

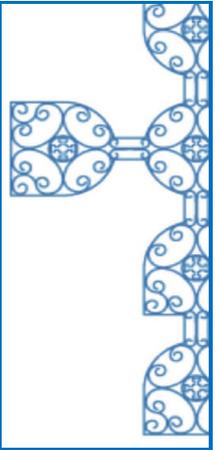
St Chad's Anglican Church

Second Sunday of Easter

11 April 2021

Our Vision

Growing Faith, Building Community, Serving Needs via
Inspiration! Imagination! Cooperation!



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Julie's Jottings...

A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who assisted with our Holy Week and Easter Day liturgies. It is always a large amount of work (mostly enjoyable!) for many people and it was great to be able to gather together and mark these important liturgies together.

Thanks to those who organised the palms and the flowers, those who read the dramatic readings and reflections on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day, those who washed people's hands on Maundy Thursday, those in our Pop Up singing group who sang on Good Friday, the loving hands who met for prayer and then helped clean and set up the Church on Holy Saturday, and those who prepared the tasty breakfast after the Dawn service on Easter morning, those who helped 'hide' the Easter Eggs and those who offered a wonderful morning tea for the Family Eucharist. Thanks especially to the Revd Jeff Oake for his wisdom and guidance during the preparation of the liturgies; to Peter Dutton for the design of the Paschal Candle and for his musical contributions to our worship; to Helen Spring for her assistance with preparing powerpoints and pewsheets (and creativity in our worship).

It was lovely to be able to gather to mark my first 'real Easter' in the Parish. (Yes, I was here last year but as we were in lockdown we couldn't gather. And while we had a wonderful time talking about the Bunny Hop and such matters, it wasn't the same as gathering for worship!)

Connecting faith, family & friends

SUNDAYS IN THE EASTER SEASON

Easter is a season not a day. For this reason the Sundays are called the **Sundays of Easter** and not the Sundays after Easter. The season lasts for fifty days at the end of which we celebrate Pentecost, the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church.

Throughout the Easter season the **Paschal (or Easter) Candle**, symbol of the risen Lord stands in the centre of the church. Traditionally, the candle contains the symbols – the **Alpha and Omega**, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, indicating that Christ is the origin and destiny of all things; this year, 2021, the year in which our salvation is being worked out; as well as the cross, for it is through Christ's death and resurrection we have new life.

Our thanks to Peter Dutton for his design this year and to Peter Worrall who managed to get the design onto the candle. Please take some time to consider the candle and its symbolism during this season.

FIRST READING: Acts 4.32-37

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Commentary: We would like to know so much more about church life in those early days following the Easter event. Luke lets us catch our breath from the action of the Jerusalem church's advance, (described in the first three chapters of Acts) by giving us this tantalizing glimpse of a community in which the spirit of Jesus drives them to great acts of generosity and care for one another.

PSALM 133

SECOND READING: 1 John 1.1-2.2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the

truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Commentary: What does God want of me? What does God want of us? Probably every Christian has asked these very questions. They are asked in times of anguish, during crisis and decision-making and, implicitly and explicitly, on a day-to-day basis. This section of 1 John tackles this question, for the church to which John was writing debated this very issue. To address this issue, John uses the image of "walking in the light." He begins with an assertion about God, the simple statement that God is light. Everything depends upon and flows from that statement. We are called upon to walk in that light so as to become reflections of God's character, cleansed from sin and obedient to his commands.

GOSPEL: John 20.19-31

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Commentary: This chapter of John contains a series of encounters with Christ that show him overcoming a variety of barriers to faith, including ignorance, grief, fear, and doubt. Five occasions of faith are mentioned. In this passage there are two. Jesus' appears to the disciples as a group, so that fear and doubt might be dispelled by seeing his wounds and being filled with the Holy Spirit. Thomas also requires something more than sight to believe--to touch Jesus' wounds. Each of these sightings will provide grounds for certainty for those in the future who have not seen but yet believe.

COVID Marshals

In accordance with an SA Government directive
**John Bryant, Nigel Daw, Gay Gardner, Jeff Oake, Marie Sloan,
Madeleine Stocks and Julie Worrall**
have completed training and are now accredited
to oversee the COVID precautionary measures in the parish.



BOTTLES AND CANS: we redeem the deposits on recyclable bottles and cans, and this is a worthwhile fund raiser. Please removed the lids and leave them under the table in the Narthex.

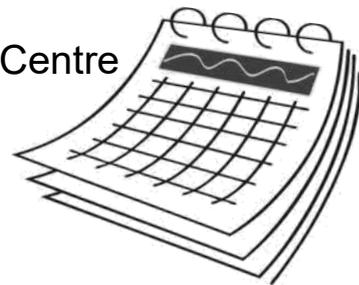
The Thursday Holy Communion Service is in recess during the holidays and will resume on Thursday 29th April 2021 when we will get together again and also discuss the future of the Thursday Communion service.



This Week at St Chad's...

April

Sunday 11	8.00am	Eucharist, Second Sunday of Easter
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Monday 12	10.00am	Yoga with Paula, Parish Centre
Tuesday 13		Julie at St Barnabas College
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Centre
Wednesday 14		Julie at St Barnabas College
Thursday 15	12.00pm	Parish Staff Meeting
Friday 16		Julie's day off
Saturday 17		
Sunday 18	8.00am	Eucharist, Third Sunday of Easter
	9.30am	Eucharist, Third Sunday of Easter



Prayer Points for this month:

Our Parish:

We pray that this Easter Season will be a time of light and new life in our own lives and in the life of our church family of St Chads and beyond.

Guide each of us with insight and audacity, to share the message of your love exemplified in your Son.

Grant to all who come to worship you in this place a spirit of unity and purpose, in being your love to one another and to our community.

The World:

We pray for decision-makers, health workers and each other, as we continue to confront the challenges of the COVID pandemic. May the vaccines be safely administered to bring protection and healing to the peoples of all nations.

Open our hearts to generously support relief agencies as they respond to those suffering the effects of natural and man-made disasters across the world.

Remind us to live our lives with care and respect for others, as we go about our daily lives.

Those who have died:

Josephine James, Desmond Lee, Alison Rowney

Our years mind:

Isabel Muller; Olga Milne; Garnet Male; Robert Moeller; Barbara Dowler; Amy Dwyer; May Bach; Marjorie McKenzie; George Fairbrother; Reginald Willoughby; Eileen Pitcher; Marion Bishop; Gordon Warhurs; Patricia Willoughby.

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Readings & Roster for today, Second Sunday of Easter

	8.00am	9.30am
Acts 4.32-37	M Wilson	
1 John 1.1-2.2	D Bulloch	N Daw
Gospel	J Worrall	J Worrall
Intercessions	L Hallahan	J Hokin
Sides Persons:	J Prosser	C Milne & J Hokin
Welcome:		N Daw
Morning Tea:		G Gardner
Sacristan	Flowers	G Gardner

Readings & Roster for next Sunday, Third Sunday of Easter

	8.00am	9.30am
Acts 3.12-20	M Sloan	A Janus
1 John 2.15-17, 3.1-6	A Barrett	
Gospel	J Oake	J Oake
Intercessions	J Worrall	G Hillman
Sides Persons:	J Prosser	L & J Barteletti
Welcome:		C Milne
Morning Tea:		J Wildy & L Giles
Sacristan G Button	Flowers	C Bryant

Sunday Worship:

8:00am Prayer Book Communion service followed by morning tea

9:30am Informal setting with hymns, songs, communion and activities for children, followed by morning tea.

Thursdays 10:30am Morning Prayer with Communion (in recess till 29/4)

Music lessons are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of the month from 11.15am.

Please be respectful and avoid entering our worship space at this time.