

Into the Quiet Sunset Conversation
Sunday 26th March 4.30 pm Vic Lucas Park

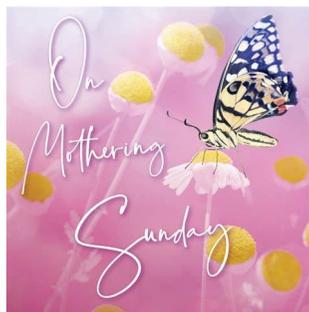
*Slowing down... deep listening... contemplation...
 meditation... space to think and pray.*

We have beautiful traditional services and a lively all age family service but maybe you are looking for something a bit gentler and quiet. We had a great *Introduction to Meditation* workshop last year and there was interest in gathering regularly. I would love to chat with anyone interested to a sunset conversation over a glass of wine or something refreshing and see what the Spirit stirs. **Contact Rev Andrew for more info.**



Next Week is Mothering Sunday!

You officially get a break from your rigorous Lenten fasting and penance.



Sometimes called Refreshment Sunday, it's all about acknowledging that reflection and inner work is tiring and sometimes you need a break to regroup, refresh and keep on. It was also a day servants were allowed to go home and visit their mothers! If you are lucky you might get a piece of Simnel Cake.

Our liturgical colour changes from Violet/Sackcloth to Rose... so how about wearing pink next week?

Guild Community Events



Hoy Tuesday 14th March

Invite a friend and join us for a fun and friendly games morning at **10am every**

second Tuesday of the month. Cards, Prizes and a yummy morning tea.

Knitting Group starts 15th March

A sociable group of crafty folk (not just knitters) who gather for coffee, chat and sharing skills and ideas at **10am every 3rd Wednesday. All Welcome.**



Stations of the Cross

10am every Wednesday in Lent
Commences Wednesday 1st March

A beautiful reflection on the Way of the Cross using a range of images and prayers.

Also known as the Way of Sorrows or the Via Crucis, it draws on scriptures and prayers contemplating the experience of Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion.



12th March 2023

LENT THREE

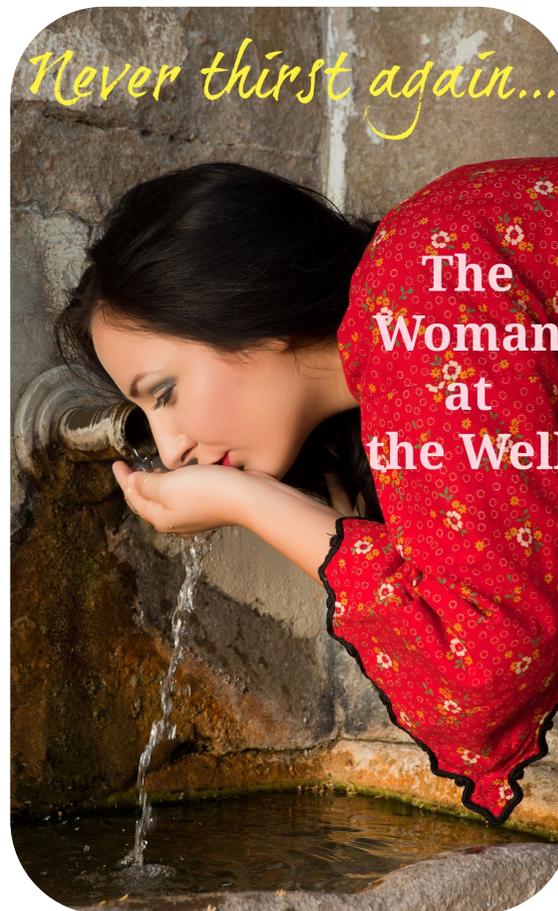
7.30 AM PARISH EUCHARIST

9.00 AM FAMILY EUCHARIST

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THIS WELL IS DEEP

"Sir, you have no bucket or rope and this well is deep." John 4:11

Rising water,

springing from great depths, stored up long ago when the stars first sang together for joy.

Living water,

like a cup of celebration, full and running over all the days of our life.

Refreshing water,

mysteriously satisfying so that our youth is renewed like soaring eagles.

Cleansing water,

washing deep down where fingers cannot reach, making all things new.

Surprising water,

breaking through the earth in rocky places wherever that man Jesus goes.

Redeeming water,

paid in full by One who by cross and tomb has brought us his baptism

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THIS COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY	14th	8.45am 10.00am	Guild Meeting Morning Tea/Hoy
WEDNESDAY	15th	10.00am 10.00am	Knitting Circle Stations of the Cross
THURSDAY	16th	10.00-11.30am 7.00pm-8.30pm	Anglican Identity Lent Study
FRIDAY	17th	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	19th	7.30am 9.00am	Eucharist Eucharist
ROSTERED DUTIES 19/3		7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s		Allan	Sarah/Donovan
MUSIC		Robert	Howard
READERS		Allan T/Ann	Donovan/James
INTERCESSOR		Roslyn	Sarah
MORNING TEA		Volunteers Required	
WELCOMERS		Ann/Tony	Stephen/Laurie R
AUDIO VISUAL		Tony	Lisa
FLOWERS	NO FLOWERS IN LENT	CHURCH CLEANING	Sue and Kym

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READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 12th MARCH

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Romans 5.8

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and one another: call forth our penitence and acts of love, and strengthen us to face our mortality, so that we may look with confidence for your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: EXODUS 17.1-7

ROBERT BLAND ROLAND SOWERBY

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

PSALM 95.

1. O come, let us sing out to the Lord:

let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

**2. Let us come before his face with thanksgiving:
and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.**

3. For the Lord is a great God: and a great king above all gods.

**4. In his hand are the depths of the earth:
and the peaks of the mountains are his also.**

5. The sea is his and he made it: his hands moulded dry land.

**6. Come, let us worship and bow down:
and kneel before the Lord our maker.**

7. For he is the Lord our God:

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

**8. Today if only you would hear his voice— 'Do not harden your hearts
as at Meribah: as on that day at Massah in the wilderness;**

9. 'When your forebears tested me:

put me to proof, though they had seen my works.

10. 'Forty years long I loathed that generation and said:

"It is a people who err in their hearts, for they do not know my ways";

11. 'Of whom I swore in my wrath: "They shall not enter my rest."

SECOND READING: ROMANS 5.1-11

NOT USED TODAY

GOSPEL: John 4.5-30, 38-42**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.'

The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!'

The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

In Memory

March 12th—March 18th

Jack Thurlow Craswell (1962), Joan Nell Hazell (2016),

Daphne Violet Kirby (2021)

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ◇ The Church of South India (United)
- ◇ The Diocese of Grafton: †Murray Harvey; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ◇ The Parish of Quilpie: Geoff Reeder (Missioner)
- ◇ FSG (Family Support Group)
- ◇ St Luke's Anglican School, Bundaberg: Principal – Virginia Warner; Chaplain – Erika Williams; Chair of School Council - Hermina Conradie; members of School Council; staff & students

Locally: We pray for...

- ◇ **Parish Volunteers** especially our Parish Administrator, Sarah and helpers Pam and Sue. We give thanks for their generosity and diligence. We also give thanks for our church cleaning volunteers, Chris our new paid cleaner and Roy and his team who continue to keep our grounds clean, tidy and welcoming.
- ◇ **Community groups based in our local area** like Fair Share Kitchen, Rosies, Open Haven, St Vincent de Paul, Bulimba and District Meals on Wheels. We give thanks for the many volunteers who form the backbone of groups like these and for the many unpaid hours of volunteering that allow our community to function.
- ◇ **Wise and open conversation around the Referendum** regarding Treaty and the indigenous Voice to Parliament and for a spirit of listening and learning that moves beyond generalizations and stereotypes to hear the voices of the most vulnerable.

Pray for those in need:

Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Joseph, Douglas, Nancy, Kerry, Helena, Daniel, Roy, Michael, Ruth, Williamson Family, Rev Helen Phillips, Vince, Helen, Rev Paul Bland, Rodney, Ray, Joan, Pam

Prayer at the time of choosing an Archbishop.

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this Diocese a shepherd after your own heart, who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. May your Church be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Jesus says: "Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty..."

5 positive things you can do this Lent.

1. Read Scripture. Even ten minutes a day can lead you to a deepening of faith and a greater understanding of our heritage as the People of God.

2. Resolve to perform one random act of kindness. Hold a door open, let someone get in line first, refrain from cutting off the guy driving like a jerk in the car next to you, or do somebody's else's chore for them (and don't ask for payback).

3. Eat well. Yes, we give up our favorite treats, but...how about deciding to eat the foods that are good for you, even if you don't like them?

4. Enlighten someone's day. Send an uplifting card, email, or phone a family member, friend, or acquaintance that shows you're thinking about, and praying for, him/her.

5. Watch TV or movies. Usually we give these things up during Lent. On the flip side, there are hundreds, likely thousands, of educational, inspirational, and spiritual shows and films that aren't only good for our souls but also for our minds in regard to learning more about our Faith or Church history, for example.

Source: [Ten Positive Things to Do This Lent - Marge Steinhage Fenelon \(margefenelon.com\)](#)

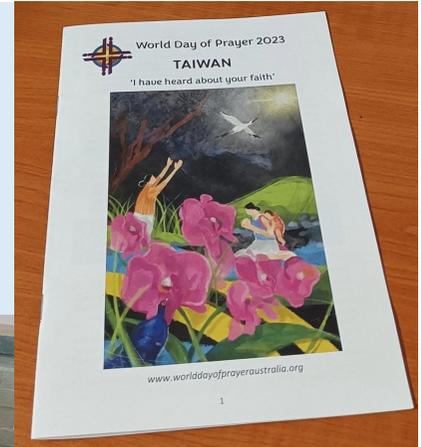


Saturday 18th March Parish Reflection and Planning Day 9am – 3.30pm

All are invited to join Parish Council at our Parish Reflection and Planning Day. A time to think and pray about the life of our Parish, dream dreams and listen to each other as we discern what the Holy Spirit is calling us to be and do in this place. We will share some time of prayer, unpack some of the insights from the *National Church Life Survey* and begin making some plans for the future.

Join us for all or part of the day. Bring something to share for lunch.

An outline of the day will be available soon!



Lent Study 2023

Anglican Identity

Thursdays in Lent at 10.00-11.30am or 7.00-8.30 pm

Anglican Identity is a course that explores the story and practice of the modern Anglican Church in the Diocese of Southern Queensland. Featuring 60 practising Anglicans from a range of parishes and agencies, the videos are stimulating and engaging. This course is a great way to journey through the history, life and contemporary mission of a Church that celebrates its past, present and strides into the future with hope!

16th March Week Four: Making It Work

23rd March Week Five: What We Do

30th March Week Six: Paths to the Future



You can still register and can still complete missed sessions online.

Email andrew.cooper@anglicanchurchsq.org.au for the link.