



St Andrew's Anglican Parish of Riverton

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Priest in Charge—Rev. Lisa Spargo



Diocese of Perth

Supply Priest—The Right Reverend Dr Peter Brain.

To know Christ and make him known

Sunday 10 March 2024

Fourth Sunday In Lent

The joyous proclamation of the Christian faith is that the reality and capacity of God's love and grace are not hidden from the world nor beyond our ability to see and know. Jesus, the Saviour, the Messiah, put aside the divinity and glory of heaven to be one of us, to be a visible part of this world and to invite the world into a journey of enlightening us to God and God's love. Naming Jesus as Lord begins our journey, and if you know nothing or everything of the bible, these words of Jesus recorded by John will continue to invite you, like Nicodemus, to seek to know how his life, death and resurrection is the power of God's love for our redemption and to eternal life.

- Pray that God's endless love would transform the darkness of our world to light – transforming hatred to forgiveness and freedom, conflict to peace and joy, fear to hope and faith, death to life.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of CAPA, the Council of the Anglican Provinces of Africa.

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Notice

The nomination process for a new parish priest—Consultation:

Archdeacon Angela Webb will come to the parish on Sunday 17 March. She will take the 9.00am service followed by a consultation with members of the congregation. This is the first step in the process in which the Archdeacon visits and conducts a parish vacancy consultation. It allows members of the congregation to express their vision for future ministry in the parish. Parishioners are encouraged to attend as this is the forum where they can talk about their vision for the future mission of the parish.

Holy Communion - All are welcome to receive Communion with us. You may receive in one kind (just the bread) if you prefer. If you wish to receive the wine also, you may sip from the common cup. Please be aware that current diocesan regulations prohibit intinction (dipping) your wafer into the wine. Gluten free wafers are available.

For Today's Service

Sentence

The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. *John 3.14-15*



Collect (prayer of the day)

Everlasting God in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you: give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness prevent us from doing it; that in your light we may see light, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Fourth Sunday In Lent (10 March 2024 Year B)

Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2.1-10; John 3.14-21

Prayer List

+We pray for the Church

In the World: In our Partner Diocese, Eldoret, St Luke's Birbiriet Primary School, clergy and people; Diocese of Hong Kong Island, Hong Kong, bishop, clergy and people; Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.

ABM: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; Ministry to the Forces – Bishop Grant Dibden, chaplains and members of the Armed Forces.

BCA: SU Northern Territory Field Development Manager, Kylie & Matt Garrett; Ministry Trainee Darwin Cathedral, Matt & Emily Goldman

CMS: ongoing strength and wisdom for Joan.

In Australia: Archbishop Geoffrey Smith, Primate and Archbishop of Adelaide.

In the Province: St Boniface Cathedral, Bunbury, clergy and people; Parish of Shark Bay, clergy and people

In our Diocese: Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy; Bishop Kate Wilmot; Bishop Hans Christiansen and Bishop David Bassett; Anglican Community Fund Board, Brett Fullarton, Chair, and members of the Board; Members of the Anglican EcoCare Commission

Prayer Cycle: Janita Penrose, Michael Peoples, Kay Pool

We pray for those in need this month: Jamie Ayrs (Broughton family), Roxana D’Rosario, Terry Flay, Florence Khimbi, Derek Knight, Margaret (Joan Mackie’s sister), Margaret and Alan Mason, Joan McNeill, Joyce Mynett, Doreen Newell, Nicholson family: Kathleen, John, Sarah & Amanda, Roslynn Park, Jan Trench, Sylvia Westera, Joy White.

We pray for those in need this week: Marissa Bandy, Roberta Constantine, Fr Alan Brodie, Gwen Builder, Charlie Cuff, Jenny Cuff, Taya Fisher, Gaye Gray; June & Manny Rodrigues, Pat Trevithick, Peter & Helen Broughton

Thought for the Week from MU - Mothering



'I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also' 2 Timothy 1:5.

The power of a mother's (and grandmother's) faith and prayers must never be underestimated. The great scholar of the early Church, Augustine, had strayed a long way from the Christian faith of his mother, Monica. She agonised in prayer over him, even pleading with the famous Bishop of Milan, St Ambrose for help. He said to her these famous words, 'It cannot be that the child of such tears should perish.' St Augustine came to know the Lord, and is today remembered as one of the greatest thinkers and writers of all Christian history. He likened his mother to the widow of Nain in the gospel story, whose son was dead until Christ raised him to life. Such is the way that the Lord uses the prayers of the faithful, and not least mothers and grandmothers.

Question for Thought: Do I pray earnestly for my children and for the families around me?

Lord of all, we pray for relief from suffering and war in Awerial in South Sudan. Help members as they seek to improve the spiritual growth of women refugees. We thank you for their commitment to evangelism in the refugee camps as well as sharing practical skills for poverty eradication. Amen.



For God so loved the world
that He gave His only
begotten Son,
that whoever believes in
Him should not perish
but have

everlasting life.
John 3:16

Numbers 21.4-9

⁴ From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵ The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶ Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷ The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹ So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.



Psalms 107.1-3, 17-22

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: for his loving mercy is for ever.

² **Let the Lord's redeemed say so: whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,**

³ And gathered in from every land, from the east and from the west: from the north and from the south.

¹⁷ **Fools were far gone in transgression: and because of their sins were afflicted.**

¹⁸ They sickened at any food: and had come to the gates of death.

¹⁹ **Then they cried to the Lord in their distress: and he took them out of their trouble.**

²⁰ He sent his word and healed them: and saved their life from the Pit.

²¹ **Let them thank the Lord for his goodness: and for the wonders that he does for the children of Adam;**

²² Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving: and tell what he has done with shouts of joy.

Ephesians 2.1-10

¹ You were dead through the trespasses and sins ² in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³ All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — ⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

John 3.14-21

¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

¹⁹ And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.

²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed.

²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."



Celebrations

Birthdays: Joyce Schonhut (Tue 12th)

Anniversaries: none recorded

Other:



Next Sunday's Readings

Readings – Fifth Sunday in Lent (17 March 2024 Year B)

Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm 119.9-16; Hebrews 5.5-14; John 12.20-33

Rosters and Group Meetings

RHS Biscuit Roster: 11 Mar, Jill O'Donnell; 18 Mar, Madeleine Read

St. Andrew's MU: meet on 2nd Thursday of the month at 1.30pm in the Fellowship Room.

Notices

Offerings: Parishioners are encouraged to consider direct debit offerings. Details for direct debit are:

From Account:

From: xxxxxxxx

Your/Business name: **Offering**

Payment Details

Account Name: Riverton Parish

BSB: 706001

Account No: 30005512

Message: Offering



Our Post Office banking will no longer accept cheques. If you are unable to use the direct debit facility listed above, offerings can be made in cash through the collection plate on Sunday. No cheques please.

Notices

Midweek Services (February to April): While Lisa is on leave, we will likely only have clergy cover for Sundays. Our regular midweek service will therefore be on hold for that period. During this time, you may like to take the opportunity to join services in our neighbouring parishes throughout the Deanery:

- St Augustine's (Lynwood) - Tuesday 9:30am
- St Michael's (Mt Pleasant) - Wednesday 9am *Sung Eucharist
- St Basil's (Murdoch) - Wednesday 11:30am
- All Saints (Bull Creek) - Wednesday 1pm

Lenten Giving Up and Picking Up: During Lent the Mothers' Union will collect toiletries and groceries for women, children and men going into the Crisis Family Centre in Tuart Hill managed by Anglicare.. If parishioners would like to support this project please put the supplies in the box in the porch. Many thanks, Mothers' Union.

Lenten Study: A booklet published by the Church of England called **#Live Lent. Care for God's Creation** consists of daily reflections and suggestions providing an opportunity to come together to meet with God and to rejoice in the beauty of God's creation. Copies available at no cost in the Foyer. If you are interested, please put your name on the list on the notice board .

MU Eucharist: The Diocese of Perth MU will be holding a Lady Day Eucharist Service here at St. Andrew's on Friday 22nd March 2024 at 10am. This is in conjunction with a visit from the Australian President Dr. Robin Ray. MU Chaplain Rev. Des Smit will preside. Members are asked to bring a shared lunch after which a workshop will be held in the hall. The day will end at 2pm. All congregation members men and women are invited to join with us on this day.

Koorong Christian Bookstore: has a branch in Canningvale at 1/180 Bannister Road. They have a broad selection of Christian books and gifts.

Appreciation Lunch for Lisa: a catered lunch will be held on April 7 at 11.30 am in appreciation of Lisa's service to St Andrew's over the past 5 years. Cost is \$20 per person. The menu will be beef and pork roast, coleslaw, potatoes and bread rolls. Those interested are required to put their names on the list on the bulletin board. There is a minimum requirement of 30 people so the congregation is encouraged to bring family members and friends. This is an autumn themed lunch, and everyone is asked to wear autumn colors. There will be entertainment during the lunch.

Visitor Information

Children: Children's Activity Bags are available for parents and children to utilise during our services. Each bag includes a variety of books and materials that suit a wide range of ages, from toddlers through to young teens. You can find the bags at the back of the church. Please ensure they are returned after the service, for use by others next week.

Conveniences: Toilets and baby change facilities are located in the hall, accessible via the side door near the children's play area.

Communion: You are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us, if this is your usual practice in your own church community. Alternatively, if you or your children wish to receive a blessing instead, please indicate this by keeping your hands behind your back when you come forward to the communion rail. Gluten free wafers are available - if required, please alert the priest when you come forward.



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On leave—resigned as of 30 April 2024

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