



**St Andrew's
Anglican Parish of Riverton**
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Diocese of Perth

Priest in Charge—Rev. Lisa Spargo

Supply Priest—The Reverend Lynne Eastoe

To know Christ and make him known

Sunday 25 February 2024
Second Sunday In Lent

The flowers today are provided by Terry Flay in memory of his wife Sue.

There is Abraham and Sarah in the retirement village when God totally disrupts their plans. It's never too late to act in faith. Abraham and Sarah are such extraordinary examples of faithfulness that St Paul refers to them in his letter to the Romans as a model of faith. When it comes to faith there is no retirement age.

- We pray for older people that their faith may be an inspiration to all.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

Text: Archdeacon Rod Bower, Director of Mission, Diocese of Newcastle © Anglican Board of Mission, 2024

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

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him. *Mark 8.34*



Collect (prayer of the day)

God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life: grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Second Sunday In Lent (25 February 2024 Year B)

Genesis 17.1-7,15-16; Psalm 22.24-32; Romans 4.13-25; Mark 8.31-38

Prayer List

+We pray for the Church

In the World: In our Partner Diocese, Eldoret, Ngeria Farm Prison Ministry, Chaplain and people; Diocese of Guinea, West Africa, bishop, clergy and people; Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.

ABM: Episcopal Relief and Development (USA); The Diocese of the Northern Territory – Bishop Greg Anderson, the clergy and people .

BCA: Norfolk Island, Laurie & Bec Carleton & family

CMS: ongoing strength and wisdom for Joan.

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

In the Province: Parish of Kondinin and Corrigin, clergy and people; Parish of Geraldton, clergy and people.

In our Diocese: Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy; Bishop Kate Wilmot; Bishop Hans Christiansen and Bishop David Bassett; St James' Anglican School Council, Keva Crouch, Chair, and members of the Council; St Mark's Anglican Community School Council, Simon Green, Chair, and members of the Council

Prayer Cycle: Jill & Charles O'Donnell, Barbara & David Otterman, Roslyn Park

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 - Fair Trade Matters

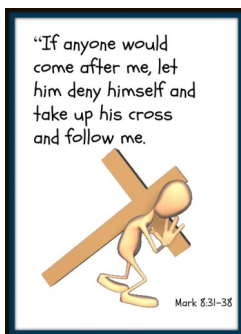


‘The Lord detests dishonest scales, but accurate weights find favour with him’ *Proverbs 11:1*.

The Lord calls us to justice in all our dealings with our fellow humans, whether in the home or in the workplace or in the marketplace. Unfortunately, you may have noticed farmers and other workers are not always paid what they deserve for their labours. As we are able, we need to redress this balance and ensure that justice is done. Certainly, one of the key things we can do is pray for the disadvantaged. But it is also good to support those who are working to serve the interests of the poor by selling their goods at a fair price. We need to remember the words of the prophet Micah, ‘What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God’ Micah 6:8

Question for thought: In what way am I walking with justice and mercy?

Merciful Lord, we pray for the political situation in Myanmar that there will be an end to injustice. We bring before you the Diocese of Mandalay and pray for members that they will continue to have courage and perseverance in spite of opposition to the Christianity. As they care for their communities may they show forth your love. Amen



Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²

And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³ Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴ "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ¹⁵ God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Psalms 22:24-32

²⁴ O praise the Lord, all you that fear him: hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob, and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.

²⁵ **For he has not despised nor abhorred the poor man in his misery: nor did he hide his face from him, but heard him when he cried.**

²⁶ From you springs my praise in the great congregation: I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;

²⁷ **The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied: and those who seek the Lord shall praise him— may their hearts rejoice for ever!**

²⁸ Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord: and let all the families of the nations worship before him.

²⁹ **For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he shall be ruler over the nations.**

³⁰ How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage: or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?

³¹ **But he has saved my life for himself: and my posterity shall serve him.**

³² This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation: and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

Romans 4.13-25

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to

Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be."

¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

²² Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness."

²³ Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone,²⁴ but for ours also. It

will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,²⁵ who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Mark 8.31-38

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life.

³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Celebrations

Birthdays: Derek Martin (Tue 27th)
Joy White (Fri 1st Mar)



Anniversaries: none recorded

Other:

Next Sunday's Readings

Readings – Third Sunday in Lent (3 March 2024 Year B)

Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22

Rosters and Group Meetings

RHS Biscuit Roster: 26 Feb, Jenny Grafton; 4 Mar, Liz Rey

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



If you do not have access to a computer internet, you may wish to give your offering by cheque made out to **Anglican Parish Riverton** and mail it to:

St Andrew's Anglican Parish Riverton

PO Box 3022

Shelley WA 6148

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: In 2020 we used a booklet published by the Church of England called **#Live Lent. Care for God's Creation**. These daily reflections and suggestions provide an opportunity to come together to meet with God and to rejoice in the beauty of God's creation. There are copies available at no cost. The booklet can be used for personal or group study. If you are interested, please put your name on the list on the notice board in the Foyer, so I can provide you with a copy of the booklet . **Barb O**

World Day of Prayer: will be held on Friday 1st March 10am at St. John & St. Paul Catholic Church Pinetree Gully Road Willetton. The service has been written by the Christian women of Palestine. Morning tea will follow the service. All congregation men and women are invited to attend.

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.

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 regarding the nomination process for a new parish priest.

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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Roster:

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