



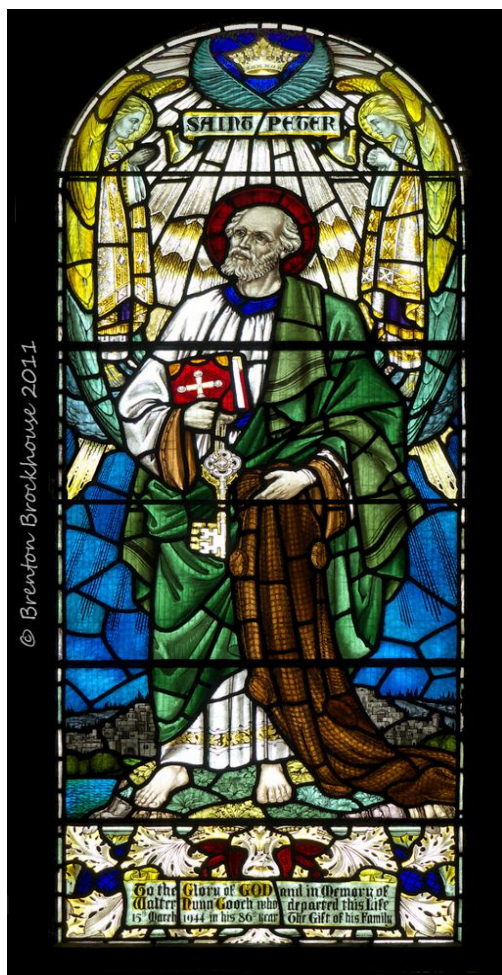
## ALL SOULS' PARISH NEWS

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

8am & 9.30am services

Wednesday services 25<sup>th</sup> June & 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 10.00am

**PLEASE NOTE - 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025**  
**THERE WILL BE ONE SERVICE AT 9.00am**



**A WARM WELCOME TO VISITORS; PARISHIONERS  
LONGSTANDING AND NEW**

Parish Prayers Jill, Julie, Carol, Judith and Caroline, Nola and Brenton, Malcolm and Mary, Tony and Margie, Mark, Fiona, Jac, Cathy, Vernon, William, Pauline

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

## THE JESUS PRAYER – an ancient Christian ‘Mantra’

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.*

When beginning his first letter to the Corinthians (1.2), Paul addresses not only the Church in Corinth but ‘all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ’. Such invocation of the name of Jesus the Christ is frequent in the Acts of the Apostles and the story of the early years of the Church. In later centuries it acquired such importance as to give rise to a whole school of spirituality. Above all, it gave rise to a form of prayer which is still in existence and popular use today, particularly among the Orthodox. It is called the ‘Jesus Prayer’. I would point out from the start that the term ‘Jesus Prayer’ does not refer to Jesus’ particular manner of praying, but to the invocation of the name Jesus.

In order to grasp the depth of this prayer we need first to understand the significance of the ‘name’. A name is a sacred and mysterious thing in Semitic culture and the traditions of the eastern countries generally. Knowing a name means possessing a treasure of wealth. It means having a knowledge of something inherent to the person who bears the name. Some early Christians used a secret code IΧΘΥΣ, the Greek word for fish, each of the letters standing for ‘Jesus Christ, God’s Son, Saviour’. The ancient Christian sign of the fish, still used today, gets its real prominence from the names.

Names have lost something of this mysterious and profound quality among western people, including western Christians today. Jewish tradition related that God needed only to utter his name in order to create heaven; that Moses was a knower of the name, the great “I am”. (Ex 3.14) The power of this is picked up in John’s Gospel where Jesus says, “...before Abraham was, I am” (Jn 8.58)

There are two New Testament texts, among others, in which we can source the Jesus Prayer: The Great Confession: Matthew 16. 16 ‘Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God’ and from Luke 18.13 ‘But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” The words, ‘Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner’ combine the confession and invocation of the holy name with a state of humility in the divine presence. Those who use this prayer recognise, like Moses, that they are on sacred ground and that God is as close as breathing. In the breathing in: ‘Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God’, and the breathing out: ‘have mercy on me a sinner’, we breath in the sacred name that is above every other name, to be the centre of all we are; we breath out all that blocks our way to God, that our sins may be blown away by his infinite mercy and that we may be made whole. There may be variations

on the words: 'Jesus, have mercy' is a shorter form. Some people use the 'Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison...' This is the most ancient form which has wonderfully stood the test of mystical and liturgical time.

The Jesus Prayer can be used in two ways: as a formal meditation, say over 20 minutes, and as an integrated 'whole of life' prayer which is always there in our going out and coming in. e.g. under the shower; in the car; in critical moments. I use it in both ways and have done so since my early 30's. I also teach the Jesus Prayer one-on-one. Come and see me if you are interested.

David.

### Diary Dates

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Anglicare Winter Food Collection to be held at the church from 9.00am to 3.30pm. Volunteers will be needed to publicise the event by letterboxing the area, receive goods at the church and pack and stack after at the end. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church, if you are able. Thank you.

**URGENT REQUEST FOR BOXES PLEASE. Just under two weeks to go.**

### MEMORIAL GARDEN

A Parishioner would like to donate a tree in remembrance of their family member(s). If anyone else is interested in donating a tree; please contact Emma Robinson 0412 002 123 to discuss appropriate varieties.

### COFFEE MORNING

Fifteen people attended at Café Marbella. The weather was lovely, the venue wasn't too noisy, the coffee was really good and everyone enjoyed themselves.







### Locum Tenens: The Ven David Thornton – Wakeford

Fr. David can be contacted on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, he will also be available outside of his usual working hours in the case of emergencies

Email - [daviddtw76@gmail.com](mailto:daviddtw76@gmail.com) Phone 08 7112 4945.

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**People's Warden - Emma Robinson 0412 002 123**

can be contacted for information concerning worship or parish activities.

For news items or information regarding Parish News please contact  
**Ann Peisley 0417 810 549**

### 2024/25 Parish Council

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