



Dubbo Anglican Church

To know Jesus and to make Him known!

Parish Bulletin 19 March 2023

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us as we worship our God and Saviour Jesus Christ! We worship on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri people and we honour and, pay our respects to Elders past and present. We pray that you may know the presence of Gods Spirit as we gather together in Jesus name. We invite you to journey with us as we share the love of God, in Christ, to this city and the world.

From the Rector

LENT *The season of Lent: Lent is a time of repentance-turning to God, reflection, fasting and prayer. Purple, the colour of Lent, reflects the season of penitence.*

The covering of the crosses is a form of abstinence, the hymns reflect the season and bible readings so that we make the journey with Jesus to Good Friday and really celebrate the day of resurrection on Easter Day!

Combined Church Prayer Meeting We are hosting the monthly Combined Churches Prayer for Revival meeting this Wednesday night at 7pm. These meetings have been a great encouragement to the church in Dubbo. We have a time of praise, hear from God's word and pray for our community. If you are able to bring a plate of food for supper that would be a blessing!

OFFICE unattended Our office administrator Wendy is away on leave 15-28 March; therefore, the office may not always be attended. As always you can contact me on my mobile, or pre-organise any needs that you might have to access church facilities or for assistance.

AGM The date set for our AGM is Sunday 30 April at 12 midday. Can reports please be emailed in to the office email: htdubbo@bigpond.com as a matter of urgency. Thanks!

Mission Giving – March: The Anglican Board of Mission For many years the season of Lent has been a time to support the work of the Anglican Board of Mission in Australia and overseas. We thank you for your generous support to the mission of Jesus through this agency.

Love is in the air! On Saturday 25 March we have two weddings, Josh Healey and Charlotte Jones (who have grown up through our youth ministry) and Henry Maabe and Julie Pekham, from Narromine who regularly attend our 8am service are being married. Please be praying for these couples as they join as one, through the bonds of marriage, that God will be their strength and guide. *Yours in Jesus, Brett.*

Prayers and Readings for 19 March – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sentence

'I am the light of the world,' says the Lord; 'those who follow me will have the light of life.'

John 8.12

Prayer of the day

Gracious God,
in order that we children of earth might discern good from evil
you sent your Son to be the light of the world:
as the light of Christ shines upon us,
may we learn what pleases you,
and live in truth and goodness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading **1 Samuel 16.1-13**

16 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."² But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."⁴ Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"⁵ Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD."⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either."⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one."¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these."¹¹ So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd:

therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He will make me lie down in green pastures:

and lead me beside still waters.

3 He will refresh my soul:

and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me

in the face of those who trouble me:

**you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup shall be full.**

6 Surely your goodness and loving-kindness

will follow me all the days of my life:

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5.8-14

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴ This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

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Gospel Reading – John 9.1-41

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Chapter 9 beginning at verse 1

Response: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁹ As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶ After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. ⁷ “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

⁸ His neighbours and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him."

But he himself insisted, "I am the man." ¹⁰ "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked.

¹¹ He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see." ¹² "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said. ¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴ Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵ Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath."

But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided. ¹⁷ Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

The man replied, "He is a prophet." ¹⁸ They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. ¹⁹ "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?" ²⁰ "We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. ²¹ But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." ²⁴ A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God by telling the truth," they said. "We know this man is a sinner."

²⁵ He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" ²⁶ Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

²⁷ He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?" ²⁸ Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from." ³⁰ The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. ³² Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴ To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out. ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." ³⁷ Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." ³⁸ Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, ^[a] "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

⁴⁰ Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?"

⁴¹ Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.

For the Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR THANKS, PRAISE & PRAYERS TODAY & THIS WEEK:-

Our Diocese and Parishes and people ...Praise/thank/pray...

- **Bishop Mark & Susan + All Clergy, All LLM's, All people & Parishes in our Diocese** – praise/thank/pray for
Holy Trinity Dubbo Parish - the Ven. Brett Watterson + Rev. Michelle Watterson, the Rev'd Ray Tickle & Lyn, Rev. Cathy Walker & Peter, Rev. John Gaff & Dee + Lizzie Watterson, Youth Minister + ALL Parishioners & community.
- **Condobolin Parish** with no stipendiary clergy – praise/thank/pray for those who carry the load of general parish ministry to be strengthened & fully reliant on Jesus' strength; for all Parishioners.

Our Parish...praise/thank/pray...

- **Our Parish** – praise/thank/pray for each other to walk a deeper path with Jesus & Holy Spirit; for courage & trust in Jesus' promise for those whom we know are facing trial(s) of any kind **Psalm 23: 4**, *“Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for You are close beside me, Your rod & Your staff protect & comfort me”*
- **Op Shop** – praise/thank/pray for this vital ministry for our community; for opportunities to share /demonstrate Jesus' love & grace; for opportunities to pray with/for people.
- **Dubbo Revival Prayer Meeting at Holy Trinity, 22nd March** - praise/thank/pray for complete surrender to Holy Spirit leading up to & during this gathering; for God's words to be spoken & received clearly & truthfully; for obedient response to promptings of Holy Spirit to nurture & embrace the revival of faith in & around Dubbo.
- **Romans 8:26**, *“And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.”*
- **SRE In Our Schools** – praise/thank/pray for our own Peter Volkofsky & Henry Halder & for ALL SRE teachers; that as this term draws towards its end & to Easter, Holy Spirit will work in all students & staff to reveal a promise of grace, mercy, full life & salvation to be freely accepted. **Romans 3:24**, *“Yet God freely & graciously declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins.”*

Further Afield...Praise/thank/pray...

- **Turkiye, Syria, Ukraine, Israel, for all war-torn countries, refugee camps, refugees, Vanuatu, New Zealand still recovering** - continue to pray for these situations esp. for Christian workers who are demonstrating God's goodness & deep love for all & showing Jesus' love in true action.
- **ABM Projects in Australia & Throughout The World** – praise/thank/pray for its vital work in the Diocese of Jerusalem esp. at this Easter time when salvation through Jesus' saving love & sacrifice of His death to be fully demonstrated for all to receive.
- **Psalm 23:5**, *“You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honour me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.”*



Dubbo Christian Minister's Association

Combined Churches

Prayers for Revival

7pm Wednesday 22 March 2023

Dubbo Anglican Church

158 Brisbane Street, Dubbo

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays this month are:

3 March Emmie Webster,

6 March Jessie Bayley,

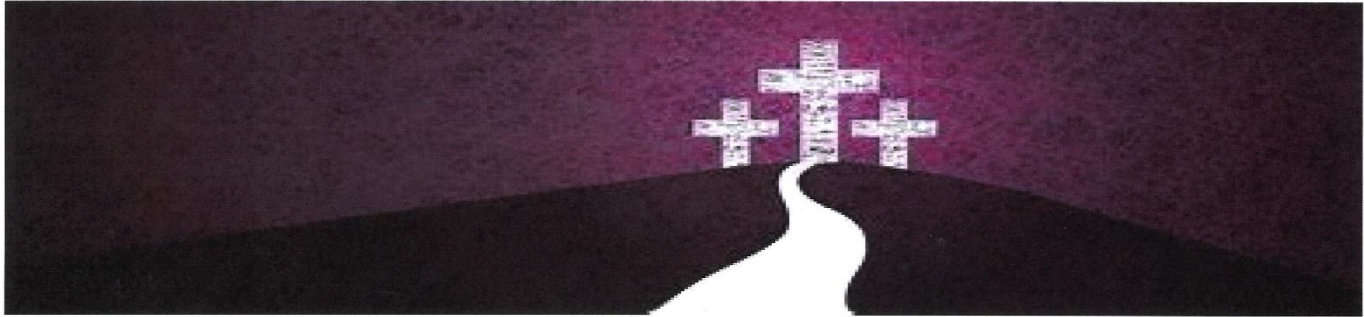
19 March Gavin McDonald,

31 March Brian Semmler



Journey through Lent 2023

1. Away with you Satan: overcoming temptation
2. Born of the Spirit: a guide for the journey
3. Living Water: staying fresh on the way
4. I was blind, now I see: the works of him who sent me
5. "Jesus wept"



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ANNUAL REPORT

Reports are now due for presentation at Parish AGM.
Please send via email to parish email: htdubbo@bigpond.com

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 19 March

8am Holy Communion
10am Family Service and Sunday School
3pm Marantha in Hall

Monday 20 March

Psalm 1, Joel 2.27-32, Ephesians 6.1-4

Tuesday 21 March

Psalm 50, Exodus 2, Luke 18.1-14

9am Morning Prayer – Zoom

Wednesday 22 March

Psalm 51, Exodus 3, Luke 18.31-43

9am Morning Prayer – Zoom

Thursday 23 March

Psalms 54,55.1-12, Exodus 4.1-23, Luke 19.1-10

9am Morning Prayer– Zoom
10am Trinity Kids Playgroup
7pm DnA Youth Group

Friday 24 March

Psalms 56,57, Exodus 4.27-6.1, Luke 19.11-27

9am Morning Prayer – Zoom
10am Holy Communion
in Good Shepherd Chapel
1pm Prayer Gathering in the parish office

Saturday 25 March

Psalm 85, 1 Samuel 2.1-10, Hebrews 2.5-18

1.30pm Wedding, J. Healey & C. Jones
4pm Wedding, H. Maabe & J. Peckham
6pm Vigil Holy Communion Service

Sunday 26 March

8am Holy Communion
10am Family Service and Sunday School
5pm Coboco

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Dubbo Anglicans
Holy Trinity Op Shop



DnA Youth Group
Trinity KIDS Playgroup

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