



## Lovers of the Place

Newsletter – Queenscliff Lonsdale Anglicans  
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*(by hand to those without email)*

Dear people of St George's and St James',



A book that I keep coming back to around this “Pentecost” time of year is “The Go-Between God”, first published in 1973 by Bishop John V. Taylor.

Some of his words: *“...the primary effect of the Pentecost experience was to fuse the individuals of the company into a fellowship which in the same moment was caught up into the life of the risen Lord. In a new awareness of Him and of one another they burst into praise, and the world came running for an explanation. In other words, the gift of the Holy Spirit in the fellowship of the church first enables Christians to “be”. And only as a consequence of that sends them to do and to speak”.*

I suppose that these days we don't often see people “running to us for an explanation” about who we are and what we believe ! But we do need to be alert to welcome and support those (often shy) “searchers” who might, from time to time, ask us tricky questions... or even drift into our church services.

- Let us be confident and know that as the Holy Spirit dwells in us we will be given the right words and the right actions appropriate to the occasion.

*Please feel free to contact me by phone or email if there is anything I can do for you whilst Peter is on leave. Tim Gibson – ph. 0412 191 971 email: tgibson.1@bigpond.com*



During Peter’s holiday absence, Lindsay has offered to contribute one prayer each week to Lovers of the Place from a small eclectic collection of prayers and sayings, gathered when he was in his twenties. This final contribution is possibly written by Carrly Houselander (see Lindsay’s first contribution in the 1<sup>st</sup> May edition of Lovers of the Place), but he cannot confirm her as the source.

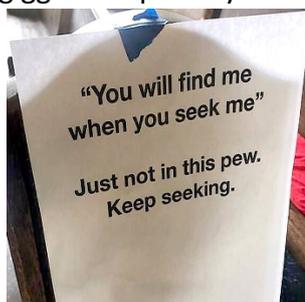


Lord Jesus, Master carpenter of Nazareth,  
 who, through nails and wood  
 brought about our redemption on the Cross;  
 Wield well your tools in this your workshop,  
 that we, who come to you rough-hewn,  
 may be fashioned into instruments  
 for the fulfilling of your work. **Amen**

## COVID-19 UPDATE -

Restrictions on seating capacity in churches have eased somewhat but we will continue to space the pews alternately at St James to enable the safe administering of communion. This will be reviewed in late June. It is still a requirement for all to “QR check-in” with your smart phone. Thankyou to all those who are checking in on arrival. This greatly helps the volunteer on duty. If you are having difficulty, please speak to me after the service and I will help you in any way I can.

Thanks again to Lindsay who has provided some funny pics, No 1 and No 4 especially gave me a good giggle. I hope they do the same for you. Jenni Farrar – Parish Covid Officer



## GOSPEL OF THE DAY

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (15.26-27; 16.4b-15)

<sup>26</sup> 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup> You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. <sup>4</sup> But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. 'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?"' <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: <sup>9</sup> about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. <sup>12</sup> 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

## OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Prayer of the week

O God, who taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Nations and Peoples** Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles

### **The Church**

*Our Parish:* Helen and Peter as they make their way back across the country.

*Global:* The Anglican Church of Melanesia

*Mission* The Diocese of Tasmania –Bishop Richard Conde, the Assistant Bishop, clergy and people • Nungalinya College, Darwin • International Day to End Obstetric Fistula

*To pray for mission each ay go to ([Anglican Board of Mission](#)):*

*National:* The Diocese of The Northern Territory (Bp Greg Anderson, Clergy & People)

*Melbourne Diocese:* Ridley College (Brian Rosner, Principal; Tim Foster, Richard Trist); Holy Apostles' Sunshine Braybrook (Paul Priyajayanth); St Stephen's Gardenvale – Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker); St Columb's Hawthorn – Baptism & Reception Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell)

*Oodthenong Episcopate:* Retired Clergy - Ray Hartley; David Horsford; Jim Houston; John Howells; Wendy Hudson; St Margaret's Eltham – Pastoral Visit (Bp Kate Prowd)

*For your prayers this week please use the schedule of prayers found in current copy of [The Melbourne Anglican](#).*

**Requests** Shane; Peter; Helen; Robert; Patricia; Julia; Barry; (& Anne); Philip; Greg; Ron; Alice; Betty; Carlie; Lucy; Parvin; Sisi: Pixie; Julie; Angela; Jennifer; Ben; Terry; Trish; Ros.

### **Communion of Saints**

*The Saints:* John (d.1791) and Charles (d. 1788) Wesley Evangelists

*Anniversaries:* Jack Llewellyn Davies 23.05.1994; Angus Keith McGregor 23.05.2000; Vera May Bennett 25.05.1984; Frederick William Latch 25.05.1989; Norton William John Tatman 25.05.2015; Victor Albert Milne 26.05.1972; Mary Louise Gross\* 26.05.2004; Debbie Lynne Adam (16 days) 27.05.1962; Sally Ann Louise Johanson (3.5 hrs) 27.05.1966; Mary Flora Hill 28.05.1971; Maris Tullis Cash 28.05.2011; Stuart Mitchell Gange 29.05.1967; Philip Cecil (Hunt) Hill 29.05.1970; Loralie Joanne Knight 29.05.2001; Julie Braton 29.05.2009

*An asterisk\* signifies those whose ashes are interred in the St James' Memorial Garden  
A hash sign # signifies those whose ashes are interred in the St George's Memorial Garden*

## WHATS IN A WORD - Pentecost

The term Pentecost comes from the Greek (*Pentēkostē*) meaning "fiftieth". It refers to the Jewish festival celebrated on the fiftieth day after "First Fruits", also known as the "Feast of Weeks" the religious offering of the first agricultural produce of the harvest. In the **New Testament**, the day that the **Holy Spirit** descended upon the **disciples of Jesus**. Pentecost is the Greek name for Shavuot, the spring harvest festival of the **Israelites**, which was going on when the Holy Spirit came. The disciples were together in **Jerusalem** (see also **Jerusalem**) after Jesus' **Resurrection** and return to **heaven**, fearful because he had left them. On that morning, however, "there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Because of the festival, crowds of visitors were in Jerusalem, speaking many languages, but the disciples of Jesus moved among them and spoke to them all, and "every man heard them speak in his own language" about "the wonderful works of God." Peter then made a powerful speech to the crowds in the city, and many were baptized as new followers of Jesus.

In Britain and Northern Ireland, and throughout the world among Catholic, Anglicans and Methodists,<sup>[3]</sup> the term **Whitsun (Whitsunday or Whit Sunday)** is used for the festival of **Pentecost**. In England it took on some characteristics of Beltane, which originated from the pagan celebration of Summer's Day, the beginning of the summer half-year, in Europe. **Whitsuntide**, the week following Whitsunday, was one of three vacation weeks for the medieval peasants and tenant farmers, which marked a pause in the agricultural year. Whit Monday, the day after Whitsun, remained a holiday in Britain until 1971 when, with effect from 1972, it was replaced with the Spring Bank Holiday on the last Monday in May..

In the North West of England, church and chapel parades called whit walks still take place at this time (sometimes on Whit Friday, the Friday after Whitsun). Typically, the parades include brass bands and choirs; girls attending are dressed in white. Traditionally, Whit fairs (sometimes called Whitsun ales) took place. Other customs, such as Morris dancing, were associated with Whitsun, although in most cases they have been transferred to the Spring bank holiday.

In Australia, the **Whitsunday passage** and associated islands was so named as it is based on Captain Cook's date for the naming of, or as Cook spelled it in his HMS *Endeavour* journal, Whitsunday's Passage. Based on his journal date, Cook believed that the passage was discovered on Whitsunday, the Sunday of the feast of Whitsun—Pentecost in the Christian liturgical year—which is observed 7 weeks after Easter. As the International Date Line had not yet been established, the day of discovery was actually Whit Monday.<sup>[ci]</sup>



Whit walks in Britain.

The parish is a member of the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change ([ARRCC](#))



Parish members participate in the local community movement, Queenscliffe Climate Action ([QCA](#))

*We acknowledge with gratitude that we worship on the traditional lands of the Wathaurong people of the Kulin nation and we acknowledge and pay our respects to their elders past and present*

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