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# ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

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28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

EAST BURWOOD



*“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”*

## Welcome to Church

We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today. Please take Communion, whatever your denomination, and come to worship with us again. If you are visiting, please make yourself known to Fr Anthony or to one of our welcomers following the service and do stay for a cuppa and chat!

Today on this Fifth Sunday of Easter we celebrate the Baptism of Siena Rose Wharton. We welcome Siena’s family and friends for this special occasion and invite everyone to join us after the service for morning tea and cake! Siena’s parents are very aware of the significance of this day - the beginning of a wondrous journey we travel together with Jesus Christ as Lord. We continue to uphold Siena, her family, friends, and her Godparents in our prayers for God’s protection, guidance, and encouragement.

## Sentence for Today

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us.  
Beloved, since God loved us so much,  
we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4.10-11



For those who have children with them, there is a children's corner in the church for the little ones. During school term, children who are pre-school age and above can attend 'Godzone' - Special Children's Activities - shortly after we begin the 9.30am service.

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

***Before each service we enter a time of silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.***

***Entrance Hymn:        TiS 368 "This is the day the Lord has made"***

- 1 This is the day the Lord has made;  
he calls the hours His own;  
let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad,  
and praise surround the throne.**
- 2 Today he rose and left the dead,  
and Satan's empire fell;  
today the saints His triumphs  
spread,  
and all His wonders tell.**
- 3 Hosanna to the anointed King,  
to David's holy Son!  
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring  
salvation from your throne.**
- 4 Blessed be the Lord, who one who  
came  
with messages of grace;  
who comes, in God His Father's  
name,  
to save our sinful race.**
- 5 Hosanna in the highest strains  
the church on earth can raise;  
the highest heavens in which he  
reigns  
shall give him nobler praise.**

Isaac Watts 1674-1748 alt.

### ***Acclamation***

Christ is risen, Alleluia.  
**He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### ***Welcome***

#### ***Prayer of Preparation:***

Let us pray.  
**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***The Two Great Commandments:***

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

***Kyries:*** Lord have mercy,  
**Christ have mercy,**  
Lord have mercy.

***Invitation to Confession:***

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

***Confession:***

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge  
we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you  
in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Absolution:***

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***The Gloria:***

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

***The Prayer of the Day:***

O God,  
form the minds of your faithful people,  
that we may love what you command  
and desire what you promise,  
so that, amid the many changes of this world,  
our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

***We continue to pray for the growth of God's Church:***

**God of mission,  
Who alone brings growth to your Church,  
Send your Holy Spirit to give  
Vision to our planning,  
Wisdom to our actions,  
Joy to our worship,  
And power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in numbers,  
In spiritual commitment to you,  
And in service to our local community,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Godzone blessing***

***The ministry of the Word:***

***The first reading: Acts 8.26-40***

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.)

So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.'  
So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?'

He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.’

The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’

Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’

He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***Psalm 22.26-32***

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.**

### ***The second reading: 1 John 4.7-21***

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in

us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. here is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Gradual Hymn: 152 "Joyful, joyful, we adore you"***

**Joyful, joyful, we adore you,  
God of glory, God of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!**

**All your works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
singing bird and flowing fountain  
call us to praise you joyfully.**

***The Gospel reading:***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to John, chapter 15, beginning at verse 1

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

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

For the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



**You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
You our Father, Christ our Brother,  
all are yours who live in love;  
teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to your joy above.**

Henry Van Dyke 1852-1933 alt.

***Sermon – followed by a time of silent reflection***

***The prayers of the people:***

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

***Response:*** Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion*

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers,

**Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Baptism of Siena Rose Wharton:***

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. When he had risen from the dead, he commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

We have come together today to obey that command.

Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus' death makes possible, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit.

In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us. We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church universal.

Children are baptised in response to God's all-embracing love. Parents and godparents who have responded to that love come now to bring their child for baptism. Before this congregation they must express their own trust and commitment to the promises of God, and their intention to bring up their child in the faith and practice of the Church. In due time this child should make her own response to God, and be prepared for confirmation.

## THE PRESENTATION

We welcome Siena to be baptised. I invite her sponsors to present her now.

Sponsors: **We present Siena to be baptised.**

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Siena for baptism?

Sponsors: **I will.**

Are you willing to answer on behalf of Siena?

Sponsors: **I am.**

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage Siena in the life and faith of the Christian community?

Sponsors: **I will, with God's help.**

## THE DECISION

Before God and this congregation,  
you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

Sponsors: **I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

Sponsors: **I repent of my sins.**

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

Sponsors: **I reject them all.**

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

Sponsors: **I renounce all that is evil.**

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,  
and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ,  
loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself,  
until your life's end?

Sponsors: **I will, with God's help**

*Fr Anthony says to the congregation:*

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ.

Will you support them in this calling?

*The congregation answers:*

**We will.**

Let us pray:

Grant, merciful God, that Siena may be so buried with Christ in baptism  
that your new nature may be raised up in her.

May the fruit of your spirit grow and flourish in her. **Amen.**

May Siena know Christ's forgiving love  
and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church.

May she proclaim, by word and example,  
the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world  
and to each in the household of faith.

Hasten that day when the whole creation  
shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

*Fr Anthony pours water into the font*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**



We give you thanks, God our Creator, that, at the beginning of time, your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the River Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death, Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

And now we give you thanks that you have called Siena Rose to new birth in your church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that those who are baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May they die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

I ask you now to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptised and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our  
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father; from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe in one God:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Siena Rose, I baptise you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

#### AFTER BAPTISM

#### ***Anointing with the oil of chrism:***

Siena Rose, I sign you with the sign of the cross,  
to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ:  
fight the good fight,  
finish the race,  
keep the faith.

**Confess Christ crucified,  
proclaim his resurrection,  
look for his coming in glory.**

*Fr Anthony gives Siena Rose a lighted candle, saying . . .*

God has brought you out of darkness  
into his marvelous light.

**Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

Siena Rose, God has called you into his Church.

**We therefore receive and welcome you  
as a member with us of the body of Christ,  
as a child of the one heavenly Father,  
and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.**

#### ***The Greeting of Peace:***

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

***Offertory Hymn:       TiS 745   “Seek ye first the kingdom of God”***

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and His righteousness;  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.  
*Alleluia, alleluia.*  
*Alleluia, alleluia.***

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
seek, and you shall find.  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.  
*Alleluia, alleluia.*  
*Alleluia, alleluia.*

We shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds out from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, alleluia.  
*Alleluia, alleluia.*  
*Alleluia, alleluia.*

*Karen Lafferty 1948-*

***Prayer over the gifts:***

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

***The Great Thanksgiving:***

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks that you raised him to life triumphant,  
and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death,  
the reign of sin is ended,  
a new day has dawned,  
a broken world is restored  
and we are made whole once more.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
And all the company of heaven,  
We proclaim your great and glorious name,  
For ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'  
After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in the body of your Son  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father,  
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:*

**Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in  
heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

***The breaking of the bread:***

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.

***Agnus Dei:***

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

***Invitation to communion:***

Alleluia!  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
Come, let us celebrate the feast.  
Away with sin and sorrow.  
Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.  
Alleluia!

***The Communion***

***Post communion hymn: "Be still for the presence of the Lord"***

**Be still for the presence of the Lord  
the Holy One is here.  
Come bow before Him now  
with reverence and fear,  
in Him no sin is found  
we stand on holy ground.  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
the Holy One is here**

**Be still for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.  
He burns with holy fire  
with splendour He is crowned,  
how awesome is the sight  
our radiant King of Light.  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around**

**Be still for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.  
He comes to cleanse and heal  
to minister His grace,  
no work too hard for Him  
in faith receive from Him.  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.**

*David J Evans 1957 -*

**Prayer after Communion:**

Gracious God,  
in baptism you make us one family in Christ your Son,  
one in the sharing of his body and his blood,  
one in the communion of his Spirit.

Help us to grow in love for one another  
and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ.

**Most loving God,  
you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit.**

**Notices**

**Blessing:**

Go forth into the world in peace;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted;  
give honour to all; love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always **Amen.**

**Final Hymn:    *TiS 675*    “Lord, the light of your love is shining”**

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us -  
shine on me, shine on me  
    *Shine, Jesus, shine  
    Fill this land with the Father's glory  
    Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
    Flow, river, flow,  
    Flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
    Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light***

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness:  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness -  
shine on me, shine on me    *Refrain***

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory:  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story -  
shine on me, shine on me    *Refrain***

*Graham Kendrick 1950-*

**Dismissal**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**



## NOTICES

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 12<sup>th</sup> May. Only 2 weeks away.** Remember RSVP to Natalie by 1<sup>st</sup> May!

**Mother's Day raffle:** Mothers' Day raffle will be drawn next Sunday, 5th May. I would be very thankful to receive any donation (big or small) to be included in the hampers TODAY as I will be packing the bags this week... Thank you for all your support. Chellam.

**Lawn mowing.** We are looking for a person to join our lawn mowing team. You will need to mow the church's grounds only once every two months. Please contact Peter Wharton on phone 0409 192 532 if you can assist.

**Footy Tipping.** The end of Round 6 (i.e. the seventh week) saw the lowest average tips (3.8) correct of the season for our tippers.

Heath McKenzie (6) topped the bill, while Judithe Atkinson, Peter Bedlow, Aggie Canterbury, Matthew Godden, Heather McKenzie and Peter Wharton all got one less. Won't talk about the rest.....

Peter Wharton (39) increases his lead over Chloe Bedlow and the starring Heath McKenzie (37), just ahead of Father Anthony, Matthew Godden and Barrie Harding (36).

Four rounds to go for the first Half-Season championship after this Anzac round!

**WE THANK GOD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS, LET US PRAY EACH DAY FOR:  
THE CHURCH**

Sun 28 St Thomas' Moonee Ponds (Vanessa Bennett); The Diocese of Willochra (Bp Jeremy James, Clergy & People); SparkLit (Michael Collie, National Director); St Mark's Camberwell – pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd); St Augustine's Mentone – pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); Holy Trinity Williamstown – pastoral service (Bp Brad Billings); The Church of Bangladesh (Bp Samuel Sunil Mankin);

### **AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND**

Reconciliation and justice for our First Nations People. Those impacted by the state of the economy and recent natural disasters.

### **THE WORLD**

Productive and harmonious relationships among Pacific neighbours and a compassionate outcome for all asylum seekers; peaceful outcome in Eastern Europe, Middle East and Africa. All affected by climate change - wisdom and leadership prevent further environmental damage.

### **THE ASCENSION COMMUNITY**

Please hold in your daily prayers any individual parish members who may be on your heart, and for an awareness of God's presence in the events of the week.

Those in special need of prayer: *Estelle Carman, Don Lambourne, Douglas Mortimer, Jean & Alan Close, Shirley & Alan Wagner, Glenys Howell, Kaye & Carole Smith, Pauline & Edith Le Riche, Lyle & Jan Mansfield, Stanley & Rose Joseph, Marie Cleaver (Judithe's friend), Joy (Jan Wheeler's sister), Fanny (Aggie's sister), Dave Ritchie, Gerald (Pat Eadon's brother), Beverley Frost, Charles Bayliss, Pam & Tony, Cara (Byrt), Pat Ludwick, Cheryl Bedlow, and others known to us who are in special need of prayer.*

Those at the Peter James Centre and Burwood Lodge

Those working in Health and Aged Care settings

Our local Schools, Colleges, and Universities

**Ourselves - as we are strengthened through the power of the  
Holy Spirit in love and prayer for one another**

### **SAINTS AND HOLY WOMEN AND MEN FOR THIS WEEK**

Monday Catherine of Siena, spiritual teacher (d. 1380)

Wednesday PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES AND MARTYRS

Thursday Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, teacher (d. 373)

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Wednesday:**

Isaiah 30.18-21

Psalm: 19.1-6

John 14.6-14

**Next Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 10.44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5.1-12

John 15.19-17

## ROSTERS:

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>9:30am</u>
<b>Welcomers</b>	Sue Tregear	Elizabeth Waite & Ros Smith
<b>Reader</b>	Sue Tregear	Elizabeth Waite
<b>Servers</b>	Sue Tregear	Natalie Ortlieb
<b>Liturgical Assistant</b>		Christine Youngings
<b>Intercessions</b>	Fr Anthony	Cath Ortlieb
<b>Godzone</b>		Joanne & Elizabeth Waite
<b>Music</b>		Heath McKenzie & Josh Waite
<b>Morning Tea</b>		Anne Orchard & Shirley Reid
<b>Sacristan</b>	Judithe Atchinson	
<b>Flowers</b>	Anne Wharton	



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*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land,  
the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation.  
We pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging.*

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**Pew sheet:** Please send all items for inclusion in next week's pewsheet to Ron McKenzie by 5:00p.m. Thursday evening ([r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au](mailto:r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au))

*Baptism, Marriage & funerals by arrangement*

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am Eucharist 9:30am Eucharist 'Godzone' children's program during 9.30 am service (during school term)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Fr Anthony's day of rest!</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am Eucharist
<b>Friday</b>	10:00am – Noon. Drop-in for cuppa and chat.

**Commitment to Child Safety:** At the Church of the Ascension we follow Christ in being a caring Church welcoming of all, extending his love and invitation of new life. In ministry to children, young people and vulnerable adults we are committed to providing an environment that is physically, emotionally and spiritually safe and supportive. We have a zero-tolerance approach to Child abuse or abuse of vulnerable people. This includes a culture of child-safety and of inclusivity for people of cultural and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background, people with disability or any other specific group.

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