

**DIARY DATES:**

Thurs 22nd Sept	Semaphore Residential
Sun 2nd Oct	Daylight Savings begins
Thurs 6th Oct	10.30 am Art & Craft
Sun 9th Oct	All things bright & beautiful festival
Thurs 13th Oct	Martin Village
14th—16th Oct	Adelaide Diocesan Synod
17th—21st Oct	Fr Gwilym on Retreat
Thurs 20th Oct	Phillip Kennedy
Thurs 27th Oct	Semaphore Residential

**NEXT WEEK READINGS**

Exodus 14:21-29  
 Psalm: 107:23-32  
 Revelation 22:1-6  
 John 4:1-16

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Tuesday & Thursday 9 am—2 pm

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**BEDE'S BREAKFAST:** Open Tuesdays 8.30—10.00 am

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**How to give to the mission and ministry of St Bede's Church -**

- Envelopes and/or cash in the Donation Box provided.
- Direct Credit: BSB 705-077 Account Number 00040467  
Please include your name and "donation" or "giving"
- Direct Debit, please collect form from Welcomers Table

## 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 18th Fire

**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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 Meeting ID: 822 5588 7189  
 Passcode: 887619

**Prayer of the Week**

Loving Father,  
 whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us  
 that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
 we do also for him:  
 give us the will to be the servant of others as he was the servant of all,  
 who gave up his life and died for us,  
 and yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever. 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.

**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.



## Pentecost 15

Today we read St Luke's account of the Parable of the Dishonest Manager. The manager is dishonest and is commended by his master for being shrewd. It's hard to know what to make of it. Nonetheless, the message at the end of the passage is clear: No slave can have two masters – if we choose to serve God then we have to accept that to serve him means having no other call on our lives. We ought not to be enslaved by materialism.

- Jesus Christ, serving you is perfect freedom. Help me to choose you as the priority in my life, for you are worth more than gold or silver.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of La Iglesia Filipina Independiente, the Philippine Independent Church.

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## CYCLE OF PRAYER

**Our World:** Peace especially in Ukraine.



### **The Church:**

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil *Primate* Abp Naudal Alves Gomes.  
Adelaide, Evangelist to the City: Craig Broman (Merle).  
Diocese of Willochra: Port Lincoln (Coult, Lake Wangary, Poonindie, Port Lincoln): Stephen Weickhardt (Vanessa); Missionaries on Active Service.  
Diocese of The Murray: Southern Suburbs: Cliff Greaves, Andrew Forder (Debra), *Deacon* Carol Cornwall (John).  
National: North-West Australia: Gary Nelson (Christine)  
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:** William Montgomery, Leonard Arnold, Arthur Francis (18/9), Lorna Penn, Edward Gryst, Bill Schroder (20/9), Sarah Edwards (21/9), Eric Davis, Herbert Radlett (22/9), Mavis Hodges, Leslie Thorpe (23/9).

**Fire** (From the uscatholic.org website)

*All praise be Yours, my God, through Brother Fire,  
Through whom You brighten up the night. How beautiful he is, how gay!  
Full of power and strength.* —St. Francis of Assisi, Canticle of the Sun

*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.* —John 8:12

Scripture is filled with images of light and fire as symbols of the ways in which God illuminates our world and our souls. Moses encounters God for the first time in a burning bush, and from those flames God speaks to Moses. After the escape from Egypt, God sends a pillar of fire to guide the Israelites across the desert by night, an ongoing guiding beacon.

In the gospel story of the transfiguration, Jesus “shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white” (Matt. 17:2). Here, fire and illumination are again a window through which to glimpse the divine.

For Gregory Palamas, a 14th-century Orthodox monk, it was the disciples who changed at the transfiguration, not Christ. Christ opened their eyes to be able to see him as he truly is: a source of radiance in the world. To see with the eyes of the heart, we need to open ourselves to what is beneath the surface of things.

On the feast of Pentecost, the story from the second chapter of Acts of the Apostles says, “Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.” The apostles had gathered together in an upper room, uncertain of what to do next after Christ’s death. Pentecost, therefore, is a story of the fire of courage being breathed into those earliest followers.

**Practice: Contemplative walk**

Go for a slow and mindful contemplative walk. In this practice you aren’t trying to get anywhere, just bringing your awareness fully present to each moment.

Begin by offering a prayer for your eyes to be opened and to see clearly. Pay attention to the world around you and moments that shimmer forth. As you walk you might notice the way light illumines the trees and other plants. There might be a flower that seems to call you to draw closer. Stay open to these encounters with the transfiguration of the world.

When something does shimmer, pause and stay with it for as long as you need. Offer a prayer of gratitude for the ways the world behind the world is revealed to you.

**HYMNS:**

Introit: 84 Give to our God immortal praise  
Gradual: 411 Filled with the spirit’s power  
Offertory: 405 O spirit of the living God  
Communion: 398 Come down O love divine  
PC: 675 Shine, Jesus shine

**SENTENCE: Malachi 3:1-5**

The Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple, like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness.

**THE COLLECT:**

All praise be yours, my God, through Brother Fire,  
through whom you brighten up the night.  
Full of power and strength, bringing both comfort and fear.  
Fill us with the fire of your spirit and purify our hearts,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, the light of the world. **Amen**

**FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-6**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, ‘I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.’ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, ‘Moses, Moses!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ Then he said, ‘Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.’ He said further, ‘I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 97

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;  
**let the many coastlands be glad!**
- <sup>2</sup> Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;  
**righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**
- Fire goes before him,  
**and consumes his adversaries on every side.**
- <sup>4</sup> His lightnings light up the world;  
**the earth sees and trembles.**
- <sup>5</sup> The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,  
**before the Lord of all the earth.**
- <sup>6</sup> The heavens proclaim his righteousness;  
**and all the peoples behold his glory.**
- <sup>7</sup> All worshippers of images are put to shame,  
**those who make their boast in worthless idols;  
all gods bow down before him.**
- <sup>8</sup> Zion hears and is glad,  
**and the towns of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgements, O God.**
- <sup>9</sup> For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;  
**you are exalted far above all gods.**
- <sup>10</sup> The Lord loves those who hate evil;  
**he guards the lives of his faithful;  
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**
- <sup>11</sup> Light dawns for the righteous,  
**and joy for the upright in heart.**
- <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,  
**and give thanks to his holy name!**

### SECOND READING: Acts 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

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

**THE GOSPEL:** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 3, beginning at the 7th verse.

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

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