

26 APRIL 2020 - TODAY'S SERVICES

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00AM—ZOOM SERVICE ONLINE

# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

<b>SUNDAY</b>	3 MAY	9.00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
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### Prayer for our New Parish Priest

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments;  
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

### ALL WORSHIP SERVICES SUSPENDED

The Archbishop has instructed (Ad Clerum dated 20 March 2020) that all public worship services are to be suspended until further notice, effective from Monday 23rd March. There will be no events in the church or Hall until further notice.

We will continue to issue Pew Bulletins via email. Please read the notices inside this Bulletin carefully.

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## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. *Acts 2.38-39*

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### 1ST READING: ACTS 2.14A, 36-41

SUE ROWE

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

### PSALM: 116.1-4,11-18

1. I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
- 2. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**
3. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
- 4. Then I called on the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I pray, save my life!'**
11. I said in my consternation, 'Everyone is a liar.'
- 12. What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?**

## **PSALM: 116.1-4,11-18**

13. I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

**14. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.**

15. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

**16. O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid. You have loosed my bonds.**

17. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

**18. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,**

## **SECOND READING: 1 PETER. 13-25**

Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.' If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. For 'All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures for ever.' That word is the good news that was announced to you.

## GOSPEL: LUKE 24. 13-35.

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!'

Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.



*"Emmaus Road" by Mike Moyers*

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION: REV'D JAMEE**

The story of Jesus appearing to the disciples on the Road to Emmaus is one of my favourite stories from the Eastertide season.

There is so much going on in this story which can both hearten and challenge us on our Christian journey. Let's explore a brief overview and see what God is calling us to consider further in this passage.

Two people, discussing the events of Jesus passion while heading out of town, weighed down by grief, disbelief and worry, encounter the risen Christ as a stranger on their journey.

This road that they are walking has often been likened to the road of life which we all journey on, encountering strangers on the way, who may be 'God with skin on' to us, or give us an opportunity to encounter God on the way while walking together.

Two things may teach us something here:

1. Jesus comes alongside these travellers and meets them where they are at. He gently slides into conversation with them, draws out what is real for them at this time, and then reveals to them a new way of seeing the things that are present for them, before revealing more about himself.
2. The two disciples, with all that weighs them down, can't see Jesus for who he really is. It takes them time to unravel their worries with his guidance before they are able to offer hospitality to Jesus and learn his true identity.

Some further reflection on this encounter may lead us to question the way that we journey with others on the road of life at this time.

How can we companion each other better, like Jesus did for those on the road?

How can our conversations open things up and reveal more about God to each other?

Can we be truly present for others, without dominating dialogue with our own stories, until we are invited to share?

How can we invite Jesus to companion us through this time?

The Irish blessing strikes me as a helpful blessing and I offer it for you for this coming week,

**"May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind always be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand."**

## *Reflections on our Services on Zoom*

It has been wonderful still being able to be connected (be it digitally) so we can worship together during this uncertain and unrepresented time.

On Easter Day there were 57 devices connected to the service with most devices having 2 people viewing.

Don has been supplying music from his organ at home and Peter Johnston even had a digital background of the Church on his iPad.

Please join us and invite any friends who may be housebound and needing to be loved and hugged by God through our Parish Family.

*Blessings Sue Rowe*

### **Parish Prayers**

#### **THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:**

##### **IN THE WORLD: -**

- ⇒ **The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East** - †Michael Lewis – Archbishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf
- ⇒ **The Diocese of Wangaratta:** †Clarence Bester; Clergy and People

##### **IN THE DIOCESE:-**

- ⇒ **The Parish of Wishart:** Peter Judge-Mears, Thomas Milton, Christopher Boyce, Graeme Goldsworthy, David Rogers-Smith, Michelle Philp
- ⇒ **Anglicare SQ West Region Community Services (Toowoomba)**
- ⇒ **State School Teachers**

##### **LOCALLY: FOR ALL WHO ARE TRAVELING OR ARE STRANDED AWAY FROM HOME**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Roselee, Steph and Chris, Kerry, Gloria, Joseph, Linda, Elizabeth, Bernie, Don, Andrea.

*(NOTE: under the Federal Privacy Act, consent of the person you wish to pray for must be obtained. No details of*

#### **In Memory, April 26 – May 3**

**Ernest Ganly, 1968; Susan Tyler, 2009; Dr Lex Horner, 2007;  
Sebastian Bossom, 2010; James Hughes, 2018; Constance Mason, 1992;  
Clive Salter, 1962; William Daunton, 1999.**

## A message from Rev'd Jamee:

"The phone tree has now been coordinated and is up and running. If you said yes to the tree but have not heard from your coordinator within the next few weeks please let me know.

Now that the tree is up, any who have yet to join but may wish to go on it please contact me via text or email. If I have missed you on my first roll call or your details might not be up to date on the roll please contact me 0452 338 933 or email [locumjamee@gmail.com](mailto:locumjamee@gmail.com).

I will be going over the roll again in the coming weeks so hopefully I will talk with you all again soon. If you have any need of a call sooner please don't hesitate to contact me."

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**Phone Tree**  
*Ministry Network*



As we are unable to meet for weekly worship while we weather the storm of pandemic, we are engaging in an exciting and vital new ministry network called the Phone Tree.

We are connecting with each other over the phone to have pastoral conversations, share stories, bible readings and prayers together.

Being the Church looks different at the moment, but we are still the Body of Christ and we are still ministering together!



If you would like to be part of a phone tree please SMS Rev'd Jamee 0452 338 933 with your details so that you can be connected with a branch of caring Christians who are committed to sharing God's love and compassion.

May God give us all strong roots in our hope in Christ and continue to nourish us through this time.

## WORSHIP AND PRAYER RESOURCES

**The Prayer Book contains daily services, prayers for special occasions and much more. If you wish to order your own (A Prayer Book for Australia from Broughton Publishing) go to Koorong ([koorong.com.au](http://koorong.com.au)).**

**Devotional Material Online: See the Wednesday Weekly for links to Sunday Devotions ([anglicanfocus.org.au/category/front-page/spirituality/sunday-devotions/](http://anglicanfocus.org.au/category/front-page/spirituality/sunday-devotions/)).**

## PARISH ADMINISTRATION

**Weekly Offering:** It is more important than ever that your promised weekly tithing or offering continues. We still have all of our usual parish expenses but will not have an offering plate or fundraising. If possible please set up a regular deduction into the Parish bank account (BSB 704 901 Account number 00014573. Account name Bulimba Anglican Parish).

**The Parish Office will be closed until further notice.**

**Please contact by email or phone 3399 1508 (leave a message—Sarah still checking messages), or you can ring Rev Jamee direct for urgent matters (0452 338 933).**

## **Throughout April**

Coronavirus pandemic – a suggested prayer:

Gracious God,

We give thanks anew for your providence and presence.

We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas.

We pray for those in need of healing.

We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving.

We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain all those who are serving in response.

We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders.

We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do to help those who are vulnerable.

This prayer for our nation in the family of nations, with all that is on our hearts, we gather now and pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*A prayer from the National Council of Churches*