



The Anglican Parish of All Souls, St Peters

Nurturing hearts, souls and friendships by creating space for contemplation, connection and community

Parish News **February 19th, 2023**



- Almando Alemdar Ara

The Feast of Transfiguration

Welcome to the Rev'd Tracey Gracey, Chaplain at Pulteney Grammar

Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am
Wednesday 10.00am

Parish prayers

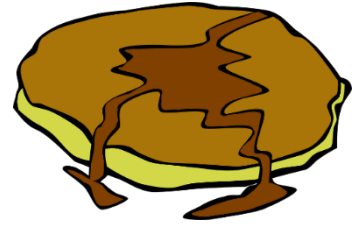
David, David, Susan, Alexandra, Carol, Judith and Caroline Brown, Malcolm and Mary

	Rosters			
	Lay Assistant	Server	Reader	Welcomers
8.00am	Elizabeth	Elizabeth	Sue	Sue, Tiffany
9.30am	Emma	Emma	Fiona	Fiona

	Readings for Transfiguration			
OT	Psalm	NT	Gospel	
Ex. 24 12-18	Psalm 2	2 Peter 1 16-21	Matt 17 1-9	

We acknowledge the Kurna people, their Elders and their spiritual relationship with their Country.

Shrove Tuesday
Pancakes in Coles Hall
10.00am on 21st February
Everyone welcome – R.S.V.P on the list



*Left: Coffee Club gathering at Nathaniel's on Payneham Road.
Below: Sanctuary Guild meeting in the church.*



Windows visit Tuesday 28 March

If you are willing to provide eats and/or help host this, please fill in the form at the back of the church or contact Sue.

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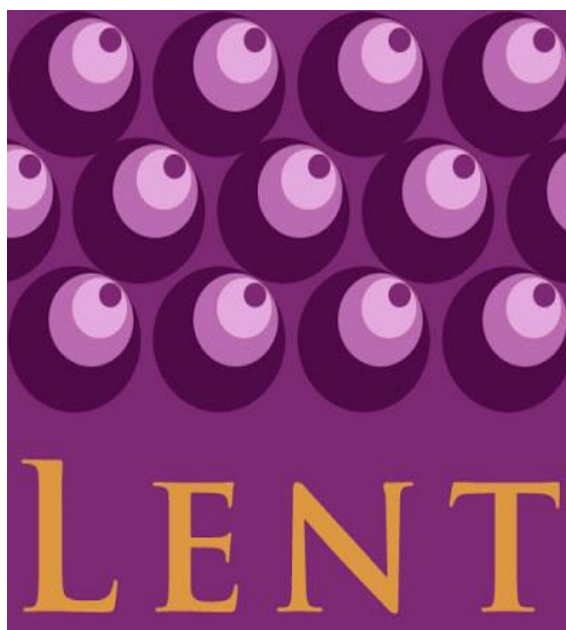
Welcome Harrison Coulon, to be baptised by the Rev'd Tracey on 19/2/23 at 11.00am. We pray for his parents, Katie and Glenn, and his godparents, Cameron, Anna, Jess and Ryan.



**Baptism**

# First Sunday in Lent

## 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2023



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## Annual Vestry meeting today

### Combined service at 9.00am

### Wednesday 10.00am

|        | Rosters       |           |        |                  |
|--------|---------------|-----------|--------|------------------|
|        | Lay Assistant | Server    | Reader | Welcomers        |
| 9.00am | Elizabeth     | Elizabeth | Vernon | Ann, Peter, Jill |

|                     | Readings for Lent 1 |             |             |  |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| OT                  | Psalm               | NT          | Gospel      |  |
| Gen. 2 15-17, 3 1-7 | Psalm 32            | Rom 5 12-21 | Matt 4 1-11 |  |

## Lent Study with St Aidan's, and St Andrew's Walkerville

### 20 February – 4 April

ABM study guide *The Imaginary Doorway*, Order from: [www.intothedesert.org](http://www.intothedesert.org)

- Monday 1.30-3pm starting 20 February at St Aidan's
- Tuesday 7-8.30pm starting 28 February at St Aidan's
- Tuesday 11.00-12.30pm in Walkerville
- Thursday 7.30-9pm in Vale Park

## *All Souls' Book Club*

First meeting: Sunday 26 February, 3pm

Contact: Emma 0412002123

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**Ash Wednesday Service 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
10.00am  
Communion with anointing of Ashes**



**What discipline will you take on for Lent?**

**Idea:** Visit one “shut-in” person a week; Forego your daily coffee and give the money to BCA (information in the church) or ABM’s Appeal to support the work of the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem via the outreach of the Ahli Hospital in Gaza and a new youth empowerment project:

<https://www.abmission.org/appeals/appeals-major/lent2023>



**World Day of Prayer**

**AUSTRALIA**

**World Day of Prayer Service, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**

**Theme:** *I have heard about your faith*

**Where:** St Aidan’s Church, cnr Payneham/O G Roads  
**When:** 10.00am, followed by morning tea  
**What:** Service created by women of Taiwan  
**Enquiries:** Elizabeth Westphalen 8362 5238



**Notes on the Scripture readings**

**by Fiona Hemstock to assist appreciation of Sunday readings**



**19<sup>th</sup> February The Transfiguration: Two mountain top experiences**

**Exodus 24:12-18:** This is part of a description of how the Hebrews left home in 1446 BC, and went to Egypt. In a very dramatic setting, God gives Moses God’s commands for the people.

**Psalms 2:** A royal Psalm used in the coronations of kings of the Davidic line, King David having been the first Messiah (‘God’s Anointed One’). It reflects the author, David, as a warrior king.

**2 Peter 1:16-21:** ‘Eyewitnesses of his Majesty’. St Peter looks back at the amazing event in Jesus’ life when he heard God’s voice speaking of love for Jesus. This event fulfils the ancient prophecies, and the Holy Spirit guides him to write about it.



## 26<sup>th</sup> February The first Sunday in Lent

**Gen. 2:15-17, 3:1-7:** The scene is set in a garden in Mesopotamia, the land "between the rivers" (Tigris and Euphrates), modern-day Iraq. It was home to the ancient Sumerians, Babylonians, and Assyrians. The writings of the innovative civilisation date back to 4000 BC. The author of Genesis is retelling an ancient myth in a theological way. What is God's relationship to people, and how do they respond?

**Psalms 32:** David's song of joy to God for forgiveness to those who respond with honesty and trust.

**Rom. 5:12-21:** Paul, on his journey to Rome, places on Adam the blame for all the sins of the world. He says that sin is not recognised amongst people who have no understanding of God's teachings. Nevertheless, sin brings death. Jesus, however, brings righteousness and grace which lead to life.



### Some thoughts on Constitutional Recognition of First Nations Voice to Federal Parliament

*Australia's National Aboriginal Anglican Bishop, the Right Rev'd Chris McLeod, on the importance of majorities listening to minorities.*

"It is very easy for those in the majority to ignore the voices of those in the minority. In our noisy world those with the loudest voices and the greater influence tend to be prioritised in the decision making. It is too easy for the majority to make decisions for the minority with little or no consultation on the basis that what is good for the majority must be good for all. First Nations people have been the recipients of just such a situation in Australia. A small voice among much larger, louder, and influential voices. Most decisions in the history of Australia have been made about or for First Nations peoples rather than with us.

"There is a text from the Old Testament that has been sitting at the back of my mind as I have been praying over 'Constitutional Recognition of First Nations Voice to Federal Parliament'. The scene follows Elijah's rash act of bloodlust in the killing of the Baal prophets. Not surprisingly the tables have been turned on Elijah and he is on the run. Amid his self-justification and self-pity for his actions, a voice comes to him; 'a still small voice': '...and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice' (1 King 19: 12 RSV). Taking time to listen to the 'still small voice' puts Elijah's life back on track, having been derailed by his own bloodlust, unwise actions, and the revenge of others.

"The ability to hear the small voice is something that was at the heart of the ministry of Jesus. The ignored and marginalised found someone

who listened to them. There are numerous occasions when Jesus stopped to listen. Jesus' acts of recognition are often set in contrast to those who could neither hear what was being said or see the people who were speaking (E.g., John 4: 27, Mark 10: 56, Luke 7: 44, Luke 18: 41, Mark 9: 4). It is a reminder that 'poor little talkative Christianity' as E.M Forster described it, needs to stop, and listen from time to time, as well. What is good for us, I suspect is good for the nation. The wisdom of listening is a forgotten art, lost in the competing sound of many voices.

"It is within this context that I support 'Constitutional Recognition of First Nations Voice to Federal Parliament'. It is an act of putting things right and developing a context where the most ancient voice of the nation can have influence in the decisions that impact First Nations peoples. It constitutionally recognises the place of the 'small voice'. For too long federal and State parliaments, despite some very good intentions, have not been able to adequately address First Nations issues. Largely, in my view, because as a nation we have not been very good at listening to the small and often silenced voices. A 'Constitutionally Recognised First Nations Voice to Federal Parliament' is a good start in what will, no doubt, be an ongoing conversation. It needs to be recognised that what is being proposed is very conservative. Parliament still has the final say in any decision and, as I read, it can still ignore what the 'Voice' has to say. However, I pray that successive governments will listen to the 'Voice' because it will ultimately be good for the nation, help address the issues confronting First Nations peoples, and give further hope to the conversation around reconciliation." - [abmission.org/news/latest-news/](http://abmission.org/news/latest-news/)

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