

Bribie Island Beacon

Sunday
24 May 2020



We need to be very thankful for the low infection rate of COVID-19 we have experienced in Australia. Even though the restrictions have had a significant negative impact on many parts of our lives, we must be grateful we have not had to experience the infection rate common in so many parts of our world. With that said it is great to see restrictions eased and some of our freedoms restored. For the time being here at St Peter's we will be maintaining our online worship and online meetings for a while longer. The Diocese is currently working on guidelines for what our worship and activities will need to look like when we return to meeting onsite at St Peter's. The relevant parts of those recommendations will be passed on when available. We do know that when we return, we will need to ensure good hygiene and physically distancing, both will require some changes to worship services and social events. So, as we journey together along this road of recover, I hope you are enjoying the freedom to reconnect with others. With the freedom to meet people together in homes, parks or coffee shops now available to us, I would encourage you to meet up with some others from church. Please remember physical distancing and good hygiene are still essential. Thank you to those who have continued to support our grocery appeal, it is greatly appreciated. If you are facing any need the Parish can assist with, please do not hesitate to contact myself or one of the churchwardens.

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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
Please use all the zeros

POSTAL ADDRESS

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PARISH NOTICES

Neighbourhood Centre – Donations of groceries and clothing for the Neighbourhood Centre are still welcome, there will be a box at the front door of St Peter's each Monday, so if you can give something to support the needy in the community please bring it to St Peter's each Monday for collection.

Drink Containers – Please continue to collect your drink containers, they can be dropped off in front of the shed next to Cooida.

Parish Giving – You can now giving using Credit and Debit cards using the secure BPOINT function. Our BPOINT page can be found on the front page of our website or by clicking HERE. Even though we are not meeting for worship the Parish still needs to meet expenses, if you are able to give by Parish Direct or Online Deposit it would be appreciated, bank account details on front of newsletter. For those unable to give online a mail slot has been installed in the door of the Parish Office on Toorbul Lane.

PRAYER POINTS

Those in Need

Roslyn Young, Ian Hillard,
David Lower, Scott Payne,
Vivienne Bourne,
Elizabeth Kubler,
Phyl Adams,
Sue Telfer.

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays this week

Sharon Parsons (24 May)
Ken Park (27 May)
Karen Llewellyn (29 May)



Online Worship available every Sunday

To watch online worship from St Peter's please follow this link vimeo.com/user110905450 the link is also available from our website and FaceBook page.

Morning Prayer on Wednesday & Sunday with Chat Time

At **10am** each **Wednesday** and **Sunday** you are invited to join us for a Morning Prayer using Zoom. Chat time before Morning Prayer from 9:30am. Follow the Zoom instructions below.

HOW TO JOIN US ON ZOOM

While we are unable to meet in person the Parish will be using Zoom to hold meetings, prayer times, studies and conversations. If you have a computer with a camera, a tablet or smart phone all you need to do is download a free app by following this link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3408319100>

Open the app and select "Join Meeting" and enter the meeting id **3408319100** and the password is **34083191**.

When prompted select join with computer / internet audio. You can also phone in from your home phone by dialling **02 8015 6011**. The meeting id is **3408319100**.

Please phone Fr Steven on 3408 3191 if you need assistance.



READINGS FOR THE FEAST OF ASCENSION

Readings - Acts 1.1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 28.16-20

Sentence - Go and make disciples of all nations,' Jesus commands; 'I am with you always, to the close of the age. (*Matthew 28.19-20*)

Prayer of the day - God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life, and took him up into the glory of heaven: clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflection - Last Thursday in the church calendar was the Feast of the Ascension. Each year we mark Ascension day on the sixth Thursday after Easter, that being forty days after Easter, to remind us that after a period of forty days appearing to his disciples, Jesus appeared one final time to his disciples before ascending on a cloud to heaven. This is a significant event because it reminds us of the great commission that we all share, that being to go out and make disciples. We do not have a passive faith, rather we have a faith that requires us to support, encourage and build up the body of Christ. Each of us are the hands and feet of Jesus and accordingly we must continue the work of Jesus proclaiming in word and action the grace of God. There is a story about Leonardo da Vinci that tells how he once started to work on a large canvas in his studio. For a while he worked at it - choosing the subject, planning the perspective, sketching the outline, applying the colours, with his own inimitable genius. Then suddenly he stopped working on it. Summoning one of his talented students, the master invited him to complete the work. The horrified student protested that he was both unworthy and unable to complete the great painting which his master had begun. But da Vinci silenced him. "Will not what I have done inspire you to do your best?" So too for us we need to be inspired by what Jesus did in spreading the Good News and continue marking the masterpiece he started. Will Jesus' life not inspire us to finish the picture? This is the message of the Ascension.

Reflection Questions

1. In the Gospel passage Jesus says that he will be with his followers to the close of the age, at what times and times are you aware of God's presence in your life?
2. Jesus shared the Good News of God through word and action, how have you this week continued to do what Jesus demonstrated?
3. How might you in the coming week reach out to someone else so that they may experience God's love.



National Reconciliation Week (NRW) and the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation are held between 27 May and 3 June annually. These dates mark two significant milestones in the Reconciliation journey – the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Week of Prayer for Reconciliation – The Rev'd Canon Bruce Boase, Wakka Wakka man and Co-Chair of Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group

For me, to be reconciled means that people have to come together. The coming together involves a sharing of just who we all are. In that recognition we will see that we are all different. We are a diverse community. Reconciliation not only sees that difference but celebrates it and supports each other's difference. Respect for each other is necessary in this coming together. In the coming together, only then people can find true peace.

We do live in a diverse nation. For tens of thousands of years, people have walked this land speaking different languages, having different stories and knowing their own song-lines. Not so long ago more people started to come and they, too, had different ways. Sadly, in many places, these ways were forced upon those who were already here. Through the recent history of the land other peoples have come bringing their different cultures. This all adds to the mix.

The original forcing of the coloniser's ways has never really been fully known nor taught when it is. As a nation we have a great opportunity to reconcile ourselves with the past, each other and the land. All of this so that we can continue to grow in harmony, respect, peace and love for one another. If we are to be Australians, we must come together as a people.

Reconciliation is a cornerstone of the Christian faith. We, as Christians first and Anglican Christians next, have a story with and in Jesus Christ. We have to tell that story to remember just who it is we come together in. To be able to tell that story, which is common to all Christians, we have to first come together as a people. That is, we have to be reconciled with each other. Then and only then can we be reconciled in and through Jesus Christ. Anglicans in the past have played a big part in both the sad parts of the story and the joyful encounters with each other. All parts of our story as Anglicans in this land need to be told. We do need to recognise our past, respect those who journey with us in our present and grow into a future as children of God through Jesus Christ.

To read the full reflection - <https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2020/05/15/week-of-prayer-for-reconciliation-and-national-reconciliation-week/>

Full list of Diocesan events - <https://anglicanchurchsq.org.au/what-we-do/r-a-p/>