

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> Earth

**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 know us to be set in the midst  
of so many and so great dangers  
that by reason of the frailty of our nature  
we cannot always stand upright:  
grant to us such strength and protection  
as may support us in all dangers  
and carry us through all temptations;  
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 include a Picnic on September 11th, and an All Things Bright and beautiful Event on October 9th.

## COMING EVENTS:

11th September: Season of Creation Picnic—Fothering Reserve North Haven (near the Marina) from 11.30 am

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 these dates in your diaries now and plan to come.



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## Pentecost 13

Today we read St Luke's account of Jesus addressing the crowd about the cost of being a disciple. Not only does it require forethought and detailed planning, like a person preparing to build a tower, but it also requires detachment from both family and possessions. That is not to say that relationships and material objects are bad in themselves, but that they can be distractions from the mission Jesus has for each one of us. How can we, as individuals and as a Church, leave those things behind that hinder our ability to be ardent disciples of Jesus?

- Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life, help me to leave anything that gets in the way behind, so that I can follow your path and bring others to you.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

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## **HYMNS:**

Introit;	627	Praise and thanksgiving
Gradual:	187	Let all creation dance (Tune 228)
Offertory:	626	Lord of Creation
Communion:	59	All people that on earth do dwell
PC:	72	From all who dwell beneath the skies

## **SENTENCE:**

Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, for he has founded on the seas and established it on the rivers.

## **THE COLLECT:**

Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it.

Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures.

Help us to become instruments of a new creation,

Founded on the covenant of your love,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for all eternity, Amen

## **FIRST READING:      Genesis 2:4-9**

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

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

## PSALM 104: 1-9, 14

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
**O Lord my God, you are very great.**
2. You are clothed with honour and majesty,  
**wrapped in light as with a garment.**
3. You stretch out the heavens like a tent,  
**you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,**
4. You make the clouds your chariot,  
**you ride on the wings of the wind,**
5. You make the winds your messengers,  
**and fire and flame your ministers.**
6. You set the earth on its foundations,  
**so that it shall never be shaken.**
7. You cover it with the deep as with a garment;  
**the waters stood above the mountains.**
8. At your rebuke they flee;  
**at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.**
9. They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys  
**to the place that you appointed for them.**
10. You set a boundary that they may not pass,  
**so that they might not again cover the earth.**
14. From your lofty abode you water the mountains;  
**the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

Someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam,

became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

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

**THE GOSPEL:** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 25, beginning at the 40th verse.

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

When the crowd found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

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

## What can I do?

Caring for the earth is everyone's responsibility, so we are told. But we often feel helpless when we look at the problems the earth faces. We are so small as individuals, and the problem is so large!

But there is always something we can do. Every little helps, as my grandmother used to say!

First of all, we can be aware of the world around us and the earth beneath our feet. St Francis of Assisi was one who became aware of the incredible detail of creation and saw how each part is precious in God's sight. He spoke of Brother Sun and Sister Moon, and famously preached the Word to the animals and birds.

This is not as silly as it sounds. Recent research has backed up the wisdom of St Francis and the Buddha, and shown that plants and animals are more aware than we think. There is an interconnectedness which we humans ignore, or feel only distantly.

A wonderful example is the hyphae (filaments) of fungi growing in the earth which connect the roots of trees and enable a forest to act as a community. Schools of fish and flocks of birds can act as if one mind controls them all.

And it's not silly for us to talk to the plants and animals we have around us. Science affirms that plants can detect our feelings towards them, and magpies and other birds remember faces and those who are kindly disposed towards them.

So there's a start! Let's be aware of our environment and deal lovingly with it. Tread the earth lightly.

**BEDE'S BREAKFAST** are in need of Rice Bubbles. Donation of goods can be left in the box at the back of the church.

## CYCLE OF PRAYER

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



### **The Church:**

The Anglican Church of Australia Primate Abp Geoffrey Smith  
Archdeaconry of Torrens: Andrew Mintern (Jo).

Diocese of Willochra: Mission and Ministry Development program: David  
McDougall (Andrea); Mission Teams; Formation program; Pioneer  
Ministry training; all Licensed Lay Ministers.

Diocese of The Murray. Vicar General: David Price (Lesley).

National: Ballarat: Garry Weatherill

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**

**Donald Grey-Smith**

**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), and **Chris**

Sally & John for **Libby Cornish**



**Years Minds:** Lydia Phillips, Fr Ben Jones (4/9), Alice Baldwin (5/9), Edward Young, Clarence Philip, Allan Barnes (6/9), Winifred Andrews, Leonard Dunning (8/9), Ephie Gigie, Helen Dobinson (9/9), Eve Rodgers (19/9).

## DIARY DATES:

Thurs 8th Sept	10 am Marten Village 3.30 pm Parish Council
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

1 Kings 19:11-14.  
Psalm 29  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
John 3:1-11

## 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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