

# Bribie Beacon

## MARCH 2024

St Peter's Anglican Church  
Banya Street Bribie Island

Anglican  
Church  
St Peter's Bribie Island



Maundy Thursday Service  
7.00pm

Good Friday Service  
9.30am

Good Friday  
Stations of the Cross 2.00pm

Holy Saturday  
Service of the Light 6.00pm

Easter Sunday 7.30am & 9.30am

### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday - 7.30am & 9.30am

Wednesday - 10am

### PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

#### PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

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

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/TIM/?BillCode=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

### Palm Cross Making

in Cooina  
Monday 18th March  
2.00pm

### PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

Decorators and Palm Fronds are  
needed on Saturday 23 March at  
9.00am to decorate the church for  
Palm Sunday.

## PARISH NOTICES

**BCA & BMF Boxes** - March is Money Box Collection Month, so please bring your boxes in to be counted.

**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.

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

**Retiring Collection** – On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March, Mothering Sunday, AMUA will be having a retiring collection at both services to support Pacific Islander Nations as they deal with changes to their environment due to increasing disruption caused by weather incidents such as cyclones and the effects of rising tides and flooding on villages.

**AMUA Notices** – A reminder to all AMUA members and interested parishioners that the Diocesan AGM and Country Council meeting will be at St. Faiths, Strathpine on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Please advise the AMUA contact team of Jan, Margaret or Carol if you are interested in attending. The Deanery Quiet Day will be at Bramble Day on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. AMUA Bribie's gathering day on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March will be Wave of Prayer and Lady Day at the Cathedral is on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

**AMUA Christmas Cards & Diaries 2025** – Orders are now being taken for Mother's Union Diaries and Christmas Cards for 2025. These need to be advised to Brenda Allardyce by Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Please call on 3408 6648 or 0418 197 488.

**Lenten Envelopes** – Funds raised from donations to the ABM Lent and Good Friday 2024 Appeal go to supporting women and children in the Holy Land needing life-changing health care. You can donate online [www.abmission.org/Lent2024](http://www.abmission.org/Lent2024) or there are giving envelopes in the narthex beside the Tap Point Machine.

**Working Bee** – Join us for a day of fellowship while we clean in and around the church. A variety of tasks to do, so something to suit everyone. Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 8.00am to 11.00am including morning tea. Names on the narthex sheet please.

**Palm Cross Making** – Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday will be made on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March in Cooina from 2.00pm until approximately 3.00pm. Palm fronds will be supplied. All are welcome to attend and any queries please contact Jon and Jan White.

**Palm Sunday Decorating** – Decorators and palm fronds are needed on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 9.00am to decorate the church for Palm Sunday. All are welcome.

## PARISH PRAYER POINTS

**Those celebrating Birthdays** – March Birthdays – Lyn Bellert (2<sup>nd</sup>), Vivienne Bourne (2<sup>nd</sup>), Maureen Gough (3<sup>rd</sup>), Brian Newell (3<sup>rd</sup>), Ian Carr (18<sup>th</sup>), Bob Cunningham (19<sup>th</sup>), Hester Pullos (21<sup>st</sup>), Lorraine McClear (22<sup>nd</sup>), Barry Robertson (22<sup>nd</sup>), Marilyn Cullen (23<sup>rd</sup>), Coral Beutel (24<sup>th</sup>), Margaret Hardy (24<sup>th</sup>), Greg Bean (27<sup>th</sup>), Peter Thatcher (29<sup>th</sup>), Jean Woodward (30<sup>th</sup>).

**Special Birthdays** – Congratulations to Ian Carr who celebrates his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, Greg Bean who celebrates his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March and Peter Thatcher who celebrates his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

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

**Continuing Prayer List** - 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 3 MARCH 2024 – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Sentence – God spoke these words and said, ‘I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.’ (Exodus 20.1)

Prayer of the day – Lord of God, by your Holy Spirit write your commandments upon our hearts and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross, so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness, we may become a living temple of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture Reflection –

The cleansing of the temple occurs directly after the first of seven “signs” in John’s Gospel, all of which are explicitly Christological. The Wedding of Cana is a sign through which we see his glory, glory that reveals Jesus’ identity as the Son of the Father.<sup>1</sup>

God calls prophets to be speakers for God, so they boldly proclaim, “This is the word of the Lord.” Israel’s prophets spoke God’s word of judgement, grace, and hope, telling the truth about God and God’s Way and Israel and Israel’s ways.<sup>2</sup>

John places the temple cleansing at the very outset of Jesus’ public ministry because prophetic speech is not always understood when it is first voiced. From the outset, Jesus does more than speak God’s word; he is God’s Word. What he says is more than truth, for he is Truth. Through his word and actions, Jesus reveals the truth about who God is, who we are, what God has to do with us and what we have to do with one another.<sup>3</sup>

The story of the cleansing of the temple as John tells it points toward the replacement of the temple with the temple of Jesus’ body, a narrative foreshadowing of Christ’s death and resurrection and its embodiment in the celebration of the Eucharist.<sup>4</sup>

During Lent, we are reminded that the story of Jesus culminates at the cross but does not end there. Taking only parts of the story will lead us to an incomplete and inadequate understanding of Jesus. And it might leave us in a temple of our own construction that is dedicated to the purposes of God but, in reality, stands in opposition to them.<sup>5</sup>

Questions for Scripture Reflection

- (1) Why did this make Jesus angry?
- (2) Can you think of any comparisons in today’s world?
- (3) What does this tell us about God’s feelings for the holiness of the temple/church?

1. Joseph D. Small – (FOTW); 2. Joseph D. Small – (FOTW); 3. Joseph D. Small – (FOTW); 4. Paul C. Shupe – (FOTW); 5. W. Hulitt Gloer – (FOTW)

## SUNDAY 10 MARCH 2024 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Readings – Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2.1-10; John 3.14-21.

Sentence – The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3.14-15)

Prayer of the day – Everlasting God in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you: give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness prevent us from doing it; that in your light we may see light, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Scripture Reflection –

How we react to Jesus is a measure of where we stand and to what extent our souls are laid bare. Jesus' love, even with nostalgic yearning, allows a glimpse of hope for us. However, if we see nothing in Christ, we have condemned ourselves. The one who was sent in love has become our judge.<sup>1</sup>

This passage from John attempts to provide an answer and addresses the tension between God's desire for the world's salvation and the world's often negative response. John's Gospel presents Jesus as the true light that shines with divine brilliance into the world's darkness (1:4-9; 3:19-21; 8:12; 12:46). Some people are drawn to this light; others, however, retreat from it. Why is this?<sup>2</sup>

The text leads us toward noticing and seeing God's involvement in establishing the moral love of those who ultimately come to Christ.<sup>3</sup>

John's Gospel plays the themes of belief, judgement, and eternal life. This passage contributes its own powerful message of God's extraordinary love for the world and a connection between believing and moral actions and God.<sup>4</sup>

### Questions for Scripture Reflection

1. Does God love us because Jesus died for our sins, or did Jesus die for our sins because God loves us? Use John 3:16-17 to help answer that question.
2. What does it mean to be condemned? Why is it important that God's motivation for sending his son was based on saving rather than condemning?

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## SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2024 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Readings – Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm 119,9-16; Hebrews 5.5-14; John 12.20-33

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

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.**

### Scripture Reflection

“The hour has come,” says Jesus. It is an hour to which his whole life has been leading, an hour in which he will be glorified. The “hour” of which Jesus speaks sounds like a cautionary and foreboding tale of diminishment, destruction, and loss – even though it may have a happy ending. Indeed, as the hour comes, Jesus says that his very soul is troubled. Yet he will not ask to be spared this hour, for it bears the reason of his life. <sup>1</sup>

The “hour” of utter self-abandonment and acceptance even of abandonment by God – the hour of love that holds “no matter what” – is consummation. <sup>2</sup>

By the cross, life and love are offered to Jesus’ disciples, and the cross, in this sense, constitutes both an appeal and a demand; it attracts and heals. Believing this, the followers of Jesus can come in trust to the “hour” in which they must share. <sup>3</sup>

The Fourth Gospel makes it clear that the incarnation of God is the first movement in God’s action of self-emptying, which will be consummated in a final free, surrendering love. Therefore, the “hour” in the end is not unexpected. The God who became human will affect an action of ultimate love by dying on the cross of human existence. <sup>4</sup>

### Questions for Scripture Reflection

1. How are you connected to Jesus?
2. Does your life reflect the teachings of Jesus, if so, how do you walk like him?
3. How would you feel if death came knocking, would you be ready to go?

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## SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2024 – PALM SUNDAY

Readings – Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-18; Philippians 2.5-11; Mark 14.1-15.27

Sentence – At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.10-11

Prayer of the day – Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross: in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Scripture Reflection –

Jesus' passion teaches us what love looks like.

Interpretations of the meaning of the death of Jesus are important not only because our understanding of this event is essential to our spiritual lives but also because interpretations of the passion and death of Jesus have had some troubling consequences in our world.<sup>1</sup>

The last words of Jesus are reported differently in the four Gospels. Mark and Matthew, writes that Jesus cries out from the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Luke reports Jesus' last words as "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit," and in John's Gospel, the final words Jesus says are simply, "It is finished." All these accounts need to be held together in our efforts to make the logical sense of the passion and death of Jesus.<sup>2</sup>

At the heart of the Christian symbol of the cross has been a kind of paradigm of human suffering – where bodies are destroyed, minds ravaged, and spirits broken, in the agonies of human history when peoples subjugate peoples, families are rent asunder by abuse and starvation, and everywhere there is relentless dying.<sup>3</sup>

The point of the cross is not finally suffering and death; rather, it is that a relationship holds. There is love stronger than death, that can withstand whatever the forces of evil do against it, and that can hold suffering even as it struggles to alleviate it.<sup>4</sup>

The meaning of the cross can be understood finally only within the whole of the good news of the promise of God to overcome terror, enfold us in Life, and dwell with us forever.<sup>5</sup>

Questions for Scripture Reflection

1. Do you understand why Jesus' friends deserted him? What would you have done?
2. Who can you turn to when the path of discipleship seems too difficult?

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## SUNDAY 31 MARCH 2024 – EASTER DAY

Readings – Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; John 20.1-18

Sentence – The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Prayer of the day – Brightness of God's glory, whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison: as you have shared our frailty in human flesh, help us to share your immortality in the Spirit; let no shadow of the grave terrify us, and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you. Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days, as the First and the Last, the Living One, our immortal Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

### Scripture Reflection –

John's account of the first Easter morning provides a charter for the Easter Community that has arisen around the memories to which John bears witness. His story of the visit to the unexpectedly empty tomb furnishes two dramatic images of what kind of community comes to birth and thrives in the wake of Easter.<sup>1</sup>

These images remind the church that the beloved community can quickly look for work of divine love amid the tragedies of personal existence and the injustices of social experience, even when most of the world believes that dream has long since ended.<sup>2</sup>

In seeing empty tomb and empty grave clothes in these enduring signs of its life, the beloved community is free to believe, along with that of the beloved disciple, that the power of God's love continues to permeate the world, undeterred by waves of death or destruction.<sup>3</sup>

We as an easter community are called to be more extensive, creative, and enduring in calling names of all those wounded and afflicted by greed, insensitivity, and injustice, just because we hear the Good Shepard calling those names as well.

<sup>4</sup>

### Questions for Scripture Reflection

1. What piece of evidence do you find most compelling for the resurrection? How would you respond to a friend who said, 'surely we can't believe that Jesus really rose from the dead?'
2. Look at Jesus's words to Mary in vs17. What do we learn about the significance of Jesus' resurrection? How does this provide assurance for us at a time like this?

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