

APRIL 2024

SUNDAY Second, Third, Fourth *21.5 Good Shepherd Sunday: Confirmation & Reception* & **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

MONDAY 8.4 10.00 Bucklands Southern Cross
The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Georgina Molloy, pioneer church leader WA
15.4 10.30 The Pines Southern Cross

TUESDAY 2.4 GS Morning Coffee 10.30
9.4 *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian & William Law, teacher*
23.4 *St George, martyr*

WEDNESDAY 10.00 am Eucharist
17.4 Good Shepherd Lunch Club 12.00 *The Rex*
24.4 Parish Council 5.00

THURSDAY 11.4 *George Selwyn, missionary bishop New Zealand*
25.4 St Mark, Evangelist & Martyr
ANZAC DAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY 27.4 Silence in the Church 5.30, followed by a shared meal.

*Everyone is invited to the Lord's table to receive the eucharist or a blessing.
Simply hold out your hand for the bread, bow your head for a blessing.*

PRAYER REQUESTS: Gwen James, Corina Moore, Donald Varcoe.....
A long-term prayer list is on the altar. It is for people known to us those with long term concerns or who wish for confidential prayerful inclusion in worship, in the quiet of our hearts and minds.

Let us know if you would like someone's name included on this list or in the Pew Sheet.

APRIL YEARS MIND

7-13: 7 Rob Chesterman, Win Nicholls, Ken Sweet, 12 Rob, McDonald, 13 Anne Martin, Stephen Truman
14-20: 14 Willian Bates-Brownsword, 15 Irene Williams
21-27: 21 Maureen Williams, 22 Jennifer Miller, 24 Lou Keruish, Keith Fuller, 25 Kathleen Greenfield,
27-4: 27 Mim Wray, John Fleetwood

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the family and friends of those who mourn the loss of those whom they love

Prayer of the Week

2nd Sunday of Easter Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life of all who put their trust in him: raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that we may ever seek the things which are above, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

3rd Sunday of Easter Gracious Father, who in your great mercy made glad the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such awareness of his presence with us that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life, and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

4th Sunday of Easter God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

5th Sunday of Easter Saving God, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be reconciled to you; through him who died for us and rose again and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prompts for Faith Sharing.

2nd Sunday of Easter In what ways do you relate to Thomas' scepticism? Did it consume, distract, disturbed or provoke you? What did it become? How could our community be more like the community described in today's first reading? What are the ways that our community reflects this description of early Christian community? How might you 'breathe' new life into your relationships with others?

3rd Sunday of Easter Think about the times you have experienced or observed love that persevered in difficult & trying circumstances. How did it all end up? What has your own suffering and despair taught you? Think about the last time you confronted your own ignorance about somebody or something? When has God called you, emboldened you to do something you did not feel capable of achieving?

4th Sunday of Easter Who in your life has been a Good Shepherd? Who are the people in our community who daily lay down their lives for others? Who? What are the 'wolves' who cause/force us to fail in our responsibility to be shepherds? Thinking about great leadership. How does the Good Shepherd image inform this?

5th Sunday of Easter What is it about our connectedness to Christ that makes our parish more than just another charitable or humanitarian organisation? What needs pruning? In our own lives? In the church? -in order to be increasingly faithful to our baptism? Our Anglican tradition? Think about a time when you have decided & strived to be more true to yourself & your values. Have others let you? What were the challenges? Who are the mediators like Barnabas in your life or work place?