

# Bribie Beacon

## APRIL 2021

**St Peter's Anglican Church  
Banya Street Bribie Island**

**Anglican**  
Church  
St Peter's Bribie Island

The first reading each Sunday during the season of Easter comes from the book of Acts. Acts reveals how the followers of Jesus continued his work of bringing peace and light into the world. For these first believers it tells of the importance of sharing in a faith community and how they prioritised worshipping together, eating in each other's homes and how they shared all property in common. Christian community for the early church was exercised very differently than it is for the modern day church. The church we encounter in the book of Acts was enabled with an anointing of the Holy Spirit to build its foundation on generosity, worship, and celebration. These Christians followed the example of Jesus to prioritise humility and service. It recognised that when Jesus knew he only had one day left to live, he chose to spend some of that time washing the feet of his friends. If we knew we only had one day to live, would we prioritise humble service? On that same evening Jesus told his friends that "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13.35). Listening to the stories contained in the Book of Acts, we hear of the love that the believers shared for each other. As the early church was known for its love, so too does our church need to be known for its love for each other and the wider community. We need to talk about the ways that the Holy Spirit is already working in our community. As a church we are blessed with people who are willing to serve in leadership positions, people who gather in our parish groups, multiple worship services and existing partnerships with the wider community. Let us continue along this journey together by sharing with each other our passion for our spirituality, coming together to share in inspiring worship, building loving relationships and sharing with all people the Good News of God. Fr Steven

### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday - 7.30am & 9.30am  
Wednesday - 10am

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

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## **PARISH NOTICES**

**Online Sunday Worship** - A new online service is available each Sunday via Vimeo, FaceBook or our Webpage.

**Parish Newsletter** - The Beacon will now be a monthly publication released towards the beginning of each month. If you have a notice you wish published in the Beacon, please email it to the office by the last Sunday of the month prior.

**Morning Tea** - Morning Tea will be held in Coinda after both Sunday Services on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April.

**Dinner Party Raffle** - Dinner Party Raffle - Tickets are available for a Dinner Party Raffle. The prize is a three course meal plus wine and chocolates for 6 delivered to your door on either Friday 28<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased from Kay Benson, Margaret Peterson and Frankie Park.

**Bribie Island Chaplaincy Fundraising Dinner** - To be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm at the Bribie Island RSL. Cost is \$80 per person which includes welcome champagne on arrival, three course dinner, live music and guest speaker Petero Civoniceva, former Rugby League professional player. To register:  
<http://suqld.org.au/bribieislandchaplaincydinner>

**Woorim Market Stall** - St Peter's will be holding a stall at the Woorim markets on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June. We will need jams and relishes, cakes and biscuits (ingredients on labels please) handcrafts, plants and any other saleable quality products. For more information please speak to one the wardens – Kay, Margaret or Greg.

**Seasons Loss and Grief Support** - Due to the pandemic no groups were able to be conducted last year. As restrictions have eased at the moment, we feel we could look toward conducting a group from Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> May at 1.00 pm, then every Monday for 6 weeks – concluding on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> June. Please consider whether this is an opportunity for you to explore grief in your life, or discuss it with a friend you feel could benefit from participation in the group. Please advise Margaret Peterson (5497 6978) or Lorice Keith (5497 6212) if you, or someone you know, might be interested.

**The Bribie Gleemen** - The Gleemen are back with their next big concert on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm in the Recreation Hall. The theme of the concert is "Gone Fishin'" with songs of lakes, rivers and seas while dreaming of the fish (and other delights) they hope to meet one day. Tickets are \$20.00 and MUST be purchased in advance due to COVID restrictions. To book phone 0438 618 073 or 0408 404 180.

**Drink Containers** - Collecting 10c refundable drink containers is a way the Parish raises funds. Please continue to collect your drink containers. They can be dropped off in church hallway. You can also take your containers directly to the collection centre at 21 Armitage Street and give them the Parish's scheme id, so the funds come to the Parish. St Peter's scheme id is C10177475.



**Those in Need** - Evelyn Elbourne, Royce Voss, Maureen Van Bruggen, Blake Kubler, Elva Woods, Vicki Pickering, Barbara Earner, Kaye Bush, Phillipa Booth, Aileen & Ralph Johnson, Elizabeth Kubler, Krista-Liisa Pulkkinen.

*To add someone to the prayer list please email [office@stpetersbribie.org.au](mailto:office@stpetersbribie.org.au)*

**Those who Grieve** - The family and friends of Valerie Bowser who passed away on Sunday 28 March.

## CELEBRATIONS

**April Birthdays** - Priscilla Hancox (1<sup>st</sup>), Myra Milner (1<sup>st</sup>), Diane Carr (3<sup>rd</sup>), Ellen Newby (6<sup>th</sup>), Marie Hauser (8<sup>th</sup>), Molly Clent (9<sup>th</sup>), Bev Birt (10<sup>th</sup>), Betty Clark (11<sup>th</sup>), Bev Stafford (15<sup>th</sup>), John Campbell (20<sup>th</sup>), Catherine Campbell (24<sup>th</sup>), Norma Fowler (24<sup>th</sup>), Bev Nehmer (25<sup>th</sup>), Kathryn Wilson (27<sup>th</sup>), Lorette Riley (29<sup>th</sup>).

**Special April Birthdays** - Congratulations to Myra Milner who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April, Marie Hauser who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April and Norma Fowler who celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

## ST PETER'S GROUPS

### SINGING GROUP

For an hour each Monday (during school terms), from 4pm to 5pm, join us in the church as practice the hymns for the coming Sunday, sing some old favourites and learn new songs.

### BRIBIE ANGLICAN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Bribie Anglican Cancer Support Group (BACS) is a group of people who have all experienced cancer in some form. It was formed by members of St. Peter's Anglican Church who wanted to reach out to and support others, irrespective of denomination or faith. Present members include church goers and non-church goers. BACS meets

BACS meet every Wednesday at 10.00am for coffee and chat at the RSL. All are welcome. For more information, phone Phyll on 3408 0901 or Denise on 3408 1598.

### MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' Union is an international Christian charity that seeks to support families worldwide. In 81 countries, our members share one heartfelt vision – to bring about a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships. Upcoming gatherings are ...

***Monday 24 May - 9.30am - Eucharist and Discussion on Future of Branch***

# ST PETER'S PARTNERSHIPS

## PANTRY HELP WITH BRIBIE ISLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

We are continuing to collect pantry items each week which we pass on to Bribie Island and District Neighbourhood Centre for distribution to those in need in our community. The following items are helpful - pasta, spaghetti sauce, other pasta sauces, rice, cooking oil, 2 minute noodles, cuppa soup, longlife milk, tea bags, coffee, sugar, jams, peanut butter, vegemite, cereals, fruit juices, muesli bars and tinned items like tuna, salmon, sardines, soups, meals, vegetables, spaghetti and baked beans. Items can be placed in the marked box in the narthex.

## DRIVE THROUGH COVID-19 TESTING WITH 4CYTE PATHOLOGY

COVID-19 tests are available here at St Peter's Monday to Friday from 8am to 3.30pm and on Saturday 8am to 2pm, no appointment is needed. You may either get a referral from your GP or you may obtain one on site when you attend to get tested. Patients should bring ID and Medicare card. COVID testing is bulk billed.

## COOINDA HALL PARTNERS

Yoga for Health - Tuesday and Thursday @ 10am - Maggie Coombs - 0400 250 520  
Tai Chi - Tuesday @ 6.30pm - Trevor Druery - 0431 134 872  
Yoga - Monday @ 7pm + Thursday @ 6pm - Nick Eady - 0437 233 930

## **Bribie Island Chaplaincy Fundraising Dinner 2021**

Welcome Champagne on arrival!  
Three course meal  
Live music(Boom Baby)  
Raffles  
Auction

### **Where:**

Bribie Island RSL

### **When:**

20 May 2021

### **Time:**

6:00pm

### **Cost:**

\$80.00pp

**Bribie**  
Island RSL Club

**B** Bribie Island  
Butterfly House

Dinner Includes: Guest Speaker – Petero Civoniceva – former Rugby League professional player,  
INFO: [bribieislandlcc@gmail.com](mailto:bribieislandlcc@gmail.com). Register online: <http://suqld.org.au/bribieislandchaplaincydinner>

## **SUNDAY 4 APRIL – EASTER SUNDAY**

Readings - Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; John 20.1-18.

Sentence - This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it..'  
(Luke 24.34)

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.

Gospel Reflection - In the first portion of the Gospel passage Mary arrives early in the morning at Jesus' tomb. Mary is in mourning and when she sees an open tomb, it does not bring about the memories of Lazarus' resurrection, but rather a logical assumption: an opened tomb signals a tomb robbery! Rather than looking into the tomb, Mary runs away from it assuming Jesus' body has been stolen, she seeks help from two disciples. Mary's desire for comfort from these two disciples, however, will leave her empty. Both men eventually look into the tomb and see that Jesus' body is gone. The men "returned to their homes," while Mary remains outside the tomb, weeping. As the Gospel passage continues Mary is visited by three beings. Two angels are the first to acknowledge her pain: "Woman, why are you weeping?" Seemingly blinded by her tears, Mary does not hesitate to answer the angels, not showing the fear so characteristic of other angelic visitations in the Gospels and unbothered by their sudden presence in what was before an empty tomb. When she turns and sees Jesus a few verses later, she overlooks his identity as well. Jesus repeats the acknowledgement of her blinding pain, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" In John 20:17, Mary is explicitly told to "let go" of Jesus' body so that he can "ascend" to his Father in heaven. Mary's physical reaction to cling to Jesus is entirely understandable, and it emphasizes the corporeal reality of Jesus' raised body. Jesus, though, tells Mary this is not the time to remain physically with him; she cannot follow him quite yet (13:36–14:7). Instead, now is the time to go and tell the good news of Jesus' resurrection. Mary, in full obedience, does just that (20:18). In many ways, we can relate to Mary. We have experienced the sorrow of Good Friday together and, now, we meet the resurrected Jesus and begin to rejoice. But Jesus also tells us we cannot remain in the garden, clinging to him. Instead, we must continue to trust his word and go. While we cannot be with Jesus physically just yet, we rejoice and experience his presence by means of the Holy Spirit he breathes over us as a community, a newly-founded family of God, blessed by believing even without sight (John 20:29–31).

### Questions for Scripture Reflection

1. What does it take to prove something to you, to convince you that something is true or believable? (John 20:8)
2. In a world saturated with messages, how can we best cut through the clutter with the good news? (Acts 10:36)
3. Today is a good day to thank God for ... (Psalm 118:1)

## **SUNDAY 11 APRIL - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Readings - Acts 4.32-37; Psalm 133; 1 John 1.1-2.2; John 20.19-31.

Sentence - 'Peace be with you,' says the Lord. 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' (*John 20.21*)

Prayer of the day - Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us in despair but whose presence is overwhelming: breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. Amen

Gospel Reflection - In the Gospel passage it is still the first day of the week. The unconfirmed rumours of the resurrection started by Mary has brought neither understanding nor obedience. The disciples are clueless concerning the meaning of Jesus' death, disappointed by this presumed dashing of their hopes, and astounded by reports of the empty tomb. The disciples are fearful. Good news does not erase fear. Good news, incredible news, can ignite hope, but even hope does not eliminate genuine fear. So, there they were in a familiar place desperate with unfamiliar fear. An empty tomb isn't enough to confirm all that Jesus promised is true. What does the resurrection mean? It means God still shows up. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." No doubt it was Jesus. They recognized the scars and in recognition, John says they rejoiced. Astonished, ashamed, afraid, the intruder into their hidden place asserts must-needed peace. God is (still) with us! And Jesus, like God breathing life into the first human, breathed on the disciples. The Spirit of God proceeds from him and in so doing, opens the eyes of the disciples. But Thomas was not present when Jesus showed up on the other side of a locked door to greet fearful followers with peace and the instruction to forgive. Thomas' request is merely for what the other's experienced. The wonder of this moment is Jesus' willingness to meet Thomas exactly where Thomas names he needs meeting. Thomas names what Jesus knew his disciples needed. The doors are shut. Jesus appears, nail scars and all. His offering of peace is followed by a demonstration of forgiveness, no condemnation for Thomas' request, a simple invitation. The disciples rejoiced, but Thomas' response is praise. On the second Sunday of Easter, what is written in John's Gospel calls our attention to the wounds and traumas inscribed in his body. John invites us to see the life Jesus has given to the world in the midst of wounds, pains, and traumas. John's story goes on to recount that the disciples return home to Galilee again. They once again fail to see him (21:4, 12), but most significantly, the risen Christ appears to them again. Then, the preacher "writes" the resurrection message of comfort and peace in and for the troubled and wounded hearts of the people. Today and tomorrow our pain and sorrow may turn into joy.

### Questions for Scripture Reflection

1. In what ways do you think the early Christians are a model for Christians today? (Acts 4:32-35)
2. What have you seen, touched, and heard concerning the word of life? How do you declare it? (1 John 1:1-5)
3. What does it mean for your daily life that you are sent into the world as Jesus was sent? (John 20:21)



## **SUNDAY 25 APRIL – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Readings - Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

Sentence - 'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'I know my own and my own know me.' (*John 10.14*)

Prayer of the day - Jesus, good shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold: feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Gospel Reflection - The good shepherd discourse, or at least the idea of Jesus as the good shepherd, is one of John's especially memorable moments that tend to be remembered out of context. While it can have in memory a warm, gentle glow of safety and warmth about it, this discourse actually emerges out of a conflict with the religious authorities in John 9, and the conflict and related discourse are flanked by attempts to stone Jesus (John 8:59; 10:31). John 10 begins in the middle of a quotation that has started at John 9:41. Jesus is continuing a conflict with the religious authorities, which they have started with the man born blind after Jesus has restored the man's sight. When the authorities cast the man out, Jesus finds him and receives him as his own, his "sheep" in the rhetorical landscape of John 10. The man born blind receives not only physical sight but also spiritual insight, while Jesus tells the powerful opponents that in their insistence that they are able to see, they remain spiritually blind. He illustrates the conflict of John 9 in John 10 with the contrasting images of the true, good shepherd, on the one hand, and the thieves and bandits who oppose him on the other; the false shepherds, who do not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climb in by another way, do not have the best interests of the sheep at heart; they steal, kill, and destroy, while Jesus, who is metaphorically both the door to the sheepfold and the shepherd of the sheep, offers abundant life. As our passage for this Sunday begins, we learn (and we hear it again and again in these verses) that the goodness of the true shepherd comes at a cost. While the hired hand, who does not care for the sheep because they are not his own, runs away when the wolves come, the shepherd does not. The good shepherd lays down his life. He lays it down in order to take it up. He lays it down of his own accord. He has the authority to lay it down and the authority to take it up. All of this is framed by references to the Father's love and the Father's command, so that the death and resurrection are drawn into the mystery of the unity of the Father and the Son; the laying down and taking up of life on the part of the good shepherd are an expression not only of immense love and faithfulness toward the sheep but also of love and faithfulness toward the Father-God from whose loving presence he has come to the broken, dangerous, beloved world.

### Questions for Scripture Reflection

1. Compare and contrast the Good Shepherd, the hired hand and the wolf, and ponder the differences. (John 10:11-18)
2. If you were introducing Psalm 23 to someone who had never heard it, what would you say?