

**The Anglican Parish of Semaphore
Saint Bede's**
'Nurturing the Soul of Semaphore'

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people and respect their elders past, present & emerging.

Season of Creation 2022
September 11th Air



8 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Holy Communion
Followed by Morning tea in the hall

Wednesday 10 am Holy Communion
followed by Morning Tea

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Prayer of the Week

O God,
without you we are not able to please you:
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COVID RESTRICTIONS

Several Covid-Restrictions have been lifted..

*It is now no longer necessary to check in by QR code or sign in.

*It is now no longer mandatory to wear masks even for singing,
however you are welcome to continuing doing so.

Continuing Covid-Restrictions include

*Staying at home with any flu or Covid-19 symptoms.

*Maintaining a 1.5 m distance from each other.

*Using hand sanitizer on entry and exit.

*Refraining from physical greetings on arrival and at the
greeting of peace.

*Not sharing in the Common Cup at Holy Communion.



Season of Creation

September is Spring time in Australia, a time for giving thanks for the world and all that is in it.

In our Sunday worship, we will be looking at a different aspect of Creation each week, Earth, Air, Fire and Water, with Bible Readings chosen to fit the theme. The Season of Creation is to end with an All Things Bright and Beautiful Event on October 9th.

COMING EVENTS:

9th October: The 'All Things Bright & Beautiful' Garden Party, including Community Garden Open Day, lunch, cake and coffee and blessing of the animals.

Please put this date in your diaries now and plan to come.



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Pentecost 14

This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them. The Pharisees' jibe is something that Jesus may well have worn as a badge of honour. How lucky for us that this fellow Jesus does precisely that. Were it up to our own level of righteousness we would never be able to feast with Jesus, but that is what he calls us to do week by week at the Eucharistic feast. What a joy that is. George Herbert expresses his eagerness for the Eucharist in his 1633 poem, *The Banquet*: Welcome sweet and sacred cheer, Welcome deare; With me, in me, live and dwell: For thy neatnesse passeth sight, Thy delight Passeth tongue to taste or tell.

- Lord Jesus Christ, Priest and Victim in the Eucharistic feast, feed me now and forever. May I always be eager to receive you.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

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HYMNS:

Introit;	101	Come you people
Gradual:	407	Breathe on me breath of God
Offertory:	409	O breath of life
Communion:	538	Feed us now
PC:	416	Great God, your spirit, like the wind

SENTENCE:

The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." John 3:8.

THE COLLECT:

All praise be yours, my God,
you ride on the wings of the wind, and make the winds your
messengers.

We thank you for the air we breathe and all the winds that blow,
fair and stormy, all the weather's moods,
by which you cherish all that you have made. **Amen**

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:11-14

Elijah heard a voice, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29:

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord divides the lightning flash;
**The voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,
the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.**
- 9 The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees,
and strips the forest bare;
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned over the water-flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.
- 11 May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. For the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 3, beginning at the 1st verse.

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



BEDE'S BREAKFAST—Thank you for your donations of Rice Bubbles. We now have plenty.

We would appreciate the gifts of toiletries—e.g Tooth paste & brush, shampoo, liquid soap, combs and shaving cream.

Wind

*All praise be Yours, my God, through Brothers Wind and Air,
And fair and stormy, all the weather's moods,
By which You cherish all that You have made.*

—St. Francis of Assisi, Canticle of the Sun

*You ride on the wings of the wind,
You make the winds your messengers.*

—Psalm 104:3–4

The first Genesis creation story says the mighty wind was present at the very beginning of creation. In the second creation story we are offered the image of a transcendent and powerful God who gathers up earth and mud and lovingly moulds each indentation, dimple, and crevice into the human person, breathing divine spirit and life that animates the human into a living being. Here is an expression of God's tender immanence: God is as close to us as our very breath.

Scripture tells us in many ways that it is through the gift of the Spirit that God is the animator of all living things. The Hebrew word for spirit is *ruach*, which also means the breath of God. God breathed life into us at the moment of creation and continues to breathe into us, through us, and around us. The sacred source of life blows this breath of life into *all* of creation.

The great modern mystic and Jesuit Pierre Teilhard de Chardin offered the vision of the “breathing together of all things.” We are connected to all of life through breath—to humans and animals as well as to trees and plants that breathe in the carbon dioxide we release and return oxygen to us in a harmonious exchange and dance.

Practice: Jesus Prayer

Praying with the gift of air through attention to breath is an ancient Christian practice. One of the earliest known forms is the Jesus Prayer. The idea behind this prayer is that we connect our conscious prayer with each breath so that our awareness of God becomes as natural as our breathing and that we might learn to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17).

The words of this prayer said on the in-breath are “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God” and on the out-breath “have mercy on me, a sinner.” You can also create your own sacred phrase to repeat on the in-breath and out-breath. For instance, upon breathing in I might say, “I receive the gift of life.” Upon breathing out I might say, “I release and surrender.”

Spend a few moments in silence to see if you can receive the words of your own Jesus Prayer, those that rise up from your heart, rather than trying to figure it out.

CYCLE OF PRAYER

Our World: Peace especially in Ukraine.



The Church:

The Church of Bangladesh Moderator Abp Samuel Sunil. Mankhin.

Area Deanery of Western Suburbs: Zinkoo Han (Monica).

Diocese of Willochra: The Copper Coast (Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo): Sara Wiles.

Diocese of The Murray: Upper Limestone Coast (Naracoorte): Wayne Corker.

National: Gippsland: Richard Treloar (Leanne)

St Bede's Mission and Ministry and Fr Gwilym.

Prayer Requests from ... for

Ros DeGaris

Anne Duncanson

Bev Hayes

Jennette Hand

Judy Nelson

Kenneth Pretty

Mandy Garfitt

Margo Holland

Myrine & Max Wilson

Fr John Thompson

Kathleen for **Hayley Wilson** and **John Brazil**.

Ann for her sister-in-law **Michelle**.

Bev for **Jo Clarke**.

Sue Henry Edwards for **Rhodri Bon Callum & Rhiannon Henry Edwards**

Judith M for her sister-in-law's sister **Ros Davies**.

Sigrid for **Karen**

Gwen for **Katrina Fischer**

Rosemary for her daughters **Kathryn** and **Paula**

Terry and Joyce Hemmings for **Colin**

Raelene for **Cheryl** (terminally ill)

Sally & John for **Libby Cornish**



Years Minds: Jack Simmons, Jean Ridley (11/9), Joyce Hadfield (13/9), George Freeman, Brian Schrapel (15/9), Albert Ehrenberg, Peter Matthews (16/9), George Gladden, John Shaw, Jason Young (17/9).

DIARY DATES:

Sun 11th Sept	Season of Creation—Air, Picnic
Thurs 15th Sept	11am Philip Kennedy Centre
Sat 17th Sept	11 am Interment of Ashes, Janet Sutherland
Thurs 22nd Sept	Semaphore Residential
Sun 2nd Oct	Daylight Savings begins
Sun 9th Oct	All things bright & beautiful festival

NEXT WEEK READINGS

Exodus 3:1-6
Psalm 97
Acts 2:1-13
Luke 3:7-17

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday & Thursday 9 am—2 pm

Secretary: Fay Warren
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BEDE'S BREAKFAST: Open Tuesdays 8.30—10.00 am

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