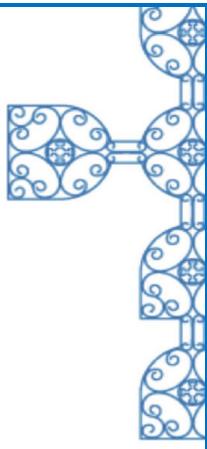


St Chad's Anglican Church

5 July 2020



Our Vision

Growing Faith, Building Community, Serving Needs via
Inspiration! Imagination! Cooperation!



Readings & Roster for today - 5th Sunday after Pentecost

	8.00am	9.30am
Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49	J Nelson	G Gardner
Romans 7.14-25	I Richards	J Goddard
Intercessions	M Wilson	M Wilson
Sides Persons:	J Walsh	B & B McNally
Welcome:		G Gardner
Morning Tea:		C Milne
Sacristan	J Nelson	J Prosser
Vacuuming	Cleaner	Cleaner
	Flowers	Dusting

Next Sunday - 6th Sunday after Pentecost, 12 July 2020

	8.00am	9.30am
Genesis 25.19-34	D Bulloch	P Bentley
Romans 8.1-11	I Richards	C Milne
Intercessions	L Hallahan	L Hallahan
Sides Persons:	J Prosser	C Milne / J Goddard
Welcome:		<i>Volunteer Please</i>
Morning Tea:		C & L Rayner
Sacristan	C Milne	Flowers <i>Volunteer Please</i>
Vacuuming	A & V Clarkson	Dusting <i>Volunteer Please</i>

Sunday Worship:

8:00am Prayer Book Communion service followed by morning tea

9:30am Informal setting with hymns, songs, communion & Sunday School and Activities for children during school terms, followed by morning tea.

Thursdays 10:30am Morning Prayer with Communion followed by morning tea

Music lessons are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of the month from 11.15am.

Please be respectful and avoid entering our worship space at this time.

Connecting faith, family & friends

FIRST READING: Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The servant said, ‘I am Abraham’s servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, “You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.” ‘I came today to the spring, and said, “O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, ‘Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,’ and who will say to me, ‘Drink, and I will draw for your camels also’—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.” ‘Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, “Please let me drink.” She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, “Drink, and I will also water your camels.” So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, “Whose daughter are you?” She said, “The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.” So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord , and blessed the Lord , the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.’ And they called Rebekah, and said to her, ‘Will you go with this man?’ She said, ‘I will.’ So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, ‘May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.’ Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, ‘Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?’ The servant said, ‘It is my master.’ So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

Commentary: This is a beautiful story. Abraham wants a wife for his son, Isaac, so sends his servant back to his country of origin (Mesopotamia). He does not want Isaac to marry a native Canaanite woman, because the future, under God, lies not with the indigenous people of the land. The servant, arriving at his destination, makes for the public well, and seeks God’s help in finding a woman generous and thoughtful. Rebekah arrives. She amply fulfils the criteria, as well as being beautiful and chaste, and is a granddaughter of Abraham’s brother. She is in the care of her brother, Laban, who on finding that Rebekah is happy to make a new life with Isaac in a new country, assents to the marriage.

PSALM 45.10-17

Hear, O peoples, consider, and
incline your ear;
forget what has gone before you;
turn your feet to the path of Love.
Open your hearts to the Beloved,
learn of humility, be blessed
even in brokenness,
For those are the treasures stored
in eternity.

All glorious is the soul within,
the abode of the Merciful One;
through many trials and suffering
do you come to the Beloved,
refined by fire as you follow
Love's way.

With joy and gladness you are led along,
as you awaken to the Heart
of your heart.

Instead of a house of fear, you
will come to dwell with Love,
you will radiate the light of truth
to all the earth.

There will you celebrate the Beloved
for all generations to come,
the people will praise Love's way
for ever and ever.

SECOND READING: Romans 7.14-25

We know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Commentary: 'Flesh' is a technical word for Paul meaning that whole range of human conduct, which is governed by merely selfish motives, and which is not open to God. It is the opposite of the 'spirit' which is the name for everything in

people that responds to the Spirit of God. Paul states that a continuing inner moral conflict is part of the life of a Christian. Following Christ does not stop the struggle within. What changes is not the struggle but its consequences. This is so momentous that Paul utters an exclamation: ‘Thanks be to God! The next verses (not in today’s text) make the conclusion: there is no condemnation for those united to Christ.

GOSPEL : Matthew 11.15-29, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowds, ‘Let anyone with ears listen! But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.” For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

Commentary: The parable presupposes two groups of children playing a game of marriages and funerals. One group makes the appropriate music; the other goes through the appropriate actions. Both John and Jesus, in their different ways, had sounded the call to repentance but their hearers like sulky children said that they were not playing it right. Yet God’s wisdom – that is the results of their work – proves John and Jesus to be right. The section that follows picks up a couple of independent sayings: the self-revelation of God through the Son; and the nature of that Son’s kingship – gentle and humble.

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LITTLE CHAD'S... LET'S TALK ABOUT RECOMMENCING

Now that the Government has allowed us to recommence playgroups and children's ministries, it is time to think about how we recommence Little Chad's. If you would like to be part of the team (on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis), please join us for a discussion on **Wednesday 8 July at 10.00am** in the meeting room. All adults who participate will need to complete Safe Ministry Training but we will work out those arrangements in the coming weeks.



Dear All

It is St Chad's turn to provide meals for **St Mary Magdalene Drop In Centre** on **Saturday July 18th** and we are asking for donations of food and volunteers to help on the night in the kitchen.

The arrangements are a little different this time due to the restrictions of the COVID-19 situation. The patrons of Mary Mags are now being served their meals as a takeaway and there are no sit down meals being provided. Can you please keep this in mind when you are deciding what to cook this time.

Due to doing takeaway Mary Mags have asked the kitchen volunteers to arrive at Mary Mags by 4pm to get ready for this and we will not be staying as late as there will not be the usual clean up.

There will be the usual list in the Narthex for you to place your name on, can you please make sure you put your contact details on it in case anything changes and I need to contact you. Also please feel free to email me (vclarkson6@gmail.com.au) or phone me (0418 843 288) to let me know what you can make or if you have any queries. I am also happy to collect food from people if they are unable to drop it off.

Many thanks

Venessa Clarkson



Spiritual Spa Day at St Chads
Saturday 8th August
2pm-4:30pm
Rest, relax, rejuvenate, reflect

The focus will be decorating and walking a Labyrinth during the afternoon. However there will be other activities available as well.

The Labyrinth will be temporary and it will be constructed in the church

Feel free to bring items to use to decorate-flowers, leaves, stones, paper flowers or whatever else you like

Afternoon tea is provided

There is no need to book, but an indication of numbers helps with catering

Contact Pam Bentley 0407877163 or Julie Worrall 0419 779 968



PASTORAL CARE

Have you thought about being part of the team to take Communion to people in their homes or lead services at the local Nursing Homes? We are on the lookout for some extras to join this team over the coming months. If you would like to assist, please speak with Julie (or send an email to juliecworral@gmail.com)



If you would like **Communion brought to you at Home** while you are unable to come to the Church, please phone Nigel or Wendy to arrange a time when we can come to you... or speak with Julie.

THANK YOU TO JULIE ASCHER-ELLIS



As you know Julie has now finished in her role as Children, Family and Outreach Minister. We thank her for her role. As we prepare for a more formal Thank You to Julie, you are invited to sign the card at the entrance to the Church and to provide for a gift for her. To contribute to a thank you gift, please put your money into an envelope, clearly marked GIFT FOR JULIE and include it in the offertory plate or email Jenny about how to make your donation into the parish bank account .



Julie's Jottings...

As many of you heard at the Annual Vestry Meeting on my first Sunday at St Chad's, I am a survivor of child abuse. It occurred, obviously, many years ago when I was an altar server and youth group member of my local Anglican Church. The perpetrator was the youth group leader. Over the past 5 years, I have been working with NSW police to make a formal statement and 2 years ago the perpetrator was arrested and charged. It is now time to prepare for court.

The court trial will commence in mid August and I am one of the two primary witnesses against the alleged perpetrator. While I have known for some time that the trial will occur, it seems that it is now finally happening... we have had 3 delays to date but as I understand it, no further extensions will be offered.

Peter and I are extremely thankful to the Parish Council and to Archbishop Geoff and Assistant Bishop Denise who have kindly offered special leave for me to participate in the trial - for pre-trial preparation, the trial itself, and then some 'debrief time' afterwards. Effectively, we will be away from 10 August to 7 September inclusive. While we are away, Jeff Oake will be taking care of you - and I know you will be taking care of him too!

Between now and then, I would like to think it is 'business as usual' for us but... as we have only just come out of COVID19 restrictions, I know some things are not quite up and running yet. Some ministries may need to wait until I return, however other activities will commence before or while I am away. I want to assure you of my prayers as we continue to negotiate our way back to 'normal'.

The other factor that is not quite normal is my stress levels! I have suffered with anxiety, because of the case, for some time and I expect that I will have some 'bad days' between now and the trial. There are also likely to be days when I am a little more short tempered or fragile than usual... just ask Pete, he's been living with this for a long time now! If I can ask you to be gentle with me on these days, that will help. The support I have received from our Parish Family since we arrived has been wonderful and I am sure I do not need to ask for you to be patient with me. I do however feel it is best to be up front about it.. especially in case I put my foot in it in the coming weeks. Please accept my apology now, and when I am not up to doing what needs to be done, I will be the first to ask for help and to engage other support for both myself, and for the Parish.

I am delighted that the Parish Council, our retired clergy, and indeed our who parish family, are so thoughtful and caring of one another that we will continue to work together in the coming weeks and support each other.

Most importantly, please be assured of my prayers for each of you and remember... I am here for you, even when I'm having an off day.



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Prayer Points for this month:

We pray for the world as continues to face the corona virus challenge. Particularly the front line workers and all involved in research for a vaccine and treatment. We pray for Australia and the Pacific as we safely negotiate our way forward.

We pray for the Black Lives Matter Movement and for wisdom, integrity and compassion in government and community decision making. We pray too for those seeking justice for indigenous deaths in custody.

We pray for victims of natural disasters, their families and the communities.

Especially the local communities in the process of bush fire recovery.

We pray for all those no longer supported by the welfare and care systems and for all those seeking to catch those who would otherwise slip through the cracks.

We pray for our community as we return to worship and for all those who are unable to gather with us.

We pray for anyone struggling with anxiety, depression or loneliness caused by isolation.

We pray for the children and youth of the parish and their families, as we devised new ways to share the Christian faith with them.

We pray for those who have lost loved ones in recent weeks.

Faithful departed: We remember those in our years mind: John Danielsen; Joseph Bradney; Harrie White; Kenneth Beal; May Gordon; Edith Morris; Marjorie Main; Jack Mertin; Bessie Cullinan; Cyril Coe; Mary Jeffs; Ronald Cowham; Robert McDonald; Shirley Reynolds and Shirley Daw.