

# St Paul's Cathedral, Sale

## St Alban's Kilmany, St Anne's Golden Beach & St Mark's Loch Sport

We acknowledge the Gunaikurnai people as the original custodians of this region. All churches of the parish stand on the lands of the Gunaikurnai people.

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Cathedral Parish Vision: People of Christian faith –

25th February 2024

Encouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday.

Lent 2

#### **Sentence of Scripture**

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him. *Mark* 8.34

#### **Prayer of the Day**

God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life: grant that we,

being born again of water and the Spirit,
may joyfully serve you in newness of life
and faithfully walk in your holy ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen** 

#### **Holy Communion Services at St Paul's:**

**Sundays - 8.00am and 10.00am Wednesdays - 10.00am** in the Lady Chapel *Sunday Evenings* 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month @ 5pm **Contemplative Service** 

#### **Outcentre Services:**

St Anne's Golden Beach 10.30am 1st Sunday & 3rd Sunday of the month

**St Alban's Kilmany** 2.00pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month (Not in December or January)

**St Mark's Loch Sport** Services only at Easter and Christmas

**Zoom Links:** Evening Prayer: Daily at 5.30pm - 6.00pm

Meeting ID: 879 3927 8803 Passcode: Prayer

**Meditation:** Weekdays: silent Christian Meditation, 8.15am-8.45am

Meeting ID: 809 497 711 Passcode: 600361

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#### **Cathedral Prayer Chain Requests**

Please contact Trish Broadbear 0418 104 840

The prayer chain is for anyone in need of prayer

Our parish is committed to ensuring our centres of worship and outreach are safe places for all, especially children and vulnerable people.

We have a duty of care to protect all who participate in the life of the church from abuse. We have zero tolerance for abuse of any kind.

If you are concerned about your own or somebody else's safety, or have witnessed behaviour that makes you feel uncomfortable you can contact the Deputy Director of Professional Standards in the Gippsland Diocese, Julie Reilly Mobile: 0456 572 589 Email: <a href="mailto:julie@kooyoora.org.au">julie@kooyoora.org.au</a> You may also like to talk to the Dean or the Lay Canons, or if this is a really serious matter, go directly to the police, and then to the above.

Please pray for our supported student Moses Baiduduga at Newton College PNG.

## A Reading from the Book of Genesis

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.' *Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16* 

Hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 22.24-32

O praise the Lord, all you that fear him:

hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob,

and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.

For he has not despised nor abhorred

the poor man in his misery:

nor did he hide his face from him, but heard him when he cried.

From you springs my praise in the great congregation:

I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;

The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied:

and those who seek the Lord shall praise him—may their hearts rejoice for ever!

Let all the ends of the earth remember

and turn to the Lord:

and let all the families of the nations worship before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's:

and he shall be ruler over the nations.

How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage:

or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?

But he has saved my life for himself:

and my posterity shall serve him.

This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation:

and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

### A Reading from a Letter to the Romans

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Romans 4.13-25

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.' *Mark* 8.31-38 For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ** 

## Reflection:

There is Abraham and Sarah in the retirement village when God totally disrupts their plans. It's never too late to act in faith. Abraham and Sarah are such extraordinary examples of faithfulness that St Paul refers to them in his letter to the Romans as a model of faith. When it comes to faith there is no retirement age.

- We pray for older people that their faith may be an inspiration to all.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

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This evening there is a service of **Evensong** at 5.30pm followed by supper. This will be livestreamed.

#### Lent changes

You may have noticed that the furniture has changed - again! We originally moved the chairs to behind the altar for Lent last year, for the reason that when there was a presider or preacher other than the Dean and they sat up in the canons' stalls they couldn't be seen by the congregation. When we had lots of clergy and lay leaders in the sanctuary this worked well. But over the last year we've become leaner in terms of who's available to lead worship... And so we're trialing another iteration. Two of the chairs have been moved to the side, next to the presenter's stall. This will be where a presider other than the dean will sit. It's also conveniently close to the lectern... Anyway, we will see how this works - I'll welcome feedback from those sitting in the congregation. *Dean Keren* 

The World Day of Prayer is at the Baptist Church at 10am on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10am. Focus country Palestine. Kathy J can provide transport.

**Please wear your namebadge**, to the services as well as to morning tea, so we can all get to know your names. If you don't have one, see Christine.

### **Morning prayer**

Please join Dean Keren in the Cathedral for Morning Prayer every Friday at 9am. We'll pray for our parish and diocese, and any other concerns pray-ers may have!

### FRIDAY MARCH 1

This is an invitation from Keren and from Ro
To meet in St Paul's Hall at 10.30 or at 2.
We'll have a cuppa and something to eat and
Then we'll have some fun,
So please, please, please say, "Yes I will certainly come."
RSVP Keren 0438 220 878
Ro 0499 914 445

Welcome to anyone who may be visiting for the **Gippsland Grammar Centenary** this weekend. Former deans and principals included!

**THE BLUE BIN for Op shop items has been removed.** Morwell has been overwhelmed with items and underwhelmed with willing and able volunteers!

#### ABM LENT APPEAL Envelopes available

Unfortunately, in many parts of the world, deprivation and vulnerability are not an option, but are the continuing reality of life. We invite you to support our Lent and Good Friday Appeal, which continues the Lenten tradition of sacrifical giving and compassion.

Almost two-thirds of households in the Gaza Strip experience food insecurity. Providing even basic food requirements for the family can be challenging. Among other concerns, this can result in malnutrition or stunting in children.

Prior to the current conflict in Gaza, the Al Ahli Hospital ran a longstanding Child Nutrition Program for children aged 6 months to 3 years to help address malnutrition. A partner program, called 'Woman-to-Woman', saw trained women from a mother's own community going into their home to provide essential training in nutrition, self-esteem, communication skills and gender.

#### **Wanderers**:

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb lunch at the Greyhounds at 12-30pm. Cuppa and Chat on Thursday 29th Feb at Mr Raymond at 10am (Cafe next to Bendigo bank).

I am planning a bus trip to Walhalla for Friday 5th April you will only have to pay for your meals, etc as bus payment is covered. I need to know approximately how many going so I know what size bus to book. Please let Jan Lear know on 0421605461. Everyone welcome can pick up if you can't drive to any of these events.

### **Lenten study Books**

It is titled "Living in Harmony" and uses the weekly lectionary readings.

The books are \$8 each.

Rev Kate is planning on meeting in the Lady Chapel on Wednesdays, 5.30-7pm, though happy to negotiate if that is helpful.

Rev Heather will lead a day time group on Wednesdays commencing this week at 12 noon BYO lunch in the Community Room.

A sign in sheet will be in the foyer or contact Rev Kate.

#### Coming up at The Abbey



March 14th – *Hush Quiet Day: Spirituality from the Desert.* Facilitator: Dr Cath Connelly In the desert we become clear on what truly matters – water, food, shelter, love, community. Throughout millennia, people have sought out desert environments to focus on issues of the heart, finding there a place where the Sacred One is revealed in stark abundance. During this *Hush Day* we will journey into the desert, finding oases to quench our thirst along the way.

10.00am – 3.00pm. BYO lunch. \$20 donation. Please RSVP by March 1st.

#### March 23rd – Stitch 'n Time

Bring your Unfinished Projects (UFOs), sewing, knitting, crotchet etc. Bring your friends and have a laugh, a great lunch, and a never-ending morning and afternoon tea, a display of quilts, some trade tables and a goodie bag.

Our guest speakers are Irene Black, Veronique Diligent and Sam Taylor – all designers, pattern-makers, teachers and all-round amazing women. 10.00am – 3.00pm. \$40.

Please RSVP 5156 6580 info@theabbey.org.au



The (10am) service each week is live streamed. (Search St Paul's Cathedral Sale when in YouTube) <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@stpaulscathedralsale/streams">https://www.youtube.com/@stpaulscathedralsale/streams</a>

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## You're invited to a:

# **Seminar on Lament**

Presented by

## The Rev'd Dr Jill Firth

Lecturer in Hebrew and Old Testament, Ridley College

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2:00pm - 4:30pm

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For more information, please contact: <a href="mailto:dean@stpaulssale.org.au">dean@stpaulssale.org.au</a> or (03) 5144 2020.

To register interest:





This seminar will be offered live in person and via zoom. An email with the link for the zoom session will be sent the day before.

Jill was born in Melbourne and completed some of her school years in Sydney. She graduated with a BA at the University of Western Australia and ministered with her husband Len in Perth and the WA Wheatbelt. Jill and Len spent a year on Groote Eylandt in the Northern Territory with CMS, learning from and supporting Aboriginal leaders. They then spent ten years in Hong Kong leading an international church and participating in marriage ministry and city-wide evangelism in preparation for the 1997 return to Chinese sovereignty.

Jill studied theology at Ridley, and concurrently trained as a spiritual director in the Ignatian tradition. She was ordained in the Diocese of Melbourne in 2006. She has lectured at Ridley since 2005, was appointed to Ridley faculty in 2016, and is lecturing in Hebrew and Old Testament. Jill was awarded her PhD on 'The Re-presentation of David in Psalms 140–143' in 2016. She is co-editor of Grounded in the Body, in Time and Place, in Scripture: Papers by Australian Women Scholars in the Evangelical Tradition, is currently revising her dissertation for publication, and preparing to write a commentary on Jeremiah for the series, The Bible in God's World. She has been a convener of the Evangelical Women in Academia conference and the Ridley Women's Writing Groups Network. She is a member of Tyndale Fellowship, ETS, IBR, SBL, and the Logia Advisory Board.