



St Andrew's Anglican Parish of Riverton

- Riverton, Rossmoyne, Shelley, Willetton North -
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Priest in Charge—Rev. Lisa Spargo

Supply Priest—The Venerable Michael Pennington

To know Christ and make him known

Sunday 28 April 2024
Fifth Sunday Of Easter



Diocese of Perth

It is said that St John in advanced age became too frail to preach, so his disciples would carry him into the assembly where he would say simply, “Little children love one another”. Abiding in love is one of the central themes of the writings that take his name. Today we have those themes brought together in the image of the vine. The vine is the sum of the branched. One is indistinguishable from the other. When we truly abide in Divine love, we are indistinguishable from Christ.

- Pray that we all may experience God’s love.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev and Rt Hon Justin Welby

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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

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*



Collect (prayer of 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.**

Readings—Fifth Sunday of Easter (28Apr 2024 Year B)

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

Prayer List

+We pray for the Church

In the World: In our Partner Diocese, Eldoret, Nairiri, clergy and people; Diocese of Juba, Sudan, bishop, clergy and people; Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.

ABM: Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy; • Anglicare Australia: Chair, Bishop Chris Jones; Executive Director, Kasy .

BCA: Emerald/Blackwater, QLD, Daniel & Jenni Avenell; Lightning Ridge, NSW, Kurt & Rebecca Langmead &family.

CMS: ongoing strength and wisdom for Joan.

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

In the Province: Parish of Wagin, clergy and people; Parish of Wickham, clergy and people.

In our Diocese: Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy; Bishop Kate Wilmot; Bishop Hans Christiansen and Bishop David Bassett; St George's College Board, Marino Evangelisti, Chair, Ian Hardy, Warden, and members of the Board; St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls, Fiona Johnston, Principal, staff and students; Anna Casellas, Chair, and members of the Board

Prayer Cycle: Lynn Turner, Annamma Varghese, Sylvia Westera.

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 - *Seek first God's Kingdom*



‘But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well’. (Matthew 6:33)

Jesus has just taught his disciples to pray first and foremost that God will hallow his name and that his kingdom will come, that his will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. Only then do they ask God concerning their physical needs for food and spiritual need of forgiveness and protection from evil (see Matthew 6:9-13). Now he contrasts the way of the world, with its ceaseless hurry to obtain riches, with the way of life of the disciple. Our business is to seek the kingdom first. God’s kingdom is his rule, and to seek his kingdom is to trust him and to make it our first aim in life to please him. We are to do his will every day, conscious of his promise to care for us.

Question for thought: What is the aim of my life?

Gracious Lord, we pray for members in the Diocese of Muhabura in Uganda as they seek to be faithful to your word and promote Christian family values through their parenting program, prison ministry, and hospital visitation so they can support stable family life. We also pray for the Diocese of the Northern Territory so that they will be able to continue to witness to God’s love. Amen.



Acts 8.26-40

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth." ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"

³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁷ And Philip said, "If you believe with all your

heart, you may." And he replied, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Psalm 22.26-32

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.

1 John 4.7-21

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached

perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

John 15.1-8

¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.
² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.
³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.
⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.
⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.
⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.
⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Celebrations

Birthdays: Sarah Nicholson (Sun 28th)
Roslyn Park (Mon 29th)
Anita Penrose (Sat 4th)



Anniversaries: none recorded

Other:

Next Sunday's Readings

Readings – Sixth Sunday of Easter (5 May 2024 Year B)

Acts 10.44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5.1-12; John 15.9-17

Rosters and Group Meetings

RHS Biscuit Roster: 29 April, Jan Rose; 6 May, Sylvia Stone

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

Cameo: meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month, 10:30am at Flames Restaurant., Central Avenue, Rossmoyne.

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

Annual General Meeting: of the Anglican Parish of Riverton will be held on the 26th of May after the service at St Andrew's. Anglican Church, Shelley. Reports from all groups and committees are due by Sunday 12 May 2024 (2 weeks prior to AGM) and should be submitted via email or in hard copy to the Parish Secretary, Cynthia Walker. Reports will then be distributed to all Members ahead of our Annual Meeting.

Elections will be held for all roles except that of Synod Representatives. Completed Nomination Forms are to be submitted to Cynthia Walker no later than Sunday 19 May 2020 (1 week prior to AGM).

Midweek Services (February to April): While Lisa is on leave, we will 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

Rosters: The new roster for April to June 2024 is available in the foyer. If you haven't done so and you have a rostered position, please collect the one with your name on it.

Trading Table: has commenced. Any goods for the table will be most welcome. *Jan*

A Bazaar/Raffle Day: will be held on May 5 during morning tea to raise funds for the church. Raffle tickets will be sold at \$5 each and everyone is guaranteed a prize. Prizes will be separate for ladies and men. Parishioners are welcome to donate prizes and must be new items costing at least \$5. Indicate whether the item is for a Lady or a Man. Tickets can be purchased from Ann and the ticket sale deadline is April 28. For the Bazaar, items such as cakes, finger food, handicrafts, plants etc. will be sold and parishioners are encouraged to bring some items for sale on May 5. Please note that all transactions will be done in cash only. *Ann*

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

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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Roster:

David Otterman