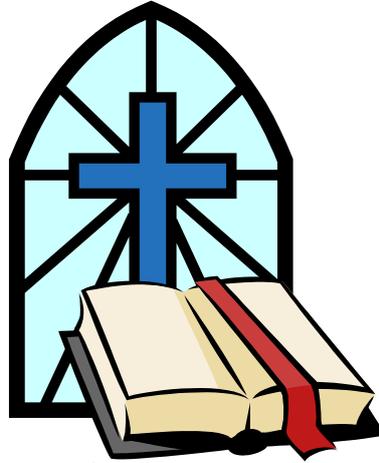


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17<sup>th</sup> March 2019

The Second Sunday in Lent  
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### Prayer of the Day

God of our ancestors,  
whose chosen servant Abraham  
was given faith to obey your call  
and go out into the unknown:  
endow your Church with such faith  
that we may follow you with courage;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.     **Amen.**

### **A reading from the book of Genesis,** *Chapter 15 beginning at Verse 1*

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

[NRSV Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18]

*Hear the word of the Lord*

***thanks be to God***

### **Psalm 27**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear?:

**the Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?**

<sup>2</sup> When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,  
come upon me to devour me:

**they shall stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup> If an army encamp against me, my heart shall not be  
afraid:

**and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.**

4 One thing I have asked from the Lord,  
which I will require:  
**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,**

5 To see the fair beauty of the Lord:  
**and to seek his will in his temple.**

6 For he will hide me under his shelter  
in the day of trouble:  
**and conceal me in the shadow of his tent,  
and set me high upon a rock.**

7 And now he will lift up my head:  
**above my enemies round about me.**

8 And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary  
with exultation:  
**I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.**

9 O Lord, hear my voice when I cry:  
**have mercy upon me and answer me.**

10 My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face':  
**your face, Lord, I will seek.**

11 Do not hide your face from me:  
**or thrust your servant aside in displeasure;**

12 For you have been my helper:  
**do not cast me away or forsake me, O God of my  
salvation.**

13 Though my father and my mother forsake me:  
**the Lord will take me up.**

14 Teach me your way, O Lord:  
**and lead me in an even path, for they lie in wait  
for me.**

15 Do not give me over to the will of my enemies:  
**for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and those who breathe out violence.**

16 But I believe that I shall surely see  
the goodness of the Lord:  
**in the land of the living.**

17 O wait for the Lord;  
stand firm and he will strengthen your heart:  
**and wait, I say, for the Lord.**

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians,  
*Chapter 3 beginning at Verse 17***

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

[NRSV Philippians 3:17-4:1]

Hear the word of the Lord,

***thanks be to God.***

Gradual: Tis 650 v 1, 2, 3 & 6

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke,**  
*Chapter 13 beginning at Verse 1*

***Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

[NRSV Luke 13:1-9]

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

***praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

Offertory: Tis 511 v 1, 2 & 4

Post Communion: Sing Praise O125

Final: Tis 531

## **A Prayer for the Parish of Port Lincoln**

Father help us to be a Church that is a welcoming, caring, and meaningful community.

A community which enjoys the celebration of the sacraments and has a passion to proclaim the Gospel of Christ.

A community which reaches out to others, sharing the love of God with them. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **Prayer for the Appointment of a Parish Priest**

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake.

**Amen**

## **Prayer of the Week**

Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve, and, as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**From “A Worship and Prayer Book for MU Australia”  
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**Lent**

God of arid lands and grassy plains, in ancient times you encountered your people in the desert. May we, this Lent, enter that desert where, stripped of all the trappings of modern life, we learn to depend on you alone. Help us to a new awareness of your presence, and then bring us to the joys of Easter and the living water of your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

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**The Link** - Submissions for the link accepted until 12:00 Wednesday.

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**OP SHOP IN PARISH HALL – Friday 9am to 3pm**

Fresh fruit and vegetables are welcome early in the day. Clean shopping bags, clean clothes, and household utensils, knick-knacks etc welcome. For safety, please do not bring in electrical items. Offers to help in the shop on the roster, and to set out and put away, are always welcome.

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**This Week’s Events**

**Wednesday: 12-30 pm** - Prayers for the Community

**Thursday: 10.30 am** - Australian Prayer Book

**Friday: 9 am to 3 pm** - Op Shop open in the Parish Hall.

**Friday: 4pm to 5pm** - Meditation in the Church

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**NEXT SUNDAY**

**24th March 2019**

**9am St Thomas Port Lincoln**

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**For those with an ongoing need:**

Peter Linn, Sonja Nugent and family, Bishop David McCall, Terry Krieg, Darren & Rachel, Arthur & Joyce R, Joyce H, Brian L, Brooke, Ryan, Donna, Kelly, Helen and Kimberly, Danielle.

**Remembering those who have joined God in the eternal life:**

Jan Ladyman, Kerri Harris, Brian Joseph Patrick Revell

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Pray that opportunities will still be available in the all age school after a change of Principal. Give thanks for the formation of a children's music group. It was originally formed for the Community Carols, but because of the kids' enthusiasm it now continues.

**Profile**

Chris and Wendy have been establishing their ministry in the Parish of King Island for the past ten months and are passionate about growing the Kingdom of God by making Disciples of Jesus. They have been married for 37 years and have two children and five grandchildren.

**The Second Sunday in Lent**

**– Sunday 17 March 2019**

- Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27;  
Philippians 3.7-4.1; Luke 13.1-9 *or* Luke 9.28-36

As we journey through Lent we might find ourselves with the keen awareness that our God is a God of journeys. In our readings from today we see two journeys – one of Abraham from Ur to Canaan, and the other of Jesus and a handful of his disciples going up Mount Tabor. In both cases God is bringing his servants away from what is familiar and taking them to unfamiliar places, and often it can be scary for them. We know that ultimately they were strengthened by the experience in their faith. When God calls us out of our familiar surroundings we should take heart knowing that he is with us and we will ultimately be strengthened by our journey.

- Pray for all those who God has called to difficult ministries, callings and occupations.
- Give thanks for the Church of the Province of South East Asia, remembering especially the Most Rev Ng Moon Hing, his staff, clergy and people.

*Text:* The Reverend Will Johnston  
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**Notices:**

**Annual Vestry Meetings:**

**Today - Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>** St Matthew Poonindie following 11am service. Chair – Michael Hillier

**Please remember to sign the Vestry Roll.**

The Reverend Michael Hillier will be in the Parish on the following Sundays and some weekdays in between:

- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March
- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> , 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> April
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> May
- Sundays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup> June

### **Lenten Study Group**

#### **The Palestine of Jesus: Letting the geography of the land speak to us today**

Through four Power point presentations we will look at sites associated with Jesus as we explore His life from His birth to His death and resurrection. The land itself is sometimes referred to as 'The Fifth Gospel' and we will have the opportunity to become familiar with that landscape and see where Jesus went and what happened at particular places, in conjunction with our Scriptures.

There will be a Handout to accompany each presentation.

Where: The Parish Centre

When: Continuing at 7.30 pm Wednesday March 20th, **then**  
April 3rd, 10<sup>th</sup>

***A Remembrance Service for***

***JAN LADYMAN***

***will be held in St Thomas' church  
on Tuesday, March 26th at 10.30 a.m.  
Rev. Ruth Buxton will preside.  
Morning Tea in Parish Centre to follow.***

**Anglican Diocese of Willochra – Lent a Journey of Hope**

A Lent Retreat will be held at St Silas Anglican Church,  
Brandis Street, Crystal Brook from 5th – 7th April 2019

Crystal Brook is at lovely historic country town with easy access  
from Highway 1. Premier Stateliner Buses call in here daily.

Accommodation is available at the local Crystal Brook Caravan  
Park and nearby Hotels.

Please call Jenny Thompson on 08 88422835.

Application forms available from the Parish Centre Office