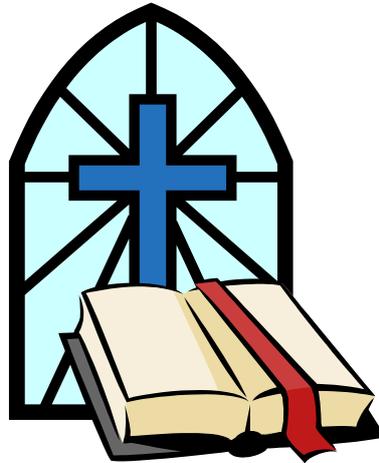


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Prayer of the Day

God of the ages,
you call the Church to keep watch in the world
and to discern the signs of the times:
grant us the wisdom that your Spirit bestows,
so that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word, and
complete the work you have set before us;
through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

A reading from Jeremiah, *Chapter 18 beginning at Verse 1*

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: “Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the

disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

[NRSV Jeremiah 18:1-11]

Hear the word of the Lord

thanks be to God

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-18

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:
**you know when I sit or when I stand,
you comprehend my thoughts long before.**
- 2 You discern my path and the places where I rest:
you are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue:
but you, Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You have encompassed me behind and before:
and have laid your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:
so high that I cannot endure it.
- 12 For you have created my inward parts:
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will praise you, for you are to be feared:
fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works.

14 You knew my soul,
and my bones were not hidden from you:
**when I was formed in secret,
and woven in the depths of the earth.**

15 Your eyes saw my limbs when they were yet imperfect:
and in your book were all my members written;

16 Day by day they were fashioned:
and not one was late in growing.

17 How deep are your thoughts to me, O God:
and how great is the sum of them!

18 Were I to count them,
they are more in number than the sand:
**were I to come to the end, I would still be with
you.**

A reading from the letter of Paul to Philemon,
Chapter 1 beginning at Verse 1

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our
sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your
house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my
God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith
toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may
become effective when you perceive all the good that we may
do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and

encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you.

Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

[NRSV Philemon 1-25]

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke,
Chapter 14 beginning at verse 25

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

“Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; they throw it away. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!”

[NRSV Luke 14:25-35]

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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 of the Week

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and so great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Jesus cannot be his disciple.

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

Almighty God and heavenly Father, your Son Jesus Christ shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home. Bless our homes, we pray, that parents and children may be bound to each other by mutual love and honour, and come to a knowledge of your love for them; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

This Week’s Events

Thursday: 10.30 am - MU Office and APBA Thanksgiving

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

4pm – 5pm - Meditation in the Church

NEXT SUNDAY

**15th September – Fourteenth
Sunday after Pentecost**

9am St Thomas Port Lincoln

11am St Matthew Poonindie

For those with an ongoing need:

Bishop David McCall, Terry Krieg, Arthur & Joyce R, Joyce H, Brooke, Ryan, Donna, Kelly, Helen and Kimberly, Danielle.

The Link - Submissions for the link accepted **until 11:00 am** Wednesday.

A PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESE

God of hope and love,
you have called us to be the body of Christ.
Inspire us in the Diocese of Willochra
to worship with joy and energy,
serve with compassion and be welcoming
of others in our communities,
so that all will know the good news of Jesus
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be honour and glory for ever. Amen

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Pray that the Spring Lunch will be a successful event encouraging supporters as they hear about the ministry in Roxby Downs. Give thanks for God's faithfulness recognised in the 100-year celebrations in Adelaide and regional SA.

Profile

The South Australia / NT Regional Office is located in Adelaide. The Province of South Australia, together with the Diocese of the Northern Territory, covers a vast area of 2.4 million square kilometres. A large portion of this land is dry, arid desert with communities separated by huge distances. This provides great challenges for ministry, as well as opportunities.

Diocese of Adelaide | The Most Revd Geoff Smith

Ordinary Sunday 23 [Pentecost 13]

– Sunday 8 September 2019

- Jeremiah 18.1-11; Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18;
Philemon 1-25; Luke 14.25-35

Does Jesus really require us to destroy self, family and all other meaningful human relationships, as well as getting rid of all our possessions (whether useful or not), in order to be his disciples? In other passages he urges us to love one another and tells us that this love is the test of discipleship. So, he doesn't really want us to hate anyone. He is using typical Middle Eastern exaggeration (as he often did) to get people's attention and drive home the point that all other loyalties need to be subsidiary to our relationship with him.

- Give thanks for our creator God's faithfulness to you (Psalm), and pray that you will be a 'salty' disciple of Jesus.
- Give thanks for the Church of Ceylon, which covers most of Sri Lanka, remembering their ministry in a multi-religious context.

Text: The Rev Ross Cameron, Diocese of Brisbane

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Notices:

Coffee Mornings will continue at Chinos Wednesday mornings at 10am. All are welcome.

New Parish Priest

The Commissioning of **Reverend Steve Weickhardt** will occur on **19th September 2019 at 7-30pm**. Please keep Steve and his wife Vanessa in your prayers during this time of transition.

The Blessing of the Fleece will occur this year on October 13th at the Dutton Bay Woolshed at 10-30am. Please bring a salad and sweet to share after the service.

Italian Jazz Café
with
The Paul Chester Jazz Quintet

Saturday 21st September from 6pm



at the Anglican Cathedral Church,
cnr David and Florence Streets

DINNER AND SHOW: \$45 Concession: \$40
Bookings on Eventbrite

This upcoming event at the Cathedral Church, Port Pirie.

How to have the last say!!



9th Funeral Seminar to be

held at Saint Margaret's Anglican Church

Lipson Road, Tumby Bay

Wednesday

25th September 2019

9.30am Morning Tea

10am Welcome & Intro



What St Margaret's offers

Tips to make the most of this Seminar

10.20am The Hospital Experience-Dr Emmy Hennell

11am Grief / 'Flight and Fight' Response -Jodie Blumm

11.20am West Coast Funerals - Jennifer Watkins

12 noon Advance Care Directives - Julie Elliott JP

12.15pm Light Lunch

1pm Wills, Powers of Attorney - Matt Noonan

Mellor Olsson Lawyers

1.40pm Trauma/ Sudden Death - Dan Nair SAPOL

2.20pm Williams Funerals

3pm Afternoon Tea



Cost \$ 15 includes.....

Light Lunch, morning and afternoon tea

Everyone from everywhere very welcome

For further information and to register please phone or

msg Caryll 0427 885063 or Bev 0428 550 194

(registering to attend not essential but is helpful for catering)

....See you there