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# Anglican Parish of Grovely

THE COMMUNITY OF ST MATTHEW'S & ALL SAINTS'

## E-Newsletter

17 April 2020

### *From the Wardens*

We hope that you all have had a wonderful, blessed time over the Easter break. Strange as it may have been hopefully you were able to connect with a live stream service at some stage over the weekend.

Bev found by streaming into a service where she knew the priest it did make it easier to sit in the lounge chair be part of the service. We thank Rev'd Jenny for her posted prayers over the Easter Weekend.

Tuesday night was the first of the virtual Parish Council meetings, at this stage it won't be the last. An interesting experience however we will get better. The good news is that we are moving on with necessary organisation in preparation of a new priest coming. Especially with upgrades to the linen press and the pantry at the rectory.

It was good to catch up and see how other groups are handling this non-contact time, the Choir are meeting weekly via Zoom including a pianist.

With Anzac Day fast approaching are you joining your neighbours on your driveway or balcony for a minutes silence at 6am?

Have another wonderful week!

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### Services streamed online

As well as the live streaming from the Cathedral there are various parishes in the Diocese that are streaming services online, or posting recorded services online. Follow the link to find an online service that you enjoy. The live stream service from the Cathedral is at 9:30 am on Sunday morning. <https://anglicanchurchsq.org.au/livestream/>

### **A few familiar faces can be found here:**

The Rev'd Stephen Briggs from St Oswald's stream via their Facebook page at 8:30 am <https://www.facebook.com/stoswaldsbanyo/>



Please note that our Church buildings will not be open for private prayer.

### **PARISH OFFICE**

Elizma is working from home. The office phone will be diverted to Elizma's mobile phone. The best way to contact the parish office is via email:

[office@grovelyanglican.org.au](mailto:office@grovelyanglican.org.au)



The Rev'd Scott Dulley from St Peters at East Maitland stream at 9:00 am  
<https://www.facebook.com/eastmaitlandanglican/>



Below is the link to "Journey with Jesus" <https://www.journeywithjesus.net/lectionary-essays/current-essay>

#### Good News Stories

The Easter Bunny got Eggs-emption from nation's chief medical officer Brendan Murphy giving the Easter bunny his permission to deliver eggs.

"I'm told because he's a solo operator and an essential service, he or she will be allowed to continue to operate," Murphy said.

Generally the feedback we receive from the weekly phone calls is that most parishioners are doing quite well. People are kind to offer to buy things for others while they are out and about, or by getting the necessary groceries and medicine delivered.

Some are still in the "spring cleaning" mode and anything from curtains, windows and even some ovens has been cleaned.

Online shopping seems to be a hit with many and can be quite addictive! The first Parish Council meeting and Youth Group was held via Zoom—an online video

conferencing tool that allow more than one person to dial in.

#### Readings for Sunday 19 April

Acts 2.14a,22-32  
Psalm 16  
1 Peter 1.1-12  
John 20.19-31



#### SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1.3

#### COLLECT

Almighty and eternal God,  
the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt:  
may we, who have not seen, have faith  
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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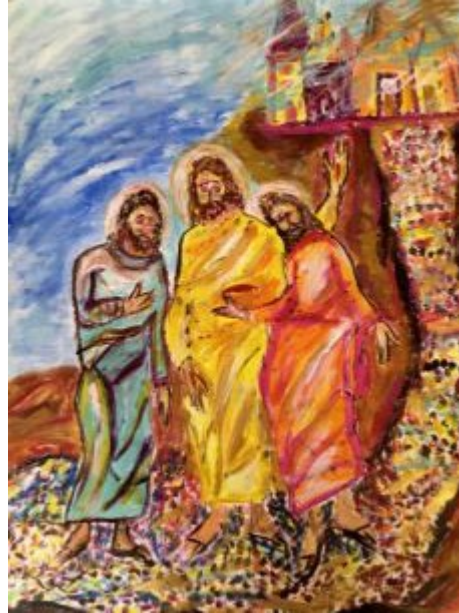
Prayer Space

**Luke 24:32**

They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

Jesus,  
our dead and living friend,  
We walk the ways of death and life  
holding fear in one hand  
and courage in the other.  
Come find us when we are locked away.  
Come enliven us.  
Come bless us with your peace.  
Because you are the first day of creation  
And all days of creation.  
Amen.

(Padraig O Tuama)



**FOR THOSE IN NEED**

**All parishioners and their families**

- Georgiana (mother of Jo-Anne Norris)
- Sam ( brother of Deborah Hay)
- Lorelle (niece of Dorothy Lynagh)
- Shirley (Sister of Lynn Rymer )
- Alan McNaught (friend of Carol & Mal)
- Moyra Faulkner
- Andrew (son of Jeanette R)
- Stephen ( nephew of Alma G)
- Visaya (friend of Rebecca A)



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**News and Notices**

**ONLINE RECOURSES AND APPS FROM ABM**

**DEEP CALLS TO DEEP: Love in a time of Covid19**

ABM offers a valuable spiritual resource for this difficult time.

*Does the Spirit of God move over the face of the turbulent waters of our age? The Hebrew word for "move" here is merahepeth, which means to "brood" as a bird broods over its nest until finally new life begins to stir beneath the sheltering wings. Is new life stirring in this death-ridden world? Is light about to be created out of our darkness? This is the only question that matters.* Frederick Buechner - The Magnificent Defeat

Celia Kemp leads us through the deep waters of fear, anxiety and death and into an abiding sense of shalom – peace. With scripture, images, quotes and the wisdom of ages, *Deep Calls to Deep* is designed to be used from Holy Week to Ascension but can be started anytime. 46 days of journey that refuses to pretend all is well, while still believing that all will be well. In times like these we are offered the opportunity to explore the 'inside', burrow into our souls and discover the hidden realms of the heart, and study how much bigger it is than we expected. For fans of Dr Who, *Deep Calls to Deep* is a veritable 'Tardis' of spiritual growth! Step inside, rediscover the contemplative Spirit and let the waves of God's action carry you to new depths and new revelation.

Share with your friends and take the *Deep Calls to Deep* path together, apart.

*There is nothing pretty about Christian hope. Whatever Christian hope is, it begins in terror and utter disorientation in the face of the collapse of all that is familiar and well known.*  
James Alison

**Download link for iPhone and iPad:** <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/deep-calls-to-deep-easter/id1212703153>

**Download link for Android devices:** <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.abm.easter.deepcallstodeep>

**A Short Reflection taken from the ABM's Deep Calls to Deep by Celia Kemp**

**Biblical Verses to read – Genesis 1.1-9 and Psalm 74.12-17**

Celia goes on to say:

"In the beginning, so the scriptures say, there was watery chaos but that was a long, long time ago.

We live in the space created by God speaking words of separation – light from darkness, day from night, the waters above from the waters below (whatever that means) and land from sea.

We live in the good order created by God. It is so reliable we don't think about it much at all.

The persistent fear of being swamped by rising seas that permeates the Hebrew Scriptures is a bit strange to us.

And what to make of the ancient story of Noah and the flood – where the waters above and below came together again in a murderous chaos? Still God promised it would never happen again. God has set a boundary where the waters 'may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.' (Psalm 104.9)

The sea for the ancients meant chaos, the loss of order. In modernity we figure we can keep chaos at bay – by our cleverness and our hard work, our insurance and our preventative health measures.

Only suddenly on day we find we are in deep waters. We are drowning and there is nothing firm to grasp hold of. This is a very biblical place to be."

**A quote from Frederick Buechner – 'The Magnificent Defeat'**

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**Questions to ponder**

Where are the chaotic spaces (in your own life or in the world) where you think God should be acting but isn't? Hold them open before God today.



**OR**

Where do you see God in order?

Where do you see God in chaos?



I would be very happy to hear from you with any comments or questions you may have – just send me an email ([fitzgerald\\_shepherd@yahoo.com.au](mailto:fitzgerald_shepherd@yahoo.com.au)) if you would like to.

Blessings on your day,

Judy

## OFFERINGS

Offerings can be transferred into the Parish bank account by internet, the details are:

Account name: Grovely Anglican Parish

BSB 704 901

Account 00000910

Reference: "St Matts Giving", or "All Saints Giving" (or something similar)

Another method of giving is using ANFIN direct debit system, **ParishDirect**, this allows you to make regular contributions to the parish. **ParishDirect** contributions can be quickly and easily adjusted by contacting the ANFIN Customer Service Team.

Your personal details are entirely confidential.

For more information about **ParishDirect** please contact ANFIN on (07) 3838 7755 or via email at [askus@anfin.com.au](mailto:askus@anfin.com.au) or :<https://anglicanchurchsq.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ParishDirect-brochure.pdf>

**If you are not comfortable with electronic banking please hold your offerings to the parish until we return, just put in your envelopes and bring when church resumes.**

### YOUTH MINISTRY FUND

The banking details for online transfers to the Youth Ministry fund are:

ANFIN Grovely Youth Ministry Fund

BSB : 704 901 Account: 00015406

**Bush Church Aid Boxes** - If you missed handing your Bush Church Aid box in to the collection plate before services ceased, the message from BCA is to keep them until the September Box Opening.

Watch for the notice then. Thank you for supporting BCA - Australia for Christ. Jeanette Reason."

**Containers for Change:** Cans and bottles can still be dropped off at All Saints and St Matthews for the container for change scheme.

Please stop supplying **lids for kids**. Lids are not currently being received for processing.

Thank you for your contribution. Kathleen Carman"

**St Williams Pantry:** Dry food donations can be dropped off at St Williams Church office on Dawson Parade, office hours are Monday 8 – 1, Tuesday – Friday 8 – 4

However not open to public, so knock on the door and leave goods at the door.

### Youth Group News

Youth Ministry has moved online. We are now meeting on Friday evenings for Minecraft and Saturday evenings for

Bible activities. Last week we played Easter trivia and chatted about how life was faring during lockdown. Everyone was tasked to take a walk each day to get photos of interesting things – nature, graffiti, architecture, etc. We received photos of teddy bears hanging off

verandas/out of windows, lily ponds, a happy recycling bin, sunsets over the city, and starving turtles.



On Saturday evening, at 7:00 pm youth is meeting again to play Bible Pictionary. We will ask the youth to take photos during the week that can be put in their Zoom backgrounds – silly things they build/draw/find, plus a few wholesome pictures like last week.

### The choir meeting via Zoom



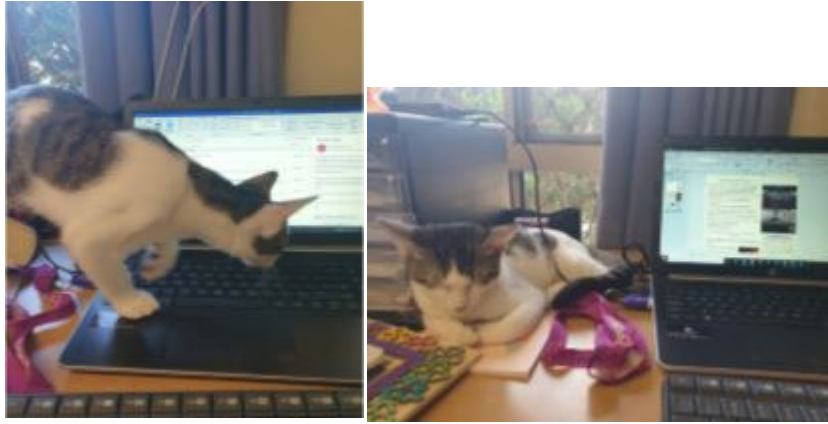
### On the lighter side....

Just be careful because people are going crazy from being in isolation! Actually, I've just been talking about this with the microwave and toaster while drinking coffee and all of us agreed that things are getting bad. I didn't mention anything to the washing machine as she puts a different spin of everything. Certainly not to the fridge as he is acting cold and distant. In the end the iron calmed me down as she said everything will be fine, no situation is too pressing. The vacuum was very unsympathetic... told me just to *suck it up*, but the fan was more optimistic and hoped it would soon blow over! The toilet looked a bit flushed when I asked its opinion and didn't stay anything, but the door knob told me to get a grip. The front door said I was unhinged and so the curtains told me to ... yes, you guessed it.....pull myself together.

Source: Facebook



Noel the cat supervises while Elizma gets the newsletter done.



### ***ANZAC DAY Driveway commemorations***

All states and territories' RSL branches have cancelled public Anzac Day services. Instead, they have joined other groups in asking Australians to unite in recognising all armed services personnel by standing on their driveways or on their balconies at 6:00am for a combined dawn service.

"As a result of restrictions to this year's formal Anzac Day commemorations, the RSL encourages people to light up the dawn and remember and pay respects from home," an RSL South Australia spokesman said.

"This can take several forms including from the end of your driveway or within your home, with a candle or the light on your phone."

RSL SA said the qualities of the Anzac spirit — courage, endurance, humour, ingenuity, and mateship — were particularly applicable for Australians amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

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### **How to stay in touch with the Parish**

If you haven't done so, and you are on Facebook, please like our Facebook page to stay up to date with news around the Parish. Rev'd Jenny is also posting a daily prayer on our Facebook page. **Like and share** this with your family and friends.

Connect here to our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/GrovelyParish/>

Or visit our Webpage <http://www.grovelyanglican.org.au/>

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