

Bribie Beacon

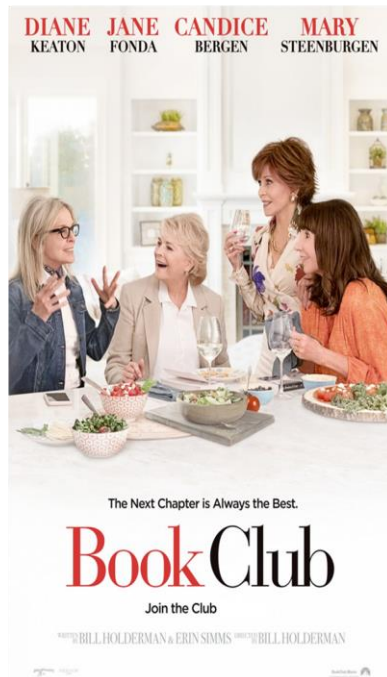
MAY 2023

St Peter's Anglican Church
Banya Street Bribie Island

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BRIBIE
CINEMA



Thursday
11 May 2023
7pm



Tickets \$20 each

ticket price includes admission and ice cream

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday - 7.30am & 9.30am

Wednesday - 10am

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

PARISH PRIEST / RECTOR

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CHURCHWARDENS

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PARISH OFFICE

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WEBSITE

www.stpetersbribie.org.au

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

JOIN US

PATRONAL LUNCH

SUNDAY 18 JUNE 2023
\$25 per person

PARISH NOTICES

Neighbourhood Centre – Food delivered to B.I.D.N.C. from Monday 3rd April to Monday 24th April totalled 46.8kg. Thank you to all who gave. Greg Rollason.

Fr Steven on Leave – Fr Steven had elective surgery on 17 April and will be returning to his Parish duties later this month. While Fr Steven is on leave please contact the Churchwardens if you need assistance.

Parish Movie Night - St. Peter's is hosting a showing of the movie "Book Club – The Next Chapter" as a church fundraiser on Thursday 11th May at 7.00pm at the Bribie Cinema. Tickets cost \$20 and cover admission to the movie with either a choc top icecream or a small popcorn. Tickets are available for purchase from Greg Rollason 0431598560, Margaret Peterson 54976978, Di Thatcher 0409846471 or the church office.

Patronal Lunch Date Claimer – Patronal Lunch will be held in Coinda on Sunday 18 June.

Musicians - Music plays a significant role in how we worship here at St Peter's, and we are blessed with a dedicated team of musicians who play for our services each Sunday. We would love to add some members to this team. If you have the skills and willingness to assist please speak to Fr Steven. you need assistance.

The Bribie Gleemen – Join The Bribie Gleemen as they present their concert "All at Sea" on Saturday 6th May at 1.30pm at the Recreation Hall, First Avenue Bongaree. Plenty of ballads, sea shanties, and rollicking sailor songs along with those singing stowaways – The Gecko Brothers. Tickets are \$20 each (which includes light refreshments) and must be purchased in advance. For bookings and further information contact 0438 618 073.

Milestones - It is our tradition at St Peter's to note people's birthdays in weekly and monthly publications, including special celebrations like 80th and 90th birthdays. If you would prefer not to have your special celebrations and birthdays noted in these notifications, please let the office know.

Common Communion Cup - The common cup has now been reintroduced to our Eucharistic services. While the risk of transmitting COVID through the common cup is low, anyone who has concerns or medical conditions that place them in a high risk category, are encouraged to maintain the practice of communion in one kind (the bread only). For those taking communion in one kind be assured that Christ is fully present, and nothing is lacking taking communion in one kind only. The practice of intinction (dipping the bread in the cup) is not allowed. Communicants are welcome to either stand or kneel while at the altar rail.

COVID Safety - It is very important we do our best to maintain our good hygiene practices and physical distancing. **It is essential that you do not attend St Peter's if you have COVID-19 symptoms (cough, fever, sore throat, fatigue, or shortness of breath).** While the wearing of face masks is not required, the wearing of face masks is most welcome.

Rosters - Interested in joining our worship team as an av operator, reader or intercessor? Please speak to Fr Steven (3408 3191) or Margaret Peterson (5497 6978).

PARISH PRAYER POINTS

Those celebrating Birthdays - May Birthdays – Fred Bellert (4th), Frankie Park (6th), Karen Quinn (6th), Barry Hancox (9th), Charles Bonnici (14th), Neville Mietzel (19th), Carolyn Payne (20th), Barbara Black (22nd), Bruce Clark (22nd), Sharon Parsons (24th), Ken Park (27th), Karen Llewellyn (29th).

Special Birthday - Congratulations to Karen Quinn who celebrates her 70th birthday on Saturday 6th May and Barbara Black who celebrates her 80th birthday on Monday 22nd May.

Those in Need – Hilda Smith, Hank Hyde, Janice Shield, Linda Peterson, Fr Steven.

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

Prayer for Archbishop - Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this diocese a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your Church be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

School Chaplaincy - Caitlin Olsen (Banksia State School), Sharon Sweeney (Bribie State School), Julie Godfrey (Bribie High 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 or contact the Parish Office.

Weekly and Continuing Prayer Lists - To add someone to the prayer list please email bribieisland@anglicanchurchsq.org.au

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.



COOINDA HALL PARTNERS

Chair Yoga - Monday 8.30am – Lenora Kilshaw - 0449 141 290
Yoga for Health - Tuesday 10am - Maggie Coombs - 0400 250 520
Yoga - Monday 5.30pm + Wednesday 5.10pm - Nick Eady - 0437 233 930
U3A Ukelele Class – Wednesday 12.30pm - Chris Clark – 0408 157 888

SUNDAY 7 MAY 2023 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings - Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 17-18; 1 Peter 2:11-25; John 14:1-14

Sentence - 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the Lord. 'No one comes to the Father except through me.' (*John 14.6*)

Prayer of the day - Everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Reflection – There come times in the lives of all believers when things get very dark, and they have to believe what they cannot prove, and to accept even though they cannot understand or make sense of what's happening. It's at such times that we really need strong faith, but its precisely at such times that our faith fails us. It's easy to convince ourselves that we have a strong faith when things are going well. When a crisis arises we discover what kind of faith we have, or if we have any faith at all. By faith here I mean trust in God. Of course, there are people who think that if God was with them, and if he really loved them, then no storm would ever hit them. Life should be all plain sailing. So, when a storm does hit them, they experience a deep crisis of faith, thinking that God has abandoned them. During the Last Supper the apostles were thrown into crisis when Jesus started to talk about his death. On hearing this their hearts were troubled and filled with fear. Knowing that their faith would be severely tested, Jesus tried to prepare them for the ordeal. He said to them, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, and believe also in me.' Since the apostles already believed, in effect what he was saying to them was, 'You must go on believing in God and in me.' At a time of crisis people feel that God has abandoned them. But Jesus assured the apostles that, even though he was leaving them, he was not abandoning them. Rather, he was going to prepare a home for them, and would return to take them to that home. Hence, no matter what happened, no matter how difficult things might get (and they would get very difficult), they must go on believing, go on trusting in him and in the Father. That's all they would have to do. Go on believing, go on trusting, yet this is often easier said than done. But at a time of crisis that is the only thing we can do - go on stubbornly trusting in God. Trust is the greatest thing we can give to another person. Then the unbearable becomes bearable, and in the darkness a glimmer of light appears. What real faith does is assure us that God is with us in the midst of the crisis. It is that feeling, that conviction, that we are not alone, that we are not abandoned, which enables us to get through the crisis. Life is unintelligible and unendurable without God. That's why faith is so important. Those who have faith have a source of comfort and inspiration, especially when trouble strikes. They know that God will be good to them in the end, both in this world and in the next. It is not we who keep the faith it is the faith that keeps us. Gandhi said that "A person with a grain of faith in God never loses hope; because he believes in the ultimate triumph of truth." So when things are bad, may we hear the gentle words of Jesus: 'Believe in God, and believe also in me.'

Reflection Questions

Which words or actions of Jesus have had the greatest impact on your life and behaviour? (John 14:1-14)

SUNDAY 14 MAY 2023 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings - Acts 17.22-31; Psalm 66.7-19; 1 Peter 3.8-22; John 14.15-21

Sentence - 'I 'Those who love me will keep my word,' Jesus promises, 'and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.'
(John 14.23)

Prayer of the day - O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond our understanding: pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises that exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflection – Today's Gospel passage started with words "If you love me, you will keep my commandments", so what are the commandments we need to follow? If we examine the Gospels we can find many commandments which Jesus taught and here are 49 to reflect upon ... Repent; Follow Me; Let Your Light Shine; Honour God's Law; Be Reconciled; Do Not Lust; Keep Your Word; Go the Second Mile; Love Your Enemies; Be Perfect; Practice Secret Disciplines; Lay Up Treasures; Seek God's Kingdom; Judge Not; Do Not Cast Pearls; Ask; Seek; Knock; Do Unto Others; Choose the Narrow Way; Beware of False Prophets; Pray for Labourers; Be Wise as Serpents; Fear Not; Hear God's Voice; Take My Yoke; Honour Your Parents; Beware of Leaven; Deny Yourself; Despise Not Little Ones; Go to Offenders; Beware of Covetousness; Forgive Offenders; Honour Marriage; Be a Servant; Be a House of Prayer; Ask in Faith; Bring In the Poor; Render to Caesar; Love the Lord; Love Your Neighbour; Await My Return; Take, Eat, and Drink; Be Born Again; Keep My Commandments; Watch and Pray; Feed My Sheep; Baptize My Disciples; Receive God's Power; Make Disciples. That is quite a list, but if we love Jesus we are told to follow these commands. So many of the teachings of Jesus we need to pull apart and interpret what it means for us, but this passage is simple and straight forward. If you love Jesus you must obey Jesus. This passage should speak to us loud and clear in regard to how Jesus expects his followers to live a certain way of life which means we must follow his teachings. Jesus lived his life a certain way and he commands us to live that way too. He wants us to be formed and shaped into being like him so that our heavenly Father sees us living out our life as a Child of God. This is different than someone who may say to us if you love me, you will give me what I want. Jesus does tells us to do this because it is good for him, but rather because it is good and essential for our own well being. But if we truly live our life as a Child of God following the commands of Jesus can be hard. To follow those commands means adopting a life of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Reflection Questions

What command of Jesus do you find most challenging to follow? Why?

What sacred symbols would you remove or re-imagine to better communicate in today's culture? (Acts 17:22-31)

What are your prayer habits and where did you learn them? (Psalm 66:7-19)

SUNDAY 21 MAY 2023 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings - Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 5; John 17:1-11.

Sentence - This is eternal life, that we may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. (*John 17.3*)

Prayer of the day - O God, whose Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples, and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom: by your Holy Spirit, hold the Church in unity, and keep it faithful to your word, so that, breaking bread together, we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service, now and for ever. Amen.

Gospel Reflection - Two things immediately stand out when reading this passage. First, there is an emphasis on unity or oneness. Throughout the Gospel John emphasises the unity shared between Jesus and God. Jesus is introduced as the Word who was with God and was God. In this passage, where Jesus offers a final prayer for his disciples, the capacity of that unity expands to include Jesus' followers. Jesus mentions this unity as a visionary hope that his followers would be "one" just as he is one with God. For those who continue reading past the lectionary section, this vision is reiterated in verse 21 "... that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us." At the same time, there is also an emphasis on the world. The "world" has a prominent and complex place in John's Gospel. It is the creation of God, the object of God's love and work, but it is often characterized as hostile to God's work, or the realm that does not know God. Jesus prays for the world and sends the disciples into the world so that the world will no longer be separate from God. Jesus was sent to enlighten the world, to give life to the world, to save the world, and to invite the world to join in the love he shares with God. We can see that "world" does not mean one thing in John's gospel, rather, the range of meaning reveals a dynamic movement within the story. The world that was positive in relation to God as God's creation becomes hostile, opposed to God when it rejects Jesus. But, as the Gospel shows, God works to break down the divide between God and the world as people who encounter Jesus are invited to believe. John tells us that this is the purpose of the incarnation, God taking on flesh in the person of Jesus. Jesus, a human who is one with God and is God, can create this dynamic movement. It is divine love for the world that drives God's work in the Gospel. In one of the Gospel's most revealing verses, the narrator tells us: "No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known." 1 John 4 picks up this language and extends it: "No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us" (1 John 4:12). The Gospel of John presents Jesus as the one who is one with God, who can do God's work of closing the distance between God and the world. The epistle takes the image a step further. We are the ones who can show what God is like. No one has ever seen God ... but if we love one another God lives in us. When we love one another God's love is perfected; we can bring God's love to its intended purpose.

Reflection Questions

What is the best thing Jesus left with us or equipped us with? (John 17:1-11)

SUNDAY 28 MAY 2023 - PENTECOST

Readings - Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:26-36; 1 Corinthians 12:1-13; John 20:19-23

Sentence - 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,' says the Lord; 'and let the one who believes in me drink. For out of your heart shall flow rivers of living water.'
(John 7.38)

Prayer of the day - Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Reflection – The readings from Acts and our Gospel for today both contain stories of how the disciples of Jesus were anointed with the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel reading we hear how Jesus says to the disciples “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” then Jesus breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” The Holy Spirit comes to empower us to reach out and witness, bringing peace to others. Today is the fiftieth day since Easter, or better known as Pentecost. The reading from Acts tells us that when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. They included a crowd of about one hundred and twenty people consisting of the eleven remaining disciples, women (including Jesus’ mother Mary), Jesus’ brothers, and other followers of Jesus. At that time a sound like the rush of a violent wind filled the entire house where they were sitting, and tongues of fire appeared among them and rested on each of them. At this time they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. After the Holy Spirit invaded the space, a crowd of thousands began to gather outside. In the crowd were Jews from many different nations including Greeks, Arabs, Romans, Africans, and Asians, just to name a few. Each of the people in the crowd could understand the conversation in the upper room in their own language. The story we hear about in Acts is a story of transcendence and unification. We must remember that the Holy Spirit comes to bring people together. So today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost and we remember the coming down of the Holy Spirit. We need to do more than celebrate that it happened, rather we need to remember why. In Acts 1.6 it reads “So when they had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Jesus response to their queries about it is time for the coming of the kingdom is that the timing of the coming of the kingdom of God is God's business, not yours. Instead focus on doing the business that has been given to you, that is the business of being my witnesses. We are called to be witnesses in our every day life. Jesus says to us that we are his witnesses and it is evident in the way we live. So what will you do today and in the coming week to be a witness of Jesus?

Reflection Questions

What spiritual gifts have you encountered? Does this list include them all?