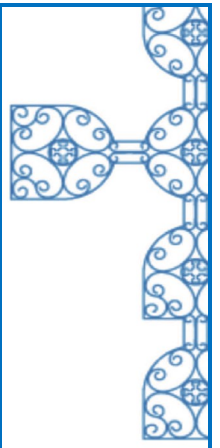


# St Chad's Anglican Church

## 26 July 2020

### Our Vision

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



### Readings & Roster for today - 8th Sunday after Pentecost

	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
Genesis 29.15-28	M Sloan	K Skelton
Romans 8.26-39	B Osterman	P Ward
Intercessions	J Worrall	G Gardner
<b>Sides Persons:</b>	J Prosser	D Swanson
<b>Welcome:</b>		L Giles
<b>Morning Tea:</b>		J Wildy & L Giles
<b>Sacristan</b>	M Sloan	<i>Volunteer Please</i>
	<b>Flowers</b>	

### Next Sunday - 9th Sunday after Pentecost, 2 August 2020

	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
Genesis 32.22-31	J Nelson	M Stocks
Romans 9.1-8	I Richards	—
Intercessions	M Wilson	M Wilson
<b>Sides Persons:</b>	J Walsh	B & B McNally
<b>Welcome:</b>		S Looker
<b>Morning Tea:</b>		J Ford
<b>Sacristan</b>	J Nelson	<i>Volunteer Please</i>
	<b>Flowers</b>	

### Sunday Worship:

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

**9:30am** Informal setting with hymns, songs, communion & Sunday School and Activities for children during school terms, followed by morning tea.

**Thursdays 10:30am** Morning Prayer with Communion followed by morning tea

**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.

**Connecting faith, family & friends**

## FIRST READING: Genesis 29.15-28

Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' Laban said, 'This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.' Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

*Commentary: This continues the story of Jacob on his arrival in Haran where he has just met one of his future wives, Rachel, at the well. He meets his uncle Laban and stays with him a month before the subject of wages arises. When Jacob finally gets to marry Rachel he finds that she is barren and Leah her sister continues to produce offspring for Jacob - four in all. Because Rachel was unable to bear children she gave her maid, Bilhah to Jacob who bore him a son named Dan. More sons are born to Jacob through the maids of Leah and Rachel, and two more sons by Leah. The final child by Leah is a daughter called Dinah. After this God remembers Rachel and she finally bears a son to Jacob named Joseph. These children born from Rachel, Leah and their maids become the patriarchs of eleven of the tribes of Israel. Benjamin is born later. The focus of the story moves back to further deceptions of Jacob and Laban. Laban insists that Jacob continue to work for him in order for him to marriage Rachel, the woman he initially wanted to wed.*

**Psalm 105.1-11, 45**

O give thanks to the Beloved, and  
    open your hearts to Love.  
Awaken! Listen in silence for the  
    Voice of the Counselor.  
Sing praises with a glad heart  
    and give witness to the truth  
        with your lives!  
Glory in the radiance of the Beloved;  
    let the hearts of those who call  
        upon You rejoice!  
Seek the One who is Life, your strength,  
    walk harmoniously in Love's Presence!  
Remember that you are not alone, for  
    through Love doubt and fear  
        are released;  
O people of the earth, ever bear  
    in mind  
    the unity of diversity in the  
        Divine Plan!

You are the Promise of our  
    wholeness,  
    You await our readiness to  
        choose Life.  
Your covenant of Love stands firm  
    through all ages;  
    You forgive us when we stray  
        far from Home.  
Help us to learn to trust You,  
    to untangle the webs of illusion  
        that we have made.  
As we sift through our dreams,  
    guide us to the only Dream  
        that brings peace –  
    knowing we belong to You.  
Give us wisdom and courage to release  
    all that binds us;  
    for, to let go of what is built  
        on illusion is to find new life.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 8.26-39**

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Commentary: In this chapter Paul describes the life of the Christian as a life of freedom immersed in the goodness of God. This gives us a confidence that is strengthened by the knowledge of what God has done, and will do in Christ. The two rhetorical questions at the heart of this passage receive the unexpressed answer 'Nobody' because the whole of our lives is in the hand of God, through Christ. The closing list of human experiences is certainly one familiar to the martyrs and confessors of all ages and stands as a reminder to us that nothing can touch the reality of God's love for each and every one of his children.*

## GOSPEL: Matthew 13.44-58

‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ‘Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’ When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place. He came to his home town and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, ‘Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?’ And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, ‘Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house.’ And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

*Commentary: These three parables belong together and make the same point: the total commitment demanded by the Gospel. To buy a field, the man in the first parable has to sell everything: he was therefore a poor man and probably working as a labourer. If he found treasure, he was obliged to report it to his master, the field’s owner. Instead he sells everything and buys the field. The merchant in the second parable was a richer man, passing through Galilee on his way from the pearl fishing seas on the east. Still, he sells all that he had and bought it. The final parable is a reminder that we should not get caught up in sorting out the good from the bad in this life by forming sects of pious people: all the sorting will be done by God’s at the judgment.*

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**Spiritual Spa Day at St Chads**  
**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August**  
**2pm-4:30pm**  
**Rest, relax, rejuvenate, reflect**

The focus will be decorating and walking a Labyrinth during the afternoon. However there will be other activities available as well.

The Labyrinth will be temporary and it will be constructed in the church

Feel free to bring items to use to decorate-flowers, leaves, stones, paper flowers or whatever else you like

Afternoon tea is provided

There is no need to book, but an indication of numbers helps with catering

Contact Pam Bentley 0407877163 or Julie Worrall 0419 779 968



### THANK YOU



Parish Council wants to express their sincere thanks to those on the Planned Giving Programme who have made the effort to keep up with their pledges over the recent months. It is a big relief to us as we seek to plan for the ministry and practical needs of the parish. We are delighted that giving has remained in line with our budget in these extraordinary times.

If you would like to know more about PGP, please speak (confidentially) with Nigel Daw 0412 756 720.

### FAIRTRADE AND LOCAL SUPPLIERS...

Parish Council have restated their commitment to buy local and/or fair trade supplies for the parish (unless costs are unreasonable). Therefore, we have coffee and tea sourced ethically (from Fair Trade suppliers); our toilet paper, paper towels and tissues are supplied by a company that not only sources ethically sustained materials but send 50% of profits to developing countries to provide toilets and hygiene supplies (from Who Gives a Crap); and we are in the process of sourcing some local made biscuits for morning tea (with the assistance of Diana from Tuckers Natural) as well as some local hand sanitiser and cleaning products made in the Adelaide Hills by an indigenous company called NOOD Australia.



### THANK YOU TO JULIE ASCHER-ELLIS

You are invited to sign the card and to provide for a gift for Julie as a thankyou for her ministry amongst us. To contribute to a thank you gift, please put your money into an envelope, clearly marked GIFT FOR JULIE and include it in the offertory plate.



## PARISH FAMILY DIRECTORY

Parish Council has endorsed the idea of a Parish Family Directory. If you have not already sent through your approval, please send an email to St Chad's or fill out the form at the entrance to the Church **if you are willing** to have your name, phone numbers and emails, included in a St Chad's Directory and shared with other parishioners. It will be used only for contacting other parishioners and will only be circulated amongst ourselves (details will not be on Facebook or the Website.)

## NEXT EDITION OF ECHO

It's now REALLY TIME to complete our next Echo... if you have a story or article you would like included... perhaps something you've been doing to keep yourself going during this time of lock down, please email it to St Chad's (stchads@adam.org.au) before **TOMORROW** so we can print something soon. We know it's been a while but it was felt the last edition was 'just too late' so we are hoping to update the edition with some new articles.

## COVID CLEANING

While we have significant cleaning responsibilities in place, the Cleaner will be in attendance each week. This means those on dusting and vacuuming can have a rest for a bit! We will let you know when your ministry is required again.

There are some extra roles for LAs, Welcomers, Slidespersons and Morning Tea Teams... please check the GREEN SHEETS in the narthex, vestry, kitchen and parish centre. Thanks!

## ACCESS TO ST CHADS

The key is back! If you need access to the Church when the office is closed, please speak to Gay Gardner, Marie Sloan or Julie Worrall for the code (it's the same code as always!).



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## **Prayer Points for this month:**

We pray for the world as continues to face the corona virus challenge. Particularly the front line workers and all involved in research for a vaccine and treatment.

We pray for Australia and the Pacific as we safely negotiate our way forward.

We pray for the Black Lives Matter Movement and for wisdom, integrity and compassion in government and community decision making. We pray too for those seeking justice for indigenous deaths in custody.

We pray for victims of natural disasters, their families and the communities.

Especially the local communities in the process of bush fire recovery.

We pray for all those no longer supported by the welfare and care systems and for all those seeking to catch those who would otherwise slip through the cracks.

We pray for our community as we return to worship and for all those who are unable to gather with us.

We pray for anyone struggling with anxiety, depression or loneliness caused by isolation.

We pray for the children and youth of the parish and their families, as we devised new ways to share the Christian faith with them.

We pray for those who have lost loved ones in recent weeks.

**Faithful departed:** We remember those in our years mind: Monica Godfrey; Edna Baxter; Sinfi Hooke; Margaret Saddler; Graham Harris; Margaret Clark; Gweneth Richardson; Elizabeth Scobie; Pauline Horton and Kathleen Mottershead.