

2 MAY 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.00AM—FRIDAY EUCHARIST

7.30AM— SUNDAY EUCHARIST

9.00AM-FAMILY EUCHARIST



ANNOUNCEMENT OF SERVICES

THE NEXT FRIDAY SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 7TH OF MAY AT 10.00AM.

THE NEXT SUNDAY SERVICES WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY 9TH OF MAY AT 7.30AM & 9.00AM

We will not be requiring pre-registration for services and not be using Eventbrite. Instead we will move to the Queensland Government's app **Check in Queensland**, which is used in hospitality venues.

Please add the app onto your phone. You will find that it remembers your details. The Queensland Government stores the information securely and disposes of it according to the regulations. The Parish has no access to the information.

We will be discontinuing the use of QR codes.

If you do not have the app the COVID Warden can add your details.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENT OF REVEREND ANDREW COOPER AS PARISH PRIEST

The Reverend Andrew Cooper has been selected to be the Parish Priest of St John the Baptist, Bulimba but, as Rev Andrew Cooper is currently the Rector of Jedburgh in Scotland, it may be some months before he can be commissioned. We wait on changes to entry restrictions and availability of flights and quarantine., and are in regular contact with him. Please pray for him, and his current parish in the prayer on page 5 of this Pew Bulletin.

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. *1 John 4.10–11*

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

O God, form the minds of your faithful people, that we may love what you command and desire what you promise, so that, amid the many changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

1ST READING: ACTS 8.26-40

JUNE PARKER BRIAN ROY

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us. And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us. Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. We love each other because he loved us first. If someone says, “I love God,” but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don’t love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see? And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their fellow believers.

GOSPEL: JOHN 10. 11-18

Jesus said ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

Reflection:

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

– Sunday 2 May 2021

Acts 8.26-40; Psalm 22.26-32;1 John 4.7-21; John 15.1-8

The Psalmist, writing of God, tells us, From you springs my praise in the great congregation: I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you. Clearly he felt empowered by the worship of God in the company of others.

How does worship add to your life? What does it empower you to do for others?

Pray that worship on Sunday may energise and empower you throughout the week to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world, bringing the same love to others as that with which he loves us.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Text: Robert McLean ABM's Partnerships Coordinator© Anglican Board of Mission, 2021

Teach us to pray... The 5-Finger Prayer



1. Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, a 'sweet duty'.
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, nurses and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the government, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nations and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. Your little finger should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

IN THE WORLD: -

- ◇ **The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East**
- ◇ **The Diocese of Adelaide:** †Geoff Smith; Assistant Bishops - †Timothy Harris, †Chris McLeod, †Denise Ferguson; Clergy & People

IN THE DIOCESE: -

- ◇ **The Parish of Pittsworth:**
- ◇ **Parishes and Other Mission Agencies Commission:** Cathy Grant, Stephen Harrison, Michelle McDonald, Rebecca McLean, Belinda Macarthur & Joanne Rose
- ◇ **Anglican Church Grammar School, East Brisbane:** Headmaster - Alan Campbell; Chaplain – Bryan Gadd; Lay Chaplain - Stephanie Cotroneo; Chair of School Council - Daniel O'Connor, members of School Council; staff & students

LOCALLY: We pray for all receiving the vaccine, and for the staff who administer it.

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Roselee, Kerry, Gloria, Joseph, Bernie, Don, Andrea, Graham, Pat, Peter, Tod, Max, Eileen, Ruth.

A Prayer to be said between the Announcement & Commissioning Of our New Parish Priest

*We give you thanks, O God for calling your servant Andrew to come
amongst us as priest and pastor.*

Strengthen and sustain him as he prepares for this transition.

*Be with us as we welcome him into our midst,
that we may faithfully minister together
in the name of the one who said to his disciples,
'I am among you as one who serves,'
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

IN MEMORY, MAY 2—MAY 8

Jessie May (Clive) Salter—(1962) - William Douglas Daunton—(1999)

Alexander William Todkill—(2001) - Laura Martinez—(2019)

Henry Fletcher—(1943)

NOTICES

RETURN TO HOLDING TWO SUNDAY SERVICES

From 2 May 2021 we will return to holding two Sunday services. The first service will be at 7.30am and the second at 9.00am. The only condition is that there is time between the two services to do the necessary cleaning.

This will mean that all of the rosters for LAs, morning tea, readers and intercessors and COVID wardens have been re-made.

Please assist with covering all of the duties for the services.

FREE FIRST AID AND CPR COURSE

The Parish would like to identify holders of First Aid Certificates or medical qualifications, who attend our services. If you hold a current certificate can you please notify the Parish Office so we can compile a list?

The Parish has received funding from Cr Kara Cook to hold free First Aid and CPR Qualifications training on Saturday 5th June commencing at 8.30 am until 4.30pm. To take one of the places (which are also available to locals through Cr Kara Cook's newsletter) please see the Parish website for the Eventbrite booking (available shortly). The number of places is limited. There will be some preparatory work to complete before the course. The course will be presented by St John's Ambulance, and be held in the Maheno Room. It will provide training in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR); basic emergency life support and basic first aid. A Certificate will be issued to every participant who successfully completes the course. We will provide coffee and tea but you will need to bring or buy your own lunch.

Keep an eye on our Parish emails and/or Website for registration details.

WHAT WE DO

KNITTING CIRCLE

Our Knitting Circle consists of a group of dedicated ladies who meet monthly to knit beanies, blankets and other items, and to enjoy morning tea together. The blankets are donated to Regis Bulimba and the beanies to the Missions to Seamen. They welcome new members and also donations of suitable wool. They will begin meeting again (usually in the Maheno Room) on the third Wednesday of each month at 9.00am. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 19th of May.

GUILD AND HOY

The St John's Guild is our women's fellowship group and will next meet on Tuesday 11th May at 8.45 am with a meeting (very brief) and morning tea at 10.00am followed by Hoy at 10.30am. This very sociable group would love to have new members join them for fellowship and morning tea, and meets in the Maheno Room.

CAKE STALLS ARE BACK—SUNDAY 23rd MAY

Thank you to all who contributed to our cake stall last Sunday, it raised \$741.90 which goes towards making up the shortfall in our givings.

The next one will be today Sunday 23rd May. Please buy generously.

Thank you to all who bake and preserve regularly, and who come to assist on the stall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

With the move to two services our Sunday School is re-starting on 2nd May 2021 at 9.00am. We have a number of volunteers and Renee Coffey will be the Sunday School leader, but they will need additional help. If you can volunteer please add your name to the list in church or contact the office or Padre Ron. Age is no limit; you will only need to have a Blue Card which is not difficult. You would be assisting about once a month. We already have suitable material and resources.

Sunday School takes place during Term time with two people each Sunday during the Service.

If your child attends Sunday School we would like you to help once a month.

NEXT WEEK

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 9 May 2021

Acts 10.44-48

1 John 5.1-12

John 15.9-17 or John 16.16-24

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.S	Margaret Salter Ros Thomson	Howard Greaver
READER	Margaret Salter	Sarah Davies
INTERCESSOR	Robert Bland	Roland Sowerby
COVID WARDEN	Allan Thomson	Lisa Hooper
IT MANAGER	Linda Mitchell/ Ros Thomson	Sarah Davies
FLOWERS	Dianne Coffey	
CHURCH CLEANERS	Marg & Felicity	
MORNING TEA	None	Andrea Findlay

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