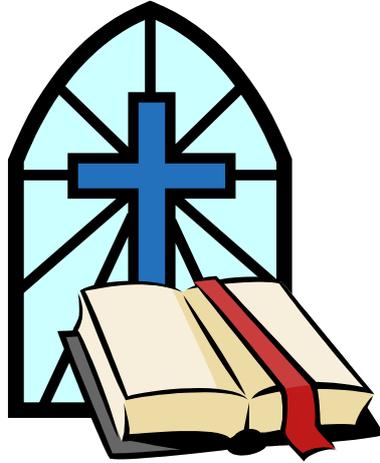


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Prayer of the Day

Great and loving God,
your will for us in your Son Jesus
is the peace which the world cannot give,
your abiding gift, the Advocate he promised.
Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear,
and keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word.
Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
who lives with you now and always
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

Amen

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, *Chapter 16 beginning at Verse 9*

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

[NRSV Acts 16:9-15]

Hear the word of the Lord

thanks be to God

Psalm 67

- 1 Let God be gracious to us and bless us:
and make his face shine upon us,
- 2 That your ways may be known on earth:
your liberating power among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing:
**for you judge the peoples with integrity,
and govern the nations upon earth.**
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness:
and God, our God, will bless us.
- 7 God shall bless us:
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

A reading from the Revelation to John,
Chapter 21 beginning at Verse 10

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more

night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

[NRSV Revelation 21:10-14; 21:22-22.5]

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Gradual: Tis 607

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John,
Chapter 14 beginning at verse 23

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

[NRSV John 14:23-29]

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Offertory: Tis 526 v 1, 2 & 4

Post Communion: Tis 600 [tune 2] v 1, 3 & 5

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

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant that we may walk in his way, rejoice in his truth, and share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

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

At Easter love and resurrection become the perfect whole. The tomb is empty; Christ has risen glorious from the dead. Lord, help me to cherish the revelation of your new beginning. Love and resurrection have made me whole. **Amen**

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

This Week's Events

Wednesday: 12-30 pm - Prayers for the Community

Thursday: 10.30 am - Australian Prayer Book

Friday: 9am – 3pm - Op Shop open in the Parish Hall

Friday: 4pm – 5pm - Meditation in the Church

NEXT SUNDAY **2nd June – Seventh Sunday of
Easter**

9am St Thomas Port Lincoln

For those with an ongoing need:

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

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Praise God for His faithfulness and His leading in our Synod. Pray that more people in our region will respond to the word of God. Pray that the Holy Spirit will open their ears to hear, their eyes to see and their hearts to understand.

Profile

Graeme and Susan serve as Mission Facilitators and Trainers for Central West Queensland. They are into their fourth year based out of Longreach and oversee parishes in the region. Parishes with direct hands-on involvement are Barcaldine and Longreach. Susan is also the Longreach High School Chaplain.

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- Acts 16.9-15; Psalm 67;
Revelation 21.10-14, 21.22-22.5;
John 14.23-29 *or* John 5.1-9

Justice: Today we find Jesus healing on the Sabbath – completely scandalous to anyone following the Mosaic Law. Nonetheless we can see in this an act of justice where a paralysed man was cured and Christ could say to him ‘Stand up, take your mat and walk’. How can our parishes bring justice to those who need it?

- Pray that we might see out injustices and work to find creative and innovative ways to solve them. May we not be like the proverbial ostrich with a head stuck in the sand.
- Give thanks for the Church of the Province of Central Africa, remembering especially the work of the Zambia Anglican Council.

Text: Robert McLean

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Notices:

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

- Sunday 26th May
- Sunday 2nd, 16th, 23rd, & 30th June

Study Group:**Tuning to the Heartbeat of God: the Stages of our Spiritual Development**

This Course will use power point presentations in order to explore the stages of our spiritual development. What normally happens when we begin to take our journey with God seriously?

We will look at the traditional three-fold path that builds on the first step which is the 'Awakening' that follows on from our 'Conversion', that moment when we realise that God is very real and we need to take Him seriously.

These steps are the Stage of Integration, the Stage of Illumination and the Stage of Union. And what do these words mean anyway?

Then, what indications and clues do we find in our life that might suggest one of these Stages? What about 'darkness'? What role does this play?

So what then do I need to do? Lots of questions and more! There will be handouts for each of the four Sessions.

Where: The Parish Centre

When: Continuing 7.30 pm on Wednesday May 29th; June 19th

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WILLOCHRA

The Ministry of Spirituality is establishing a new base in the Diocese of Willochra this year.

Based at Crystal Brook, retreats and quiet days will be organised using the St Silas Church Hall as a venue with accommodation available nearby.

An advantage of this site is its central location and easy access from the main highway by either car or bus.

This programme allows participants to be led into a deeper connection with God.

Following the Lenten retreat a further two retreats are being planned for this year.

June 28th - 30th: Icons- Sr. Sue Nirta

Dec 6th - 8th: Advent Retreat with our Bishop John Stead

Further details to follow shortly on the Diocesan website.

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