself to God, when you do stumble (as we all do)?*

GOSPEL: LUKE 24:36B-48 **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.³⁸ He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?'³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.'⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?'⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.⁴⁴ 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.'⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ 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, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Notes on Luke 24:36b-48.

The message was slow to sink into the disciples. But it did sink in! Look at the contrast between the responses of the disciples (including Peter) in this passage and the confidence shown by Peter in our first reading (from Acts 3). Jesus opened their minds, which had become closed. Fear was part of why their minds needed opening. Past experiences and past patterns of thinking were also aspects of their closed-mindedness. When what we see and hear challenges us, for many of us, a reaction is to deny and oppose. That death is conquered, that love does and will triumph, that Jesus is someone whose words DO change our lives ... these things can take time to seep in!

Questions to take into your week:

- 1. What effect does being afraid have on your thinking and on your actions?*
- 2. Where do you find courage to overcome fear? (that might include clarifying reality, gaining support, overcoming past influences ...).*
- 3. How convincing does a witness need to be to convince you?*

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- Ministry with the Torres Strait Island People of Australia – Rose Elu

In The Diocese:

- The Parish of Nambour: Theodor Svensen, John Graham-Freeman
- Clergy with Permission to Officiate in the Diocese
- St Margaret's Anglican Girls School, Ascot: Principal - Roslyn Curtis; Chaplain - Jasmine Dow; Chair of School Council - Debbie Smith; School Council members; staff & students

Pray for those in need:

Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Douglas, Helena, Roy, Helen, Joan, Pam, Dorothy, Lionel, Rev Shane Hubner.

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.

April 15th – April 21st

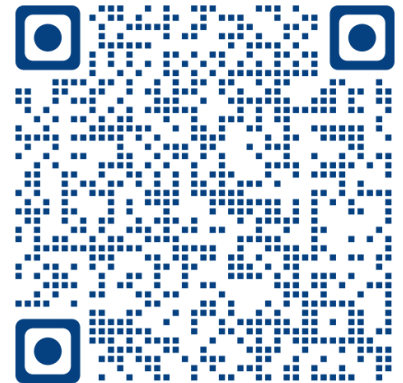
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THIS COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

MORNING PRAYER RESUMES ON WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL

Wednesday	17 th	9.30am- 11.30am	Knitting Circle
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	21 st	7.30am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist Sung Eucharist and Children's Church
<i>Advance notice</i>			

ROSTERED DUTIES FOR 21/4	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Allan/Tony	Sarah/Donovan
MUSIC	Alan	Robert
READERS	Linda M/Vanessa	Roland/novan
INTERCESSOR	Tony	Allana
MORNING TEA		
WELCOMERS	Laurie	Steve
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Reverend Paul is back in the Parish on 17 April 2024. Until then please refer all urgent requests for pastoral care to the Parish Office or Sarah on 0422494161

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.

Now that the weather is cooling, Canned Chunky Soups and Packet soups are very welcome.

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 or to enquire.

- AV operators during the 7.30am Sunday service

- Morning Tea volunteers after the 9.00am service for third Sundays (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.

AN EVENING OF HEAVENLY MUSIC, 27th APRIL AT 7.00pm

Here are the details of our Concert in aid of the Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza. If you would like an update on their needs, and the condition of the hospital, and terrible conditions for medical staff and patients, please follow this link to the ABM Website [Al Ahli Hospital Emergency Appeal - ABM Anglican Board of Mission \(abmission.org\)](https://abmission.org)

Please invite family and friends to come along for some heavenly music and to support the people of Gaza.



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BULIMBA INVITES YOU TO

AN EVENING OF HEAVENLY MUSIC

PRESENTING THE VOICES OF QUEENSLAND OPERA SINGERS SEBASTIAN MACLAINE AND ASHLEIGH CRANE IN A SELECTION OF CHORAL MUSIC,
ACCOMPANIED BY JOHN WOODS.

At 7.00pm
Saturday 27th April 2024

St John the Baptist Church, 171 Oxford Street, Bulimba QLD 4171

All proceeds from the concert will go to the ABM appeal for the Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza.
A glass of sparkling wine and canapes will be served during the interval
Tickets \$40.00 can be purchased via our website, stjohnsbulimba.org or at the door.

This is the Eventbrite link or you can find it on our website [An Evening of Heavenly Music - St John Bulimba \(stjohnsbulimba.org\)](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sebastian-maclaine-and-ashleigh-crane-a-musical-evening-in-aid-of-abm-appeal-for-al-ahli-hospital-tickets-876292152417) and follow the links.
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