



St John's Anglican Church Bentleigh

PARISH NEWS

May - June 2022



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Our Purpose:

'To be a centre of God's love and hope in Bentleigh & Bentleigh East'

From The Locum Vicar

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you have all been able to celebrate our Lord's resurrection on Easter morning!

Jesus' victory over death in rising from the dead is an essential belief of Christianity. As St. Paul says in his First Letter to the Corinthians, ¹³ *If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.* ¹⁴ *And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.."* (1 Cor 15:13+14)

No leader of any other world religion, other than Christianity, has come to earth in human form, but in Christianity, God became flesh in the form of His Son, Jesus Christ.

No other leader of any other world religion has ever paid the penalty humanity owes God for our sins – but God's Son, Jesus did take upon Himself all the sins of all the people of the world for all of time – taking the penalty we each owe God for our sins – Jesus did this and suffered the agony of separation from God as He suffered for our sins.

No other leader of any other world religion had died and conquered death by rising to new life – no other leader has or ever will! But God's Son, Jesus has!

Jesus rose triumphant from the grave on Easter morning. Jesus was seen on eleven occasions following His resurrection, on one of those occasions by 500 people! Jesus' resurrection was no illusion. He was seen in a physical body – but not a body quite the same as the one He inhabited prior to His resurrection because He was able to come into a room – even though the door was locked. He ate breakfast, of fish, with His disciples by the Sea of Galilee. He came and went from gatherings with His disciples and was not limited, as we all are, by our physical bodies.

When the disciple Thomas had heard that in his absence, Jesus



The Rev'd. Gill Bryce - Easter Day, 2021 - St. Paul's, Kew East.

had come to see the disciples in an upper room, although the door was locked “for fear of the Jews”, Thomas said to the other disciples that unless he could put his finger into the nail holes in Jesus’ hands and put his hand where Jesus had been speared in His side, Thomas declared that he would not believe in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Then, when Thomas was with the other disciples, Jesus did come through locked doors – He just suddenly appeared and He knew of Thomas’ conversation and mind set, that he had declared that he would not believe in the resurrection until he saw Jesus for himself. This is how St. John recorded this incident: ” A week later His disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”²⁸ Thomas said to Him, *“My Lord and my God!”*

“My Lord and my God!” This is to be the response of every person who eventually comes to faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Saviour of the world – *“My Lord and my God!”*

Even though we may not have physically seen Jesus, because we live nearly 2000 years later, St. John records Jesus saying of us: “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” (John 20:29)

Christians meet to worship God on the “first day of the week” because each Sunday of the year, we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

May God guide us all as we seek to live lives faithful to Him in all we do.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

The Rev’d. Gail Bryce

Locum Vicar

St. Johns.

(The “Table” enclosed with this article, gives the Bible’s evidence of each of Jesus’ ELEVEN resurrection appearances)

Resurrection Appearances

EVENT	DATE	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
At the empty tomb outside Jerusalem	Early Sunday morning	28.1-10	16.1-8	24.1-12	20.1-9
To Mary Magdalene at the tomb	Early Sunday morning		16.9-11		20.11-18
To two travellers on the road to Emmaus	Sunday at midday (to early evening - Luke 24.29)			24.13-32	
To Peter in Jerusalem	During the day on Sunday			24.34	
To the ten disciples in the upper room	Sunday evening		16.14	24.36-43	20.19-25
To the eleven disciples in the upper room	One week later				20.26-31
To seven disciples fishing on the Sea of Galilee	One day at daybreak				21.1-23
To the eleven disciples on the mountain in Galilee	Some time later	28.16-20	16.15-18		
To more than 500	Some time later				
To James	Some time later				
At the Ascension on the Mt. of Olives	Forty days after the resurrection			24.44-49	

St John's New Incumbent - Induction

The incumbency committee is delighted to inform you that the Reverend Santa Packianathan has been appointed our new vicar and will be inducted at St John's on Tuesday 21st June at 7pm.

Please RSVP to bentleighanglican@bigpond.com or phone 9557 2226 if you plan to attend by Wednesday 15th June.

Please continue to pray for Santa and his family and St John's at this time.

Heather Saba, St John's incumbency committee



(From right to left: David, Deborah, Damaris, Julia, and Santa – Christmas 2021)

St John's Hall - Rededication and Blessing

We meant to officially open the newly renovated hall on Sunday 29th May 2022. This is now postponed to a later date.

Please watch out for news about the new date for the Blessing, Re-Dedicating and Naming of St John's hall 'The Pickford Hall'. One possible date would be 19th June 2022, we are waiting for confirmations to consolidate the date.

All parishioners, former and present, are warmly invited to join in the service.

World Day of Prayer

St John's hosted the local World Day of Prayer service on Friday March 4. This year the focus was on England, Wales and Northern Ireland and Faleiry Koczkar OAM, the Musical Director of the Victoria Welsh Choir was the guest speaker. She provided an authentic Welsh connection with this year's focus. Faleiry gave an overview of the ways in which her own life resonated with the message from Jeremiah. She concluded with the story of the Welsh girl Mary Jones and her Bible which inspired the founding of the British and Foreign Bible Society.



Glynis Rose, St John's Bentleigh Churchwarden



Congregation on Friday 4th March during the World Day of Prayer service.

The church was decorated with Peace Lilies, one of the symbols used in the artwork for this year's service.

McKinnon Secondary College Senior Singers sang three items, and led the congregational singing. We are grateful to the students and their teacher Ms Blanka West for choosing and preparing these pieces and to Alan Clark for joining us as organist. Blanka and McKinnon students have been contributing to World Day of Prayer services for many years. As St John's is awaiting its new kitchen, The Temple Society stepped up to provide the morning tea. Our thanks to all the people there who were so generous in their welcome and their hospitality.

Next year's service will be hosted by St David's Moorabbin and the focus will be on Taiwan.



Taiwan
Taiwan.
Source: Encyclopædia Britannica, Inc.

Community Event - Service of Prayers for Peace

St John will host a community event, a Service of Prayers for Peace for Ukraine, Russia and the World.

All are welcome to join this service on Sunday 15 May at 2pm at St John's (corner Tucker and Centre Roads).

Prayers for Peace

*Ukraine, Russia and
the World*



*St John's Anglican Church
Sunday 15 May, 2022
2.00pm*

Cnr Tucker Road and Centre Road, Bentleigh
Enquiries: 9557 2226

bentleighthanglican.org.au



Movie at St John's—Sunday 5 June after the 10am service

All Parishioners and Friends are invited to watch together this inspiring movie (winner Epiphany prize MovieGuide Awards 2008—most inspiring movie ⁱ⁾)

The proposed date is Sunday, 5th June, following a sausage sizzle after the 10 am Service.



Amazing Grace is a 2006 British-American biographical drama film directed by Michael Apted, about the campaign against the slave trade in the British Empire.

The idealist William Wilberforce (Ioan Gruffudd) maneuvers his way through Parliament, endeavoring to end the British transatlantic slave trade.

i) https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0454776/awards/?ref_=tt_awd
29/4/2022

Bible Study

The Revd Gail offers a bible study on St Paul's Letter to the Philippians. This bible study will commence around Mid-May, watch for more details in the pew sheet.

If you are interested in coming to a Bible Study using the material written by NT Wright on St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians please let know the parish office (phone 9557 2226 or email bentleighanglican@bigpond.com) or the Revd Gail Bryce (email: gaildbryce@icloud.com).

The cost of the material is around \$12.

Prof. N.T. Wright, Anglican theologian and former Bishop of Durham in the UK, renowned biblical scholar and historian will walk you through Paul's Letter to the Philippians. The course is a reflection of how to think and live in light of the death and resurrection of King Jesus. The powerful realities of 'unity' and 'holiness' are combined through the proper way to think about the work of God in Christ. The central portion of the letter, Phil 2:6-11, provides the foundation for understanding the whole of the letter and Paul's own way of life. Dig deep into the New Testament through studying this wonderful and practical epistle.



**Paul and His Letter
to the Philippians
By N. T. Wright**



- **The *Craft, Chat & Cuppa*** mornings are going very well, with a few people attending each Monday. We have people from several suburbs around the area, over a range of ages. Some are skilled crafters and others are looking for help, or a new craft to start. Bring something you are working on or learn a new craft or teach someone your skills. We are friendly and good listeners, so join us on Monday mornings in the Narthex, St John's Anglican Church Bentleigh, at 10am until 12 noon, during school terms. Starting May the 2nd. For more information contact Shirley on 0412 457 725.
- ***Ladies' Guild*** will meet after 10.30 Holy Communion on Wednesday, **May 18**, in the Narthex. Date for June meeting: 15 June.
- ***Orana*** will meet Wednesday, **May 25**, in the Narthex, at 12.00, then at 12.30pm to Seven Stars for lunch. Please bring your donations for Dixon House, non-perishable food, and baby clothing and necessities such as baby wipes and wraps. Date for June meeting: 22 June.
- On 26th May ***the Men's Munchers*** will meet for dinner at 6pm at the Bentleigh RSL, 538 Centre Rd, Bentleigh VIC (Parking at rear). Please feel free to give Ross a call on 0414 988 923. Date for June meeting: 23 June at 12.30pm.
- ***Bentleigh Kids & Craft Market*** will be held on the **28th May 2022**, from 9.30am until 1pm, in the Narthex and on the Centre Road lawn. We have arts, books, crafts, toys, soap, jewellery, knitwear, sausage sizzle, plants and much more. New, handmade and pre-loved items. Buy a sausage for lunch, join in the fun, see you there. More details call the office on 9557 2226. Dates for 2022: JUNE 25TH, JULY 23RD, AUGUST 27TH, SEPTEMBER 24TH, OCTOBER 22ND, NOVEMBER 26TH
- Do you want to know more about gardening, make new friends and enjoy good conversation? Join ***the St John's Bentleigh Garden Club***. We meet at the Church, corner Centre and Tucker Roads. 7:45pm on the last Tuesday of the month (next meeting 31 May, then 28 June). **All Welcome**. We have Guest Speakers and a show bench. **Enquiries Shirley: 0412 457 725.**

KEN'S CORNER (by Ken Newell)

I am not a medico, so the following is bound to be inaccurate in a number of places - but I hope it is sufficient for you to understand something of my thinking.

A BROKEN LEG OR TWO

We are all familiar with the Gospel readings of the Crucifixion, and the mention there that Pilate's permission was sought, to break the legs of the three people crucified. It can raise a question in our minds, as to why they wished to do that.

The answer is medical. When a person is crucified, there are only two positions that can be adopted. One way is to hang from the hands - which is fairly obvious. The nails through the hands are the support relied on in this position. The other position is to stand - also relying on nails for support. It would not be possible to stay in either position for very long, because of the strain of supporting all of the body weight in a way never previously encountered.

Our lungs are surrounded by a membrane, within the rib cage. There is a space available for the lungs to expand into, as we inhale. Hanging from the hands results in a liquid collecting in this space. This is a function of the way our bodies work. As the fluid collects, it takes up more and more of the lungs' expansion space. Death must result, from the lack of oxygen. Breaking the legs means the reduction of two possible positions from two, to one - and that position must prove to be fatal, in a relatively short time.

The liquid in the chest is the "water" which flowed out with blood, when His side was pierced.

As a footnote, I add my personal view that the nails were not placed through the hands, as many paintings show. If they were, the weight of the body would cause the nails to tear through the flesh, going towards the knuckles, and then on to the point at the base of the fingers. There is a total lack of bone or cartilage there to hold the weight of the body. So the nails would have been driven through the wrists - a very painful process, as anybody who has had Carpal tunnel problems can imagine.

Parishioners' News

Marj Pickford

We were so sorry to lose Marj before we had the chance to officially rededicate and bless the newly renovated hall as 'The Pickford Hall'.

Marj passed away early in March after a brief illness. Marj was an active and faithful parishioner of St John for so many decades and had contributed many things during her involvement at St John's. We extend our deepest sympathy to Marion, Mike, Jill and their families.



Happy Birthday Wendy

Wendy Leggett celebrated a major milestone birthday in April. She has now officially become an octogenarian or some would call this exclusive membership OBE.

We wish Wendy all God's blessings, good health and many happy returns!

Greetings from Wodonga

Jean Phibbs spent this Easter with the Szabo family. Jen, Robyn, Lily (9) and Lucy (6) send their love to their friends in St John's. They are all well and very happy.

Wodonga is the right place for them. Their home is in a quiet suburb, near parks, shops and their church, which has a young membership.

Lily and Lucy love playing together and being outside with their hens and rabbit.

Since they left Melbourne I (Jean) have had the pleasure of spending Easter with them - it is lovely to feel part of their family. I thank them for their very warm welcome and kindness.

A Kitchen Prayer

(submitted by Susan McDermott. This prayer was collected by Susan's Nana, originally from Velma Lee's Country Kitchen)

Lord of all pots and pans and things,
since I've not time to be a saint by
doing lovely things
or watching late with Thee
Or dreaming in the dawn light
or storming Heaven's gates...

Make me a saint by getting meals and washing up the plates.

Although I must have Martha's hands,
I have a Mary mind
and when I black the boots and shoes
Thy sandals, Lord, I find.

I think of how they trod the earth,
what time I scrub the floor
Accept this meditation Lord,
I haven't time for more.

Warm all the kitchen with Thy love
and light it with Thy peace
Forgive me all my worrying
and make my grumbling cease.

Thou who didst love to give men food
in room or by the sea
Accept this service that I do,
I do it unto THEE

Still around the Kitchen theme ...

Keeping your herbs, fruit and veg for longer.

Interesting tip for herbs that are wilting, eg coriander looking droopy. Put everything in a pestle and make it into paste and then freeze. You could put these into ice cube trays.

If you want to freshen up carrots, turnips etc, put them into soil, and they will re-invigorate.

Garlic sprouting, then plant the sprouting bulb.

Spring onions, plant to freshen up. Keep the root and plant, you will get a new plant.

Ripe bananas: make icecream, a smoothie, cake

Old Me



Stored carrots and celery in a container

New Me



Stores carrots and celery submerged in water. Celery will last up to **2 weeks**, and carrots up to **1 month**

Old Me



Cut off strawberry's mushy imperfections

New Me



Puts strawberries with imperfections **in ice water for 20 min**, they come out firm and bright

Old Me



Had herbs wilting too fast
Photo Credit: @seriouscats

New Me



Freezes herbs in olive oil before they wilt
Photo Credit: @shellofresh

Old Me



Had too many lemons and couldn't use them all before they went bad

New Me



Juices lemons and freezes the lemon juice to have lemon juice all year round

Old Me



Stored potatoes alone

New Me



Stores potatoes with an apple to prevent sprouting

Old Me



Composted banana peels

New Me



Lets banana peels sit in water for 2 days then uses that water as plant fertilizer

FEWCHR

I kept this child's writing in my file, it was on the front page of a high school magazine many years ago.

The article was meant for the start of a new school year but term 2 seemed not too late (anytime during school really). Errors in spelling not mine!

bilding me a fewchr

Dear Teachr,

TodaY, Mommy crYed. Mommy asked me Jody do You realy kno Why You are going to school. I said I don't Kno why?e?

She said it is caus we are going to be bilding Me a fewshr. I said What is a fewshr wats one look like? Mormy said I don't know Jody, no one can realY see all. Your fewchr jest You. Don't worY cauS youl see youl see. Tats when she cryed and sed oh Jody I love You so.

Mommy saYs every one needto work realY hard for us Kids to make our fewchrz the nicest ones the World can ofer.

Teacher can we Start today to bild Me a fewchr? Can You EspeshlY h it ard to make it a nice prity one jest for Mommy and for me?

I love You teacher.

Love,
Jody

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Ukrainian refugees fleeing into Hungary. Credit: HIA



Refugee support point in set up by Hungarian Interchurch Aid at the border with Ukraine. Credit: Daniel Fekete/Hungarian interchurch Aid (HiA)

ABM EMERGENCY APPEAL

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God,

We join with people in many parts of the world to pray for the people of Ukraine.

Console those who have lost loved ones,
those who are injured,
and those who are frightened.

We pray especially for children, women and men

who have fled their homes.

Give warm and generous hearts to those whose countries they have fled to.

And bring peace to our warring world.

In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace,
Amen.

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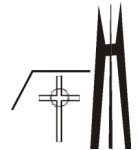
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Regular Worship Services

Sunday morning services are at 8.30am and 10.00am

Wednesday Holy Communion Service 10.30am



You can access our weekly service as it occurs, or at any time afterwards, by going to

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCwvuRixqlX4njbrwZJBqNXQ/live> .

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Tue, Thurs, Fri

9.30am-12pm, 12:30pm - 4:00pm