

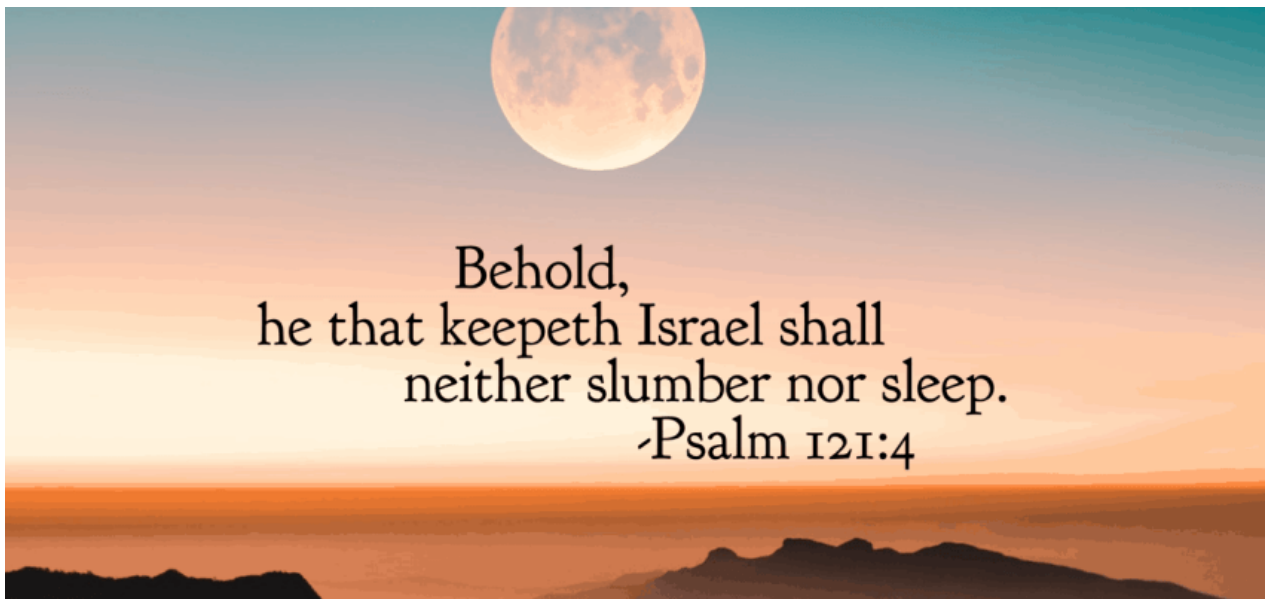


The Anglican Parish of All Souls, St Peters

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

Parish News

Second Sunday in Lent 5th March, 2023



Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am

Brenton & Friends playing at 9.30am today

Wednesday 10.00am

Parish prayers

David, David, Susan, Alexandra, Carol, Judith and Caroline Brown, Carolyn, Malcolm and Mary, Tony and Margie

	Rosters			
	Lay Assistant	Server	Reader	Welcomers
8.00am	Elizabeth	Elizabeth	Patsy, Geoffrey	Peter, Tiffany
9.30am	Julia	Julia	Emma	Fiona

	Readings for Lent 2			
OT	Psalm	NT	Gospel	
Gen 12 1-4a	Psalm 121	Rom 4 1-5, 13-17	Jn 3 1-17	

Clergy day off: Monday

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

The baptism of Harrison Coulon by the Rev'd Tracey Gracey on 19/2.



Monique Chilver and Anton Chapman-Smith married at All Souls in January. Photo by Jon Wah



Above left, Vestry: Thank you to Ted D and Sue C stepping down from Parish Council (Ted) and Treasurer duties (Sue). Right: Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday in Coles Hall.

Third Sunday in Lent

12th March, 2023



Jesus and the Samaritan woman – Jorge Cocco

Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am
Wednesday 10.00am

	Rosters			
	Lay Assistant	Server	Reader	Welcomers
8.00am		Pauline	Sue	Sue, Malcolm
9.30am	Alison	Alison	Nigel	Jill

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

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**PALM CROSS WORKSHOP 11<sup>th</sup> March, Church, 9.30am**

**What:** Make palm crosses

**With:** Anglican Board of Mission (ABM)

**For:** ABM funds: 50c each, \$22/50, \$42/100

**More information:** Julia

**Everyone welcome**

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PARISH COUNCIL (PC) 2023/24	
People's Warden: Emma Robinson 0412 002 123	Member: Sara Blunt 0400 028 537
Priest's Warden: Pauline Parfitt 0421 382 358	PASTORAL ASSISTANCE: Elizabeth Westphalen 08 8362 5238; or Priest
Member: Lorraine Gormly 0412 712 916	Parish Priest: Rev'd Julia, 087230 0579

Proposal on the sale of an asset

A third proposal was presented at the Vestry meeting on 26/2/23, see the briefing paper provided.

- ‘Town Hall meeting’ for further discussion: **Saturday 1/4/23 10.00am, Church**
- **Special Vestry meeting to vote: Sunday 30/4/23 after 9.00am service (5th Sunday)**

Notes on the Scripture readings *by Fiona Hemstock to help appreciate Sunday readings*



March 5 The second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a: The Old Testament readings for Lent this year span 850 years of history, with several emigrations to different countries. Today's story of Abraham is set in Haran, Turkey, just across the border from Syria. Abram and his family, with God's encouragement, will follow the ancient camel-route westwards and then south towards Canaan. He has already travelled for 5 years during which he spent time with his father who then died. He still has 400km of a long journey to go. God gives him a sevenfold blessing.

Psalms 121: A psalm used in pilgrimage, encouraging complete trust in God.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17: Paul is explaining to the people of Rome, whom he is yet to meet, that Abraham is his father-figure – a man who received the gift of Grace by faith, and did not depend for his relationship with God on his own actions regarding the law, as his fellow Hebrews might expect.

March 12 The third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7: Last week we heard about Abraham leading his family south towards the 'promised land', Canaan. Fast forward to 1186BC, when his great, g-g-, great grandson, Moses is bringing Abraham's descendants northwards back to Canaan from Egypt. Having crossed inhospitable deserts, they are desperate to find reliable water resources and food. They arrive at a desert valley, Rephidim (= a place of refreshment) but it is dry. God encourages Moses to cleave a rock to obtain water, and the people are saved.

Psalms 95: The people certainly had good reason to sing praise to God after the water from the rock saved them. But the psalmist also relates what he imagines may have been God's response: Anger at their quarrelling and lack of trust.

Romans 5:1-11: Paul's letter presents his teachings to the Roman church until he can come to visit them. He has to deliver a collection of money to the church in Jerusalem first, as they are starving due to a famine. He is evidently suffering, too, but he is buoyed up by the Holy Spirit's gift of love. His relationship with God depends on faith. He, too, thinks of God as having been angry, (Jesus never speaks of God in that way). Paul teaches that Jesus has reconciled everyone to God.