

# Bribie Beacon

## FEBRUARY 2024

St Peter's Anglican Church  
Banya Street Bribie Island

Anglican  
Church  
St Peter's Bribie Island



Ash Wednesday  
Services

February 14, 2024  
7 a.m. and 10 a.m.

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AGM

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2024 – 10AM

Nominations are called for the positions of Churchwarden,  
Parish Nominator, Synod Representative and Parish Councillor.

*Nominations should be submitted in the box in the narthex by Sunday 18 February .*

**Are you giving up something for Lent?  
Or adding something in?**



During Lent, are you prepared to give beyond your usual giving? You may consider intentionally supporting our Sacramental Ministry by putting in funds toward the purchase of wine for the year. The cost of a bottle of wine is \$20.00. If you are interested, put your generous gift in an envelope marked wine and place it on the offering plate. Thanks for your support.

### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday - 7.30am & 9.30am  
Wednesday - 10am

### PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

#### PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

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#### WEBSITE

[www.stpetersbribie.org.au](http://www.stpetersbribie.org.au)

#### ONLINE GIVING BY CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/TIM/?BillerCode=1730050>

#### ONLINE GIVING BY DIRECT DEPOSIT

Ac Name - Bribie Island Parish  
BSB - 704-901  
Account Number - 00000040

#### POSTAL ADDRESS

PO Box 1087 Bongaree 4507

#### LOCATION

10-12 Banya Street Bongaree

## PARISH NOTICES

**Neighbourhood Centre** – Food delivered to B.I.D.N.C. for December totalled 30.9kg and 32.5kg for January. Thank you to all who gave. Greg Rollason.

**Lenten Studies** – Lenten Studies begin this week with two sessions each week, either Tuesday at 10.00am beginning on the 6<sup>th</sup> February or Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm. Both sessions will study the booklet “God’s Own Country” by ABM Education Missioner, Stephen Daughtry. If you have not already indicated you wish to attend please speak to Rev Gary.

**AMUA Eucharist** - AMUA members are reminded on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024, there will be a Eucharist at 10.00am in St Peters followed by a morning tea in Coinda. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet our new Priest in Charge, Rev Gary and welcome our new members.

**Parish AGM** - The Parish Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Nominations are called for the positions of Churchwarden, Parish Nominator, Synod Representative and Parish Councillor and these nominations need to be submitted in the box in the narthex by Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

**One Service Only** – There will only be one service on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 8.30am. The service will be followed by morning tea and then the AGM.

**AGM Reports** – Any groups wishing to submit reports for the AGM Booklet are welcome to do so. These reports must be sent to the office ([bribieisland@anglicanchurchsq.org.au](mailto:bribieisland@anglicanchurchsq.org.au)) no later than Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

**WHS** – Anyone who has a passion for Workplace Health and Safety or experience in this field and is interested in being involved with the church’s compliancy, please speak to Rev. Gary.

**Pastoral Care Team** – For those with a passion for Pastoral Care and would like to join a team, please speak to Rev. Gary.

**Worship Group Team** – If anyone has an interest in joining a Worship Group Team to assist in sourcing items and decorating the church for seasonal events, Rev Gary would like to hear from you.

**LA Training** – New and current LA’s are invited to attend a training on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February from 2.00pm to 3.30pm in the church.

**Welcomer Training** – Training for new and current Welcomers will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February from 1.30pm to 2.00pm.

**Easter Cards** – AMUA have Easter Cards available for purchase in the card stand in the narthex.

**Chaplaincy & Religious Instruction Commissioning Service** – The service will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm at the Bribie Island Baptist Church, 7/9 Cotterill Avenue Bongaree. All are welcome.

## PARISH PRAYER POINTS

**Those celebrating Birthdays** - February Birthdays – Nerilyn Aldridge (1<sup>st</sup>), John Kerr (2<sup>nd</sup>), Jocelyn Busse (11<sup>th</sup>), Christine Gallagher (13<sup>th</sup>), Michael Pope (15<sup>th</sup>), Bob Bimrose (16<sup>th</sup>), Rod Maris (21<sup>st</sup>), Lenore Wilson (21<sup>st</sup>), Jan Redsell (24<sup>th</sup>).

**Those in Need** – John Kerr, Vivienne Bourne, Linda Peterson.

**Continuing Prayer List** - Krista-Liisa Pulkkinen Elva Woods, Kaye Bush, Phillipa Booth, Nicholas, Blake & Elizabeth Kubler.

**Prayer for Anglicare Australia** - God of Life-Giving Creation, You call us to act justly, to love mercy, to walk humbly with you. We pray for the member organisations of Anglicare Australia working across this vast and ancient land. Enable us as we strive to meet human need through loving service and to build communities of resilience, hope and justice. Encourage us to work in mutual partnership to effect positive change. Empower the people we serve to reach their full potential, especially those who experience disadvantage and injustice. Guide us in our advocacy for social justice and strengthen our determination to respond with compassion. Remind us to care for ourselves and each other as we face the challenges of our work, and as we seek reconciliation, healing and community transformation. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our servant leader and friend. Amen.

**School Chaplaincy** - Julie Godfrey (Bribie High School) and Sean Godfrey (Bribie Island State School).

**Prayer Chain** - St Peter's operates a Prayer Chain ministry. If there is someone or something you would like to have placed on the Prayer Chain, please email [bribieisland@anglicanchurchsq.org.au](mailto:bribieisland@anglicanchurchsq.org.au) or contact the Parish Office.

**Weekly and Continuing Prayer Lists** - To add someone to the prayer list please email [bribieisland@anglicanchurchsq.org.au](mailto:bribieisland@anglicanchurchsq.org.au)



Our AMUA Branch provides for the use of members of the Parish “Care Bags” and “Prayer Shawls”. These are available in the narthex for all parishioners to take and offer to people they know who may be in need of support and care.



## **SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2024 – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

Readings – Isaiah 40.21-31; Psalm 147.1-11; 1 Corinthians 9.16-23; Mark 1.29-39

Sentence – Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles. (Isaiah 40.31)

Prayer of the day – Saving God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, healed the sick and brought them wholeness of body and mind: inspire us, his disciples, so that we may constantly proclaim his gospel by our words and by the dedication and integrity of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Scripture Reflection – The passage from Isaiah is poignant poetry in which we are invited to contemplate God's relationship with humanity. We are guided to see how God reveals might and arms of strength that no other being can give. Isaiah writes of the hope of God that transcends the plight of all who believe what is hidden is disregarded and instead is embraced and seen. (v27) It is good news for those who are exhausted, faint, powerless and weary to be transformed to have renewed strength - '.... they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.' (v31) <sup>1</sup>

Jesus, like the author of Job before him, rejected the tendency to consider sickness as God's punishment for sin. Jesus, in his actions and manner, sees that illness is un-wholeness and healing is the bringing about wholeness. Just like in the passage from Isaiah, Jesus came and took Peter's mother-in-law by the hand and lifted her up. The fever left her flying away on eagle's wings—an opportunity to be renewed and transformed, calling on the intimacy of God, which is like no other and encompasses and embraces everything. <sup>2</sup>

After Simon's mother-in-law is restored to health, she serves. This is how Jesus himself will live and what all his followers will be called to do (10:45) <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> David Forney – Preaching the Word (PTW); <sup>2</sup> P. C. Enniss – (PTW); <sup>3</sup> P. C. Enniss – (PTW)

### Questions for Scripture Reflection

1. Why would Jesus leave an awaiting crowd to travel elsewhere to do the same thing He was already doing? How did Jesus know it was time to go elsewhere?
2. What does the passage from Mark tell us about Jesus?
3. What does the passage from Mark tell us about the disciples?
4. What does the passage from Mark reveal about Peter's Mother?

## SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY – TRANSFIGURATION

Readings – 2 Kings 2.1-12; Psalm 50.1-6; 2 Corinthians 4.3-12; Mark 9.2-9.

Sentence – It is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ

Prayer of the day - Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, for glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ or Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Scripture Reflection – Elijah makes a cameo appearance in Mark’s transfiguration story. However, the passage from 2 Kings is more about the story of Elisha than Elijah, the latter’s triumphal ascension into heaven notwithstanding. It is Elisha who is transformed. Elisha’s transformation can serve as a parable for our transformation as individuals and as faith communities.<sup>1</sup>

Who is Jesus? Who are we? Who does Jesus say that he is? Who does Jesus say that we are? How do we answer the same questions? Crucifixion and resurrection lie at the heart of Jesus’ answers. People are speculating that Jesus is John the Baptist or maybe Elijah or one of the prophets (8:28; 6:14-16). Jesus stands in the great tradition of prophets persecuted by the establishment (8:29). Yes, Elijah must come first to restore all things, but John the Baptist is Elijah reborn, who has prepared the way through his anti-establishment preaching and martyrdom (6:17-29; 9:12-13) Jesus also will be rejected by the establishment and be killed. (8:31; 10:33-34)<sup>2</sup>

Coming down the mount of transfiguration, Jesus forbids the inner cycle of disciples to mention the vision until he has risen from the dead (9:9). Jesus’ glory of transfiguration, like his numinous chaos trampling power, like the power and the glory of Jesus risen from the dead, show up as merely human social constructions as paper tigers, wineskins too brittle and inelastic to contain the bubbling creativity of what is real (2:22). Jesus identifies disciples, not just as those who might follow in the footsteps of persecuted prophets and suffer a gruesome death for Jesus’ sake and for the sake of the gospel (8:35). Jesus recognises as disciples those who have the courage to march opened eyed into the vortex of the reality of the Real Kingdom coming.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Maryann McKibben Dana – Preaching the Word (PTW); <sup>2</sup> Marilyn McCord Adams – (PTW); <sup>3</sup> Marilyn McCord Adams – (PTW)

### Questions for Scripture Reflection

1. Why do you think Jesus was gloriously transfigured at this point in His ministry?
2. Why do the disciples seem to ask the question they do in verse 11?  
What’s significant about Elijah’s promise in Malachi 4:5?
3. How does Jesus correct their thinking?

## SUNDAY 18 February 2024 - FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Readings – Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Sentence – The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news. Mark 1.15

Prayer of the day – God of the new and eternal covenant, as the forty days of the great flood swept away the world's corruption and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life: grant to us, who are washed clean and born again in the saving flood of baptism, the wellspring of your grace, that your gift of new life may flourish once again; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Scripture Reflection – In the biblical flood story, God un-creates the world and, at the same time, preserves a remnant of that original creation and re-establishes the cosmos under a new order. (Genesis 6:5-9:17). From the outcome of this story, God makes a divine covenant which within in its response is a paradox: God's unstoppable purpose to create a peaceful cosmos colliding with God's immovable compassion for what is a destructive, uncooperative humanity. The aftereffects illuminate key aspects of creation, humanity, God, and redemption.<sup>1</sup>

This covenant also reveals the unity of all creation, the intractable sinfulness and undeserved blessedness of humanity, and all creation's total dependence upon God's active compassion. Creation, including humanity, is one. What affects part affects all. The deep purpose of nature is diversity in unity under God's ownership. The covenant of Genesis 9:8-17 is a stopgap measure. Although creation is granted a reprieve, God's purpose for a unified, harmonious cosmos remains in conflict with humanity's corrupting influence.<sup>2</sup>

Lent recognises this imbalance, giving us the means to seek restoration by embracing our sin and mortality.<sup>3</sup>

Mark describes the events in chapter 1:9-15 in terms of the Spirit descending, the heavens opening, a voice from heaven, temptations from Satan, wild beast threatening and angels ministering. This religious symbolism can evoke an intensity and, to some extent, a sense of a chance of renewal, which can lead to a redefining of self or 'soul' beyond itself to transcend into a transformative religious experience. As in the Noah story, the "Spirit" is shown as a gentle dove setting us on a new and revolutionary spiritual path. What Jesus and, for that matter, Moses heard from God was a disruptive, life-changing experience. At the Jordan and in the wilderness, Jesus struggled to affirm the sublime message wonder f: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:11) <sup>4</sup>

During the season of Lent, shall we not be prepared to bear the cost of our divine name and mission as Jesus' disciples in the confident hope of our ultimate divine affirmation in the resurrection power and love of God?<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> WM. Loyd Allen – Preaching the Word (PTW); <sup>2</sup> WM. Loyd Allen (PTW); <sup>3</sup> WM. Loyd Allen (PTW); <sup>4</sup> Rodney J Hunter – (PTW); <sup>5</sup> Rodney J Hunter (PTW)

### Questions for Scripture Reflection

1. Can you think of other images of Lent that are meaningful for you?
2. How is the Trinity of the Godhead seen in these verses? (Mark 1:10-11)
3. Jesus said "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand." What two things must we do? (Mark 1:15)

## SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY - SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Readings – Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:24-32; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Sentence – If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him. Mark 8:34

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, bring 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.**

Scripture Reflection – In Genesis, we read of the promise to the elderly, childless Abraham, who is married to a barren Sarah, that he will be the “father of many nations” and have many descendants as stars can be seen in the sky (Genesis 17:15-18). Paul writes the Genesis narrative; he wants Abraham to be a classic person of faith who promised to become not simply a father of a nation but the father of many nations. God’s return to the promise made guarantees that Abraham truly is the father of many nations. The promise to Abraham is like the promise to us now.<sup>1</sup>

As Christians, we are not physical descendants of Abraham. Instead, we are “children” of Abraham. In the light of the resurrection of Jesus, Christians are called to have faith in the promise of God. We are called to imitate Abraham's response to the promise he received.<sup>2</sup>

In Mark's gospel, his accounts of Jesus' foreshadowing death on the cross give the narrative a dramatic context. The apostle Peter has just proclaimed his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, to which Jesus has replied that it must not be revealed to anyone. Our present text makes clear the reason for this command of silence. Jesus has much to teach them about what he must face: betrayal, denial, suffering, death, and finally, and most mysteriously, resurrection. The collective witness of the New Testament regards the cross as the visible symbol of the saving journey of Jesus. We are right to celebrate that journey and the Good News that it is both to and for us.<sup>3</sup>

The season of Lent, structured as it is to remember in its fullness the journey of Jesus to the cross, is also the perfect time for articulating the call of Jesus to discipleship. In these forty days, we may contemplate not only the wonderful power of the cross of Christ but the power inherent in taking up our own crosses, too.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ian S. Markham – Preaching The Word (PTW); <sup>2</sup> Ian S. Markham – (PTW); <sup>3</sup> Paul C. Shupe – (PTW); <sup>4</sup> Paul C. Shupe – (PTW)

### Questions for Scripture Reflection

1. What sorts of people is Jesus going to be rejected by?
2. Why do you think Peter felt so strongly about Jesus' prediction of his suffering and death?
3. Who are the them in verse 31?