

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 25th Water



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,
you declare your almighty power
chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant us such a measure of your grace
that, running in the way of your commandments,
we may obtain your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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.

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.

The Caroline Pearce Memorial Lecture "Imagining Otherwise: Patience Personified" St John's Church, Halifax Street, Friday 7th October, 6.30pm
Light refreshments will follow. For catering purposes, please RSVP your attendance to stjohns@adelaideanglicans.on.net by Tuesday 4 October.
The Reverend Caroline Pearce (1944-2020) was a pioneer in the ordained ministry in the Anglican Church in Adelaide and Australia. She was ordained in the US in 1989 but her full ministry was not recognised until 1992 when the Anglican Church permitted women to be ordained priests.
In this 30th anniversary year of the ordination of women, the Caroline Pearce Memorial Lecture will be given by Dianne Bradley, also a founding member of MOW and Caroline's long-standing friend and colleague in spiritual direction.



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Pentecost 16

Jesus again heals on the Sabbath, at the beginning of a dinner party (vv. 2-6) and then gives a counter-cultural lesson. He tells his audience not to throw a dinner party for friends, but rather to invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind because they will not be able to repay the host with a reciprocal invitation, unlike their friends. Where in our lives and in our parishes do we welcome in those who could never repay us?

- Jesus Christ, friend of the outcast, help me to give without expecting anything in return. Help me to see your face in those whom society rejects.
- Give thanks for all those who donate so generously to ABM and AID. May God bless them for their open-handed and open-hearted generosity.

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HYMNS:

Introit:	156	Morning has broken
Gradual:	494	In water we grow
Offertory:	491	Father welcomes all his children
Communion:	418	She sits like a bird
PC:	658	I, the Lord of sea and sky

SENTENCE:

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain.. Psalm 65, verse 9

COLLECT:

All praise be Yours, my God, for the gift of water,
So useful, humble, precious, and pure,
washing and cleansing, flooding and fearful.
Fill us with your living water, Jesus Christ,
who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for all eternity. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Exodus 14:21-29

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 107:23-32

- 23 Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the mighty waters;
- 24 they saw the deeds of the Lord,
his wondrous works in the deep.
- 25 For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.
- 26 They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths;
their courage melted away in their calamity;
- 27 they reeled and staggered like drunkards,
and were at their wits' end.
- 28 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he brought them out from their distress;
- 29 he made the storm be still,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.
- 30 Then they were glad because they had quiet,
and he brought them to their desired haven.
- 31 Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
- 32 Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:1-6

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

And he said to me, 'These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.' And he said to me,

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

THE GOSPEL: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 4, beginning at the 1st verse.

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink’. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?’ (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, “Give me a drink”, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?’ Jesus said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.’

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

Water

In the first Genesis creation story, the waters exist before the light and creation emerge. In Christianity, the font of holy water is the place of baptism and initiation into the community. Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River. At the Eucharist the priest washes their hands and drops a splash of water to mingle with the wine.

In the gospel story of the Samaritan woman at the well, Jesus encounters the woman at the height of the day's heat. She is thirsting desperately for God. The story invites us to consider the desert of our profound longing. At the moment when Jesus offers her living water, we too are invited to consider how that healing water restores us to wholeness.

Across the landscape in Celtic countries like Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Brittany there are thousands of holy wells, venerated in Celtic Christian tradition as sacred places where water surges forth. These are still places of reverence and ritual, of blessing and healing. People celebrate what are called "pattern days"—many wells are connected to a particular saint, and on the saint's feast day is a gathering at the holy well with a particular set of prayers.

Practice: Ignatian contemplation with the woman at the well

Ignatian contemplation is a way of entering into a scripture passage with all of your senses.

Open to John 4:1–42 and slowly read the passage through once. Then set it aside and close your eyes, allowing yourself to move into your imagination and step into the scene.

Notice the sights, sounds, smells, tastes, and feelings. Watch as Jesus interacts with the Samaritan woman. See the expressions on both of their faces as they move through their conversation. Take in that moment when Jesus offers the woman living water and she accepts and is able to receive this gift into her life. Imagine yourself drinking it.

End with a conversation with Jesus about where you would like to have living water poured into your own life.

From <https://uscatholic.org/articles/201907/connect-with-god-and-the-earth-by-praying-with-the-four-elements/>

Thank you to everyone who responded so generously to the appeal for toiletries for Breakfast@StBede's. We are now well-supplied for months to come now, so please, no more toiletries for the time being. We keep these for people in genuine need. We are always grateful to receive food with ring pull openers, especially food which can be eaten cold (even if better hot), as people sleeping in cars can't heat their meals: food like small tins of salmon and tuna, small camp pie or ham, UHT full cream milk. Up and go, muesli bars etc are always needed. The breakfast volunteers are almost overwhelmed by the generosity of St Bede's worshippers, and the people who receive it are always grateful. It is gratifying to hear some say, "I was told to come to St Bede's because you would help me."

CYCLE OF PRAYER

Our World: Peace especially in Ukraine.



The Church:

The Anglican Church of Burundi Primate Abp Sixbert Macumi.

Coromandel Valley: Martyn Woodsford (Tracey), Martin Bleby (Viv).

Diocese of Willochra: Ministry District of Wakefield (Clare, Hamley Bridge, Penwortham): David Thompson (Jenny), Jenny Thompson (David), Darren Hewitt (Rachel), Anne Ford (Michael), the Sacred Space for Healing and Quiet (Healing) Garden, St Peter's Mintaro, Joe and Jean Johns.

Diocese of The Murray: Woodcroft College: head of college Shannon Warren.

National: The Northern Territory: Greg Anderson (Annette)

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: Stella Tabor, John Mack (25/9), Joyce Possingham (27/9),

Chris Rainsford (28/9), Merle Martin, Yvonne DeSena (29/9), Sabina

Dennison, John Stafford, Margaret Carbery (30/9), Elsa Alexander, Thora

Ehrenberg, Fred Galton (1/10).

DIARY DATES:

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: Humanity

Readings:
Genesis Chapter 3
Psalm 139
Romans 8:18-28
Mark 12:28-34

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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