

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Church:** In the Anglican Communion pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East and for the Church in Myanmar. In Bendigo Diocese for the work of Anglicare and for the Parish of Daylesford.

**World:** Pray for India as they grapple to cope with such a high number of COVID cases. Pray for the continued rollout of vaccines to be carefully administered.

**Community:** Pray for local families still struggling economically as a result of the pandemic, unemployment and other challenges.

**PARISH HEALING LIST:** *Please pray for (Please let Fr Ian know updates)*  
Christine, Angelo, Clara, Terry & Ellen, Cheryl, Jill, Joan, Carmen, Roslyn, Paisley, Shirley, Bev, Travis, Elizabeth, Saxton, Bali, Ron, Keith, Prudence, Kirrili, Glen, Peter, Maddie & Paul, Allan, Ny, Gerald, Carmel, Bernard and Claire.

Anniversaries: Albert Davie & Jeanette Harbourne (8 May)

## BIRTHDAYS

1 May Rosemary Cann



The Fifth Sunday of Easter 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.

## PARISH CONTRIBUTION DIRECT DEPOSIT DETAILS

Thank you to all who are contributing to the life of the parish via EFT (direct deposits into the parish account). The details are as follows:

Kyneton Anglican Parish Council      You can include your name as an identifier  
BSB: 083-713                                      and that it is offering. Your details remain  
Acc No: 51586 7674                              confidential.

**Acknowledgement of Country:** This land is God's land and God's Spirit dwells here. We acknowledge the Taungurung and Djar Djar Wurrung peoples; the traditional custodians of this area and honour their Elders—past, present and emerging.



## St Paul's Kyneton & St John's Malmesbury 2nd May 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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### WORSHIP ROSTER

#### Worship Team this Sunday—St Paul's

Lay Reader: Ruth Murphy  
Server: James Howarth  
Musician: Riley Howarth  
Sides Person/s: Ian Brown  
Reader: Carolyn Siddel  
Prayers: Helen Forsyth  
Morning Tea: Carolyn Siddel  
Flowers: Veronica Manifold

#### Worship Team this Sunday—St John's

Priest: Fr Ian Howarth  
Readers: Ian Thomas  
Dorothy Thomas

#### Worship Team next Sunday—St John's

Priest: Fr Ian Howarth  
Readers: Warren Miles  
Judi Miles

#### Worship Team next Sunday—St Paul's

Lay Reader: Elizabeth Hannah  
Server: Betty Jenner  
Musician: Riley Howarth  
Sides Person/s: Rob & Pam Inglis  
Reader: Adele Mapperson  
Prayers: Betty Jenner  
Morning Tea: Chris & Carla Whiting  
Flowers: Veronica Manifold

#### Scripture Readings—next Sunday

Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-12  
John 15:9-17

*If you are interested in taking one of these roles in helping to lead worship then please speak to Fr Ian.*

**Covid Changes: It is now a requirement to QR code attendance only, no paper registrations. If you need help simply ask and if you can do it please feel free to help those who can't.**

A way of being: To be Christ-centred as we worship joyfully, serve faithfully, care for one another lovingly and outreach enthusiastically with our words and actions.

## ENTRANCE HYMN: O MAY MY HEART BE GLAD

Tune: DIADEMATA 66.86D TiS 228

1. O may my heart be glad,  
my flesh and tongue rejoice  
in entering through worship now  
with heart, mind, soul and voice.  
O Lord you know my ways,  
so I do here submit  
and seek forgiveness, renewed life,  
whereby your mercy fit.

2. Lord, let our hearts be glad,  
our flesh and tongue rejoice,  
for in this moment as all time  
you grant to us a choice.  
A way to follow you,  
with Christ to be our guide,  
in giving of ourselves in love  
for in you we abide.

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The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Christ is risen, alleluia!  
**He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

Sentence of 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

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

3. Like Christ who washed the feet,  
the lowly servant task,  
to offer humble service to  
all that cry out and ask.  
Today we do break bread  
and share Christ's giving cup,  
for here in brokenness re-made  
to lift your gospel up.

4. So may your will be done,  
this day amongst all days,  
to share the cost of ministry  
in all life's giving ways.  
By worship, praise begin,  
in peace and love to go,  
to serve and be Christ to the world,  
his life more fully know.

## FASHION PARADE

An opportunity for fund and fundraising with Kay's Classics

When: Friday 7th May 2021, commencing at 1.30pm

Where: Parish Hall at St Paul's

### HELP IS NEEDED

- **Distributing tickets**
- **Invite friends to come**
- **Help provision Afternoon Tea**
- **Assist on the day in setting-up from 10.00am and packing-up.**
- **Speak to Betty Jenner if you are able to assist in anyway**



## MEMORIAL SERVICE AND AFTERNOON TEA FOR OLIVE PENNO

Olive was a much loved and respected member of the church community at Malmsbury and the Taradale community who died last year, when only 10 people could farewell her at her funeral.

A memorial service is being held on 15th May 2021 (the day before what was her birthday) at 2pm in St John's Malmsbury, followed by Afternoon Tea at Taradale Hall. Given Covid restrictions attendance is still limited to 100 people. So if you would like to attend please call Tracey Whiteside on 0411 122 139 or email [tracey@interiorsolutions.net.au](mailto:tracey@interiorsolutions.net.au).



## COMING DATES

- 7 May Fashion Parade (Parish Hall—St Paul's)
- 8 May Kyneton Farmers Market 8.30am-1.00pm (day before Mothers Day)
- 16 May Come to Church Sunday—Invite your family and friends  
Sunday after Ascension—'Come fly with me.' 10.30am St Paul's
- 23 May Pentecost Sunday—wear something red
- 12 June Kyneton Farmers Market 8.30am-1.00pm (Queen's Birthday weekend)
- 19 June Parish Dinner (details to come)
- 20 June 10.30am Patronal Eucharist (Feast of St Peter & St Paul—altered date)

## On the lighter side..... Love should have no selfish motives!!

Dear Belinda,

I have been unable to sleep since I broke off our engagement.  
Won't you forgive and forget? Your absence is breaking my heart.  
I was a fool - nobody can take your place. I love you.

All my love,  
John. xxxoox

P.S. Congratulations on winning this week's jackpot in lotto.

### **Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in God's sight; and the +blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**In the name of Christ Amen. Alleluia, alleluia!**

### **PRIEST'S PONDERINGS:**

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Welcome to worship on this Fifth Sunday of the Easter Season. I absolutely love the verse from our second reading today (1 John 4:16b) that goes as follows: "God is love and those who abide in love, abide in God and God abides in them." In fact the whole of 1John 4:7-21 is worthy of our greater attention, because unfortunately as human beings we can so often fail to live up to this standard.

It is modelled in the life of God. As God walks this earth in the life of Jesus and being the atoning sacrifice for all our sins. As Jesus in his own life and ministry met people where they were at and particularly showed such deep empathy to the lowly, the outcast and all who were marginalized and judged because they were seen as different.

The challenge for us today is to seek to maintain the character of Christ through seeking to live our lives and respond to others as Jesus did so well. To love God and our sisters and brothers without judgement, but through engendering dignity, respect and compassion foremost in all that we do.

May the risen Christ continue to inspire and lead us to be evermore his people.  
Fr Ian

**THIS WEEK** 8.45am Holy Eucharist (St John's) **EASTER 5**  
**THIS SUNDAY:** 10.30am Sung Eucharist (St Paul's)

Tuesday: 8.50am Anzac Service - Braemar College  
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 10.00am Holy Eucharist (St Paul's)  
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday: 11.00am Funeral for Jean Palmer (St Paul's)  
5.00pm Evening Prayer (St Paul's)

Friday: 1.30pm Fashion Parade & Afternoon Tea (St Paul's Hall)  
5.00pm Evening Prayer (St Paul's)

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 8.45am Holy Eucharist for St John's Day (St John's)  
10.30am Holy Eucharist (St Paul's) **EASTER 6** Fr Ian

**GARDEN TOUR & AFTERNOON TEA**—Once again thank you so much to Rob and Pam Inglis for hosting such a beautiful Open Garden and Afternoon Tea last Sunday. It was greatly enjoyed by all.

### **Merciful God,**

**our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us  
to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

Almighty God,

who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
+ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

### **Collect 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.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (8:26-40)

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) 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 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. 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.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. 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?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, 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 snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 22:26-32**

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; ♦

**I will perform my vows**

**in the presence of those that fear you.**

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; ♦

**those who seek the Lord shall praise him;**

**their hearts shall live for ever.**

27 All the ends of the earth

shall remember and turn to the Lord, ♦

**and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

### **The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.**

The bread which we break, alleluia,  
is the communion of the body of Christ.

**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread.**

We are one body, alleluia,  
for though many we share one bread.

**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread.**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. **Alleluia!**

The gifts of God for the people of God....

### THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray.

Most glorious Lord of life,  
we thank you that you nourish us with these Easter mysteries.  
Fill us with the Spirit of love and unite us in faith  
that we may witness to the resurrection  
and show your glory to all the world.

Father,

**we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit,  
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

### *NOTICES*

#### **HYMN: ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL**

Tune: Old 100<sup>th</sup> (TiS 59)

1.All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;  
come ye before him and rejoice.

2.Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make:  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3.O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud and bless his name always  
for it is seemly so to do.

4.For why the Lord our God is good;  
his mercy is for ever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

Words: William Kethe

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*(The prayer continues to:)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*(The prayer continues to:)*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*(The prayer continues to:)*

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**so may your Church be gathered**

**from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread.

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's ♦

**and he rules over the nations.**

29 How can those who sleep in the earth

bow down in worship, ♦

**or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?**

30 He has saved my life for himself;

my descendants shall serve him; ♦

**this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.**

31 They shall come and make known his salvation,

to a people yet unborn, ♦

**declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.**

### Second Reading

A reading from the First Letter of John (4:7-21)

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 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. 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. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 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. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. 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. We love because he first loved us. 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. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Abide in me, so that I may abide in you,

bear fruit in being my disciples.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## Gospel Reading

+ The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John (15:1-8)  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 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. 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. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

For the Gospel of the Lord,  
**praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon  
*Silence may follow.*

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.  
**Grant that what we have asked in faith,  
we may by your grace receive;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**And also with you. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**HYMN: WHILE MORNING STILL IS BREAKING**

Tune: TiS 457 Aurelia

1. While morning still is breaking  
and day replaces night  
beneath God's care awaking  
we thank him for new light.  
We thank God that he calls us  
to life and health anew  
whatever now befalls us  
God's care will still be true.

2. O Israel's guardian, hear us,  
watch over us this day;  
in all we do be near us.  
For others, too, we pray;  
to you we would commend them,  
our church, our youth, our land;  
direct and defend them  
when dangers are at hand.

3. O grant us peace and gladness,  
give us our daily bread,  
shield us from grief and sadness,  
on us your blessings shed.  
Grant that our whole behaviour  
in truth and righteousness  
may praise you, Lord, our Saviour,  
whose holy name we bless.

4. You are our vine: O nourish  
your branches, so that we  
may grow in you and flourish  
and ever fruitful be;  
your Spirit pour within us,  
and let the gifts of grace  
to those good actions win us  
that best may show your praise.

Words: Johann Muhlmann 1573-1613  
Tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.....  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**