

21st August 2022



8.30AM EUCHARIST

COMING PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

GIFTS OF CREATION

A beautiful display of banners and paintings by parishioners Georgina Greenhill and Caroline Daunton will be held in the church from Friday 30th September until Sunday 9th October to mark Seasons of Creation.

A Social event and Parish Private View will be held on Friday 30th in the evening. Please look out for details.

We would like to have the church open every day. If you can help please contact the Parish Office or put your name on the roster at the back of the church.

CAKE STALL SUNDAY 28TH

The next Cake Stall is on Sunday 28th. Please bring your cakes, slices and jams and make sure you mark them with the price.

This continues to be an important fundraiser for us bringing in about \$10,000 a year.

AD CLERUM

I am enclosing a copy of the *Ad Clerum* from Bishop Jeremy Greaves in this Pew Sheet. Fr Andrew has asked that you be aware of this official response from our Diocese to the publicity in the media about the GAFCON and the creation of the "Diocese of the Southern Cross" so that you will have a better understanding of the issues.

GROCERIES AND DONATIONS FOR GOODNA. THESE ARE THE LATEST REQUESTS.

- Tissues - pocket packs, small and medium sized boxes.
- Toilet paper
- Disposable razors
- Men's deodorant
- Washing powder - *not* liquid please
- Small school lunch packs - like bikkies & dip etc
- Shampoo only (they have plenty of conditioner at the moment)

Tinned 'meals' - like the Tom Piper curried sausages etc

WELCOME TO BROTHER NATHAN

Please welcome Brother Nathan James who will lead our service today . Thank you to him for filling in at short notice.

To arrange direct debit for your regular giving,
please use the account details:
BSB 704 901 Account number 00014573.
Account name Bulimba Anglican Parish

THIS COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

FRIDAY	26th	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	28th	7.30am 9.00am 9.00-noon	Eucharist Eucharist Cake Stall

ROSTERED DUTIES 28/8	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Roslyn	Roland, Sarah
MUSIC	Wendy	Wendy
READER	Linda Brook	Carmel
INTERCESSOR	Linda Mitchell	Keith
MORNING TEA		Caroline
WELCOMERS	Allan & Sue G	Michael S
FLOWERS		Caroline
CHURCH CLEANING		Sue and Kym

COVID: MASKS ARE OPTIONAL. PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING, HAND SANITISING AND MINIMISE ANY PERSONAL CONTACT.

Priest-in-Charge

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Andrew is on leave until 30th August. Please contact Parish Office

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TODAYS SERVICE

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY.

You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust from my youth. Upon you have I leaned since my birth.

Psalm 71.5-6

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

O God, the Judge of all, through the saving blood of your Son you have brought us to the heavenly Jerusalem and given us a kingdom which cannot be shaken: fill us with reverence and awe in your presence, that in thanksgiving we and all your Church may offer you acceptable worship; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives to intercede for us, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 1.4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God ! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord .' Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

PSALM 71.1-6

1. To you, Lord, have I come for shelter:
let me never be put to shame.

**2. In your righteousness rescue and deliver me:
incline your ear to me and save me.**

3. Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:
for you are my high rock, and my stronghold.

**4. Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked:
from the grasp of the pitiless and unjust.**

5. For you, Lord, are my hope:
you are my confidence, O God, from my youth upward.

**6. On you have I leaned since my birth:
you are he that brought me out of my mother's womb, and my
praise is of you continually.**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 12.18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

GOSPEL: LUKE 13.10-17

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ◇ The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria
- ◇ The Diocese of Riverina: †Donald Kirk; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ◇ The Parish of Cooroora: Beverley Jane – Locum
- ◇ Meilene Residential Aged Care - Bundaberg
- ◇ All Saints Anglican School, Merrimac: Headmaster - Patrick Wallas; Chaplain - Ann McGuinness; Chair of School Council - John Fradgley; members of School Council; staff & students

Locally:

We pray for;

- ◇ Those who provide our music in church, our musicians and singers who lend their voices.
- ◇ Local domestic and family violence services including Open Haven, who support women and children in need.
- ◇ The residents and staff of Regis Aged Care, Bulimba as we join them in our monthly service

Pray for those in need: Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Gloria, Kerry, Joseph, Douglas, Nancy, Peter, Graham and Pat, Helena, Daniel, Michael, Ruth, Williamson Family, Brenda, Cody.

In Memory

August 22nd–August 28th

John Tunley Conde, 2014. Richard Ernest Jones, 2021.



18 August 2022

Ad Clerum

Dear sisters and brothers,

I write regarding GAFCON Australia's recent announcement of the formation of a so called new 'Diocese of the Southern Cross' with former Anglican Archbishop of Sydney Glenn Davies as its diocesan bishop.

The Diocese of the Southern Cross is not part of the Anglican Church of Australia nor the Anglican Communion. It is an entity created by GAFCON to support people who have chosen to leave the Anglican Church of Australia and the Anglican Communion. Some people from one parish in our Diocese have chosen to join this new entity, no doubt there may be others and this is very sad.

Any division in the church should be a cause for sadness.

Our approach in Brisbane Diocese is to create a comprehensive expression of Anglicanism where we work hard to hold together our different understandings on many things. This does not mean that every position or any position is accepted. It does mean that we seek to be in communion with as many people as we can and we value the different gifts and perspectives that come with diversity.

In Brisbane Diocese we have evangelical, catholic and liberal parishes and clergy, all of whom are represented on the councils and commissions of the church. We value diversity and the input from across all these traditions. This does not mean we always agree or that particular people always get their way, but it does mean that we can learn from one another and even delight in our differences. Together we strive to express truth more fully than we might alone.

In recent times GAFCON have promoted a series of claims about the Anglican Church of Australia that are just not true. For example, the claim that a majority of Anglican Bishops at the recent General Synod did not support traditional teaching about marriage is false. Anglicans in Australia maintain the traditional teaching that marriage is between one man and one woman. Those bishops who voted against the Diocese of Sydney statement on marriage at the recent General Synod did so for a number of reasons including the conviction that bringing the statement was hugely disrespectful to those Anglican and other LGBTI+ people who are looking for compassion and support from their church leaders. Despite some wishing otherwise, there has been no doctrinal change. Even in those places where services to bless same sex marriages are permitted there has never been any suggestion that clergy would be compelled to do this against their conscience.

GAFCON also continue to characterise those who do not share their views as 'unbiblical' or 'revisionist' and as not taking the bible seriously. I do not know any Anglican who does not love the scriptures and take the bible seriously. Every Anglican I know reads the scriptures carefully and faithfully seeking to understand them after prayerful reflection in the light of intellectual rigour and the wisdom of our tradition.

This makes it even more sad that we have arrived in this place.

This is not the first time that clergy or parts of congregations in our Diocese have chosen to leave. You may recall some leaving in the mid-nineties over the ordination of women to the priesthood to join the Anglican Catholic Church in Australia. We grieved their departure, just as we grieve now.

At the recent Lambeth Conference, Archbishop Justin Welby reminded us that as we wrestle with these things we ought not “treat each other lightly or carelessly. We are deeply divided. That will not end soon. We are called by Christ himself both to truth and unity.”¹

Acknowledging the pain felt by people in every part of the church at this time, we might remember Archbishop Justin’s words as together we proclaim the love and hope we know in Christ and as we pray for Christ’s church.

Lord Jesus, who prayed that we might all be one,
we pray to you for the unity of Christians,
according to your will,
according to your means.
May your Spirit enable us
to experience the suffering caused by division,
to see our sin
and to hope beyond all hope. Amen.

Written by the Chemin Neuf Community
[Pray with us for the unity of Christians | The Archbishop of Canterbury](#)

Grace and peace



The Right Reverend Jeremy Greaves
Archbishop’s Commissary

¹ <https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news/news-and-statements/bishops-lambeth-conference-discuss-lambeth-call-human-dignity>