



**St Andrew's
Anglican Parish of Riverton**
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Priest in Charge—Rev. Lisa Spargo

Supply Priest—The Venerable Angela Webb

To know Christ and make him known

Sunday 17 March 2024
Fifth Sunday In Lent

There are people today, like the Greeks of the Gospel passage, who wish to see Jesus, they don't want to see church wardens, parish councils, bishops, priests or deacons. Still Jesus relies on his followers, us, like he relied on Philip and Andrew to bring others to see him. One of the hallmarks of being a mature disciple, apart from being fed on solid food, skilled in righteousness and trained to distinguish good from evil, is our readiness to introduce others to Jesus.

- God, help us to be mature disciples that show Jesus to others by our love, actions and speech.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

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Notice

The nomination process for a new parish priest—Consultation:

Archdeacon Angela Webb is with us today. 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

This is the covenant I will make with them,' says the Lord God: 'I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be my people.'

Jeremiah 31.33



Collect (prayer of the day)

O God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope: renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Prayer List

+We pray for the Church

In the World: In our Partner Diocese, Eldoret, St Michael's Tapsagoi, clergy and people; Diocese of Ibba, Sudan, bishop, clergy and people; Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.

ABM: The Church of Pakistan; The Diocese of North Queensland – Bishop Keith Joseph, the clergy and people .

BCA: Strathfieldsaye, VIC, Rob & Michelle Edwards & family; Croajingolong, VIC, Jude & Andy Benton

CMS: ongoing strength and wisdom for Joan.

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

In the Province: Parish of Augusta/Margaret River, clergy and people; Diocese of North West Australia, Bishop Darrell Parker, clergy and people

In our Diocese: Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy; Bishop Kate Wilmot; Bishop Hans Christiansen and Bishop David Bassett; Parish of Bruce Rock; Parish of Bull Creek-Leeming, Bruce Hyde and people; Budgeting Group, Philip Teale, Chair, and members of the Committee; Revd Chris Hine, Lynwood Parish.

Prayer Cycle: Madeleine & Errol Read, Liz & Bertrand Rey, Manny & June Rodrigues.

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 - Women Worldwide

‘But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream’ Amos 5:24.



Justice is something we all want. We want to live in a just society and we wish to be treated with justice, especially when we are disadvantaged. In the end, we believe that justice is at the very heart of the universe, since God is just, and, as the prophet Amos reminds us, he wishes us to be righteous in our dealings with each other as well. Around the world there are many examples of women facing injustice simply because they are women. It is good to bear witness to the necessity of justice and righteousness and the fact that the Lord will judge us on the basis of our treatment of others. Let us care for those who suffer, and pray that the Lord’s kingdom will come so that all may be set to rights.

Question for thought:

How can I support Mothers Union world wide as it brings literacy and education to women?

Gracious heavenly Father, we pray for members in Antisiranana in Madagascar as they cope with impact of floods and cyclones. We give thanks for their commitment to sharing God’s love in families in their communities so that children might grow up knowing you. We also pray for Brisbane Diocese as they face challenges but continue to reach out to their communities in your name. Amen



Thankyou: to the Mothers’ Union for their participation in the service last Sunday and for the provision of posies and simnel cake

Notice

Next Sunday the 24th is Palm Sunday. On Saturday the 23rd Palm Cross making will take place in the meeting room commencing at 9:00am. We urge all those with Palm Cross making skills to attend.

Jeremiah 31.31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.

³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalms 119.9-16

9 How shall the young keep their path pure: unless they hold to your word?

10 I have sought you with my whole heart: let me not stray from your commandments.

11 I have treasured your words in my heart: that I might not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, Lord God: O teach me your statutes.

13 With my lips I have been telling: all the judgements of your mouth;

14 And I find more joy in the way of your commands: than in all manner of riches.

15 I will meditate on your precepts:

and give heed to your ways;

16 For my delight is wholly in your statutes: and I will not forget your word.

Hebrews 5.5-14

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

⁶ as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;

⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,

¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

¹¹ About this we have much to say that is hard to explain, since you have become dull in understanding.

¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic elements of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food;

¹³ for everyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is unskilled in the word of righteousness.

¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, for those whose faculties have been

trained by practice to distinguish good from evil.

John 12:20-33

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

²³ Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

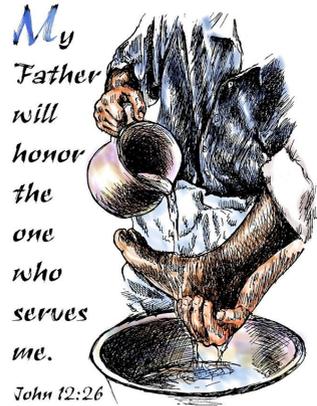
²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

³⁰ Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.



Celebrations

Birthdays: none recorded

Anniversaries: none recorded

Other:



Next Sunday's Readings

Readings – Sixth Sunday in Lent-Palm Sunday (24 March 2024 Year B)
Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-18; Philippians 2.5-11; Mark 14.1-15.27

Rosters and Group Meetings

RHS Biscuit Roster: 18 Mar, Madeleine Read; 25 Mar, Roshini Jacob

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: Many thanks to all the Parishioners who have donated items towards the Anglican Crisis Centre. Sunday 24th March, Palm Sunday is the last Sunday items can be left as all donations will be taken to Anglicare the following week. Many thanks. *Cynthia*

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.

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: Please note the service on Sunday, 7th of April will be held at 10:00am. A catered lunch in appreciation of Lisa's service to St Andrew's over the past 5 years after the service will commence at 11.30 am. Cost is \$20 per person and payment can be made either to Gaye or Ann. The menu will be beef and pork roast, coleslaw, potatoes and bread rolls. Gluten free catered for. As the caterers will not provide desserts, attendees are asked to bring desert (optional). 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. The event will last about 3 hours as there will be entertainment, quiz and speeches.

Parish Council: meeting Thursday 21 March at 7:00pm in the meeting room.

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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