



The Bathurst Anglican

The Newsletter of All Saints Cathedral Bathurst

With St Barnabas South Bathurst—St Peters Rockley— St Stephens Fitzgeralds Valley
Holy Spirit Turondale—St Pauls Yetholme

Sunday 5 May 2024— Sixth Sunday of Easter



Jesus loves us in the same way the Father loves Him. We must remain in His love. We do this by obeying Him in same way He obeys the Father.

As we live in Christ we will be filled with joy- abundant, overflowing joy.

We must love one another in the same way He has loved us. We must even lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. We are no longer slaves of Christ but friends. We aren't compelled to obey Him, but we obey Him from love. His greatest commandment is to love one another.

Love is the heart of all discipleship- love for God, love for our fellow Christian and love for our neighbour.

The love that Jesus commands is sacrificial love. We must be ready to lay down our lives for others. This doesn't just mean physically dying to save a life, although that may be necessary. It does mean placing the welfare, joy and needs of others as a higher priority than our own desires and plans. It means dying to my own ambitions and letting the service of God's people become my highest goal.

In return, Jesus promises joy- overflowing, abundant joy. When we let go of our own selfishness and learn to put others first, we are living God's best life and joy is the inevitable result.

“God who is Love—who lives love in the Trinity, embodies love in Christ, and empowers love through the Holy Spirit—help me know that love for myself, and show that love to others. Help me offer peace even in the midst of my stress, patience in the midst of my hurry, and empathy in the midst of my exhaustion. Restore me, Lord, and help me be an agent of restoration and comfort to others. Amen.”

Psalm 98

O sing to the Lord a new song : for he has done marvellous things;

His right hand and his holy arm : they have got him the victory.

The Lord has made known his salvation :he has revealed his just deliverance in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel : and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth :break into singing and make melody. Make melody to the Lord upon the harp :upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.

With trumpets and with horns : cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it :the good earth and those who live upon it.

Let the rivers clap their hands :and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord;

For he comes to judge the earth :he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

We worship on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri people and we honour and pay our respects to elders past and present.

Prayer Cycle

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

NATIONAL CHURCH

We join with the Church throughout Australia who today pray for the Diocese of Bathurst, for Bishop Mark Calder and Susan, the clergy and people. Pray that they will be faithful and fruitful and have the joy of seeing the Lord at work through them. Pray for rest and refreshment in long service leave between Christmas and Easter in the early part of this year.

BATHURST DIOCESE

The Parish of Oberon: Praise God for the Rev'd Jonny Lush as minister in Oberon and ask God's wisdom and strength for Jonny and Liz in their second year of ministry there. Thank the Lord for those individuals and parishes who have generously helped support Jonny's ministry.

OTHER NEEDS

Pray for the nursing, ancillary and domestic staff in nursing homes, hostels, and aged care facilities and for the residents. Pray that our older citizens will be cherished and loved and that those who care for them would be given grace and patience.

BIBLE VERSE

*For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.
Ephesians 1:4*

DIOCESAN PRAYER

Faithful Lord, thank you that through no merit of our own and even before the creation of the world you chose us to be holy and blameless in your sight. Thank you for the comfort and assurance this gives us – that we are yours now and for eternity. By your Holy Spirit, please help us to live the holy and blameless life for which we were chosen. Amen

Parish News

AGM

The Dean thanked the outgoing members of Parish Council. Thanks also to everyone who attended the AGM last Sunday and to all those who generously nominated for positions.

Parish Council –

Mark Galbraith,
Christine Hurford,
Nick Lavoipierre
Doug Milton

Peoples' Wardens -

Jane Francis
Robyn Holland

Dean's Warden –

Sue West

Dean's Appointment Board –

First Panel

Mark Galbraith, Rachael Bell,
Sue West

Reserve Panel

Jane Francis, Dan O'Dell,
Graham Leatherland

Synod Reps –

Jane Francis
Sue West

HEALING SERVICE

The Healing Service will be on today, Sunday 5 May from 4pm. As the evenings become colder we move to the Abbott Room for both the Service and refreshments. All welcome.

Rev Clare Percival

ASCENSION DAY

Bishop Mark will be conducting a service for Ascension Day from the Book of Common Prayer on Thursday 9 May at 8.30am in the Warriors Chapel of the Cathedral. All welcome.

FELLOWSHIP

Monday 6th May - Fellowship will be held at Gillian Date's home, 7 Willow Drive Kelso from 10.30 am. Bring your lunch and your handiwork or just come for some company. All welcome. Phone Gillian 6332 6080.

Come Along & Join A Parish Group

KIDS CLUB: Thursday 3.45-5pm Cathedral/Hall
FELLOWSHIP: 1st Monday of month, 10.30am—Bring your Handwork/Lunch. Phone 6331 4711 for venue
Tuesday 7:30pm—Call James 0449 556 566
Wednesday 7:30pm—Call Phil 0411 281 915
Thursday 7:30pm call Phil 0411 281 915
MU: Mothers Union—4th Tuesday each month, 5pm—Abbott Room, Cathedral
PRAYER: 1st Monday each month, 5.30pm—Abbott Room
CHOIR: Each Thursday, 7.00pm—Abbott Room
BELLRINGERS: Wednesday 6pm—Belltower. For enquiries phone +Richard 0409 633 789

10 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE *with James Boardman*

If every person in our congregation invited one person to church in a year and that person kept coming back, our congregations would double in a year. That would be amazing, wouldn't it?

So why don't we invite one person to church? It's an important question to ask. Especially in light of Jesus' command to go and make disciples of all nations. Here are the most common reasons:

- 1) We don't understand the gospel/Apathy. We don't understand why Christianity is good news. We don't understand that people really do need to repent and believe. We don't believe it when Jesus warns there will be a separation of sheep and goats. That he is the only way to God
- 2) We believe that sharing our faith is only for certain people but it's not for me. Yet Jesus wants all of us to make disciples. How can you equip yourself to better share your faith?
- 3) We fear what people might think. We fear to lose our friends or family. We fear to lose our jobs or our reputation. This may happen. Yet we may gain these and more. Isn't eternity more important than now?
- 4) We look for immediate results. People have told us no too many times. So, we give up. Well current research suggests 1 in 3 people would come to church if invited.
- 5) We don't know any non-Christians. Sometimes we get trapped in the Christian bubble. How might we meet some non-Christians.

If you haven't invited someone to church this year, why not? Take a moment to reflect how you might move past your reason.

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

The Diocesan Conference will be held on Saturday 18 May at Macquarie Anglican Grammar School Dubbo. Please join us from 9am-3pm and be inspired as we consider the role of prayer in our church life. There will be programs for children and youth, a bookstall, delicious food, good coffee, plus talks from Rev'd Peter Rogers, International Director of CMS Australia from 2011-22, responsible for the training, placement and care of missionary families in over 40 countries. He previously served 10 years as a missionary in Indonesia and today serves at Newtown Erskineville Anglican.

Today's Readings in Context

Acts 10:44-48 Strangers, rivals, even enemies? Can God bring them together? That is the question in Acts of the Apostles.

1 John 5:1-12 This chapter was written to reassure us of Christ's promise of eternal life with him.

John 15:9-17 John wrote a gospel for people tempted to abandon the community of Jesus during persecution. Here he has Jesus describe persuasive reasons for staying.

SERVICES

Cathedral

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| Monday | 8.30am |
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| Wednesday | 8.30am |
| Thursday | 8.30am BCP |
| Friday | 10.00am |
| Saturday | 5.00pm (6pm DST) |
| Sunday | |

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| <i>Choral Eucharist</i> | 8.30am |
| <i>Contemporary</i> | 10.00am |

St Barnabas

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| Sunday | 10.00am |
| 3rd Thursday | 10.30am |

St Peters Rockley

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| 1st Sunday | 10.30am |
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St Pauls Yetholme

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| 1st Sunday | 11am |
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St Stephens Fitzgeralds Valley

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| 4th Sunday | 2.00pm |
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Holy Spirit Turondale

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| Third Sunday | 2.00pm |
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Healing Service

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| 1st Sunday | 4.00pm |
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PARISH INFORMATION

CLERGY

Dean Very Rev James Hodson

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Assist Minister

Rev James Boardman

Honorary Clergy

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Rev Clare Percival

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If you wish to give by Direct Giving these are the deposit account details.

WARDENS OF THE CATHEDRAL

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USEFUL ONLINE LINKS

Bishop's You Tube Channel

In your browser search Mark Calder you tube. A variety of services are available there.

Website

www.bathurstanglicancathedral.org.au

Cathedral Facebook Page

**A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
10.44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

**A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN
5.1-12**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
JOHN 15.9-17**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last,

so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Church Pantry



The Church Pantry in Bathurst, operates as a partnership between Anglicare and All Saints Anglican Cathedral to provide emergency relief to a growing number of vulnerable community members in the local area and hosted an official opening on the 20th of July.

Over the past 12 months The Church Pantry has seen a rapid increase in demand for emergency relief, with the number of people seeking assistance more than doubled from this time last year. "It has been hard to keep up with the growing demand" said Dallas Holmes, Anglicare's Emergency Relief Hub Coordinator for Bathurst and Orange. "In just a few hours we can see as many as 40 clients seeking emergency assistance, and many of these are seeking help for the first time. We recently helped an 82 year-old woman who has never needed services before, but who can no longer manage with her soaring rent".

While The Church Pantry is struggling with the increase in demand for services, and additional donations are always welcome, they also recognise the importance of being visible in the community. "A few weeks ago I happened to be out walking and noticed a community member approaching passers-by, asking for help", said Dallas. "He had nowhere to stay that night and nothing to keep him warm. The temperatures in the region go into the negatives overnight and if he hadn't run into me—someone with access to a sleeping bag and food—that could have been the end for him. This is why it is so important that people know that The Church Pantry is here."

Food donations to assist in this important ministry can be left in the shopping trollies at the back of the Cathedral. The pantry is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week between 10am and midday. We also operate a community morning tea on Thursday commencing at 10am.