



The ANGLICAN PARISH of
Leongatha

March 28th 2021 – Sixth Sunday in Lent- Palm Sunday

PARISH VISION

Preparing the way for the love of Jesus Christ to reach all people.

A YEAR OF FULFILLING PONTENTIAL

On Vision Sunday the Rector designated 2021 to be a Year of fulfilling your Holy Spirit shape and potential.

Sentence

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2.10–11

Prayer of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, of your tender love towards us you sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of his great humility: mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Pastoral Care

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Weekly Services of Holy Communion – St Peter’s Leongatha

Sunday

Holy Communion - 8am, 10:30am

Wednesday

Holy Communion - 11am followed by a Community Lunch

Service of Holy Communion- St David’s Meeniyan

Friday 7:30pm – 1st and 3rd Friday of the Month

Service of Holy Communion -St Andrew’s Tarwin lower

2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month 10:30am

There is now **no need to pre-register or “book in”** for a service. It is still a government requirement however that we keep, for a temporary period of time, the name and a contact number of every person that attends a service. This can be provided at the door on the day you attend.

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday

6.00 Towards the Cross - Progressive Meal around Leongatha. To book a place text or phone 0490045581

Good Friday

9.00 Worship for Good Friday - Meeniyan

10.00 Worship for Good Friday - Tarwin Lower

10.30 Worship for Good Friday - Leongatha

5.00 All Age Worship followed by Fish and Chips

Easter Sunday

8.00 Holy Communion - Leongatha

10.30 Holy Communion – Leongatha

Financial Stewardship

Leongatha Anglican Church

Electronic banking details **BSB Number** 083 735 **Account Number** 515883623.

Cheques may be posted to PO Box 271, Leongatha, Vic 3953. Payable to ‘Leongatha Anglican Church Parish Council Parish Account’.

Readings – Sixth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-18

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15:27 or Luke 19:28-44

Hymns

339 O sacred head sore wounded

510 [342] My God your table now is spread

508 Jesus we thus obey

707 Bread is blessed and broken {sung during Communion distribution}

501 Sing my tongue

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS- MINISTRY UPDATE

Rosters April- May

Rosters for St Peter's Leongatha and St Andrew's Tarwin Lower have now been emailed. If you would like a hard copy, they are available in the Narthex.

28th March- Palm Sunday Walk of Witness

Churches of Leongatha are coming together again to celebrate the greatest event in human history. The crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ are pivotal in the destiny of all people. These events declare God's love and willingness to enable us to enjoy God's presence for ever. This year we will all walk as one commencing at the Salvation Army, walking and praying and singing at different points through the Leongatha township. After which we will gather in the Anglican Church Hall for refreshments. Join us in witness and in prayer. **Sunday 28th March 2021, starting our walk at 12.30pm (Salvation Army)** - please arrive a little early so we leave on time! You are encouraged to bring a banner(s) from your church.

1st April- Maundy Thursday Progressive Meal

Easter Celebrations begin this year with a Progressive meal around the parish where we plan to visit three homes and share food in each. We will hear a short presentation of parts of the narrative from John in each home. To book a place please add your name to the list in church, ring or message Graham on 0490045581.



Songs & Stories- Episode 5 Laura Welsh

Songs & Stories is an outreach ministry of St Peter's. An opportunity to get to know Christians in the local community and hear about their faith and the songs that have touched their lives. To view use the link below, alternatively you will find the video on the St Peter's Leongatha Youtube channel.

<https://youtu.be/SDw2xll-o-8>

4th April- Baptisms on Easter Sunday

Let us join together in prayer and encouragement for Alicia Williamson, Olivia, Skaylah and Isobel Pedley and Jessica Baldwin and her daughter Lily as they prepare for the sacrament of Baptism on Easter Sunday.

7th April 2021- GEMS Meeting

The inter-church men's Christian fellowship group GEMS (God's Ecumenical Men Servants) will meet at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Leongatha on **Wednesday 7th April at 7.30 pm**. Dr. Michael Bourke will speak of his experiences as a General Practitioner in Gippsland.

23rd May Advanced Notice- Confirmation at Pentecost

Bishop Richard Treloar will be visiting St Peter's Leongatha at Pentecost. This offers a wonderful opportunity for those who would like to be confirmed with the laying on of hands. If you would like to talk more about Confirmation please talk to Belinda or Graham. Included is a link to a short introduction to the sacrament of Confirmation- <https://youtu.be/ukZgk23pbO4>

Safe Church Workshops

There are numbers of people serving in the parish who need to attend the full Safe Church Workshop if one has not been attended before or a refresher workshop every three years. Both workshops are available in St Peter's Anglican Church 2 Bruce Street Leongatha, Victoria Date: Friday 16 April 2021 Time: 6.00pm to 8.30pm for the refresher workshop. Online registration is essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOQZY> Registrations close Wednesday 14 April 2021 at 5pm unless sold out prior. For the full workshop: Saturday 17 April 2021; 9.30am to 4.00pm Online registration is essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/BORAA> Registrations close Wednesday 14 April 2021 at 5pm unless sold out prior Enquiries only: 03 5144 2044 or registryoffice@gippsanglican.org.au There are other workshops available during the year. Details of these are on the narthex noticeboard or available from Doug Kelly at safeministry@leongathaanglican.org

The Anglican Board of Mission

Every year the Anglican Board of Mission has a Lent, Good Friday and Easter gift appeal. The Lent appeal features Philippines asset-based community development projects; Saint Johns Theological Seminary, Zambia; and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mission grants. The Good Friday appeal continues to support the work of the Diocese of Jerusalem. The Easter appeal is for the work of the Melanesian Brotherhood on Thursday island. Gifts may be made through envelopes into the collection or digitally direct to the organization. You will find the different envelopes and further information on the tables in the narthex.

Stay Informed

Please keep reading your emails and newsletters to keep up to date with the changing and evolving Covid-19 situation in the state, as well as, the Leongatha Community. If you know of anyone who would appreciate being on our email mailing list please encourage them to forward their contact to Belinda or Graham. **No masks required indoors.**

Excess Garden Produce?

The Wednesday Community Lunch Team are committed to providing highly nutritious homemade and where possible locally sourced food. If your garden is particularly abundant and you would like to donate fresh produce to this program please see a member of staff. The Community Lunch is held every Wednesday starting from 11:45am in the St Peter's Hall- All welcome.

Tween Bible Study and Group

For more information or to receive a time table of events please contact Damien King 0479 171764 Brigid Kennedy 0404 912 370

Readings for Next Week Easter Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9 Hymn to the Risen Christ
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8

LET US PRAY

Commit your works to the Lord,
And your thoughts will be established. Proverbs 16:3 NKJV

Words from Psalm 136

Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good! For His mercy endures for ever!
Oh give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures for ever!
Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! for His mercy endures forever!

- Pray for our Prime minister, Scott Morrison and his Cabinet,
- Pray for James Merlino and those in State Parliament, praying particularly for for health and recovery for Daniel Andrews.
- Pray for our Shire and those who manage it.
- Pray for the Bishop of Gippsland, for our Rector Graham and for Belinda. Pray for their health and protection, for wisdom and energy. Pray that the Lord would give each of them joy and laughter.
- Pray for the medical staff as they begin to vaccinate more of the population. Pray for enough resources and vaccine. Pray that all patients and medicos will have patience!

- Pray for those who have been inundated by flood waters, for the families and friends of those who have lost their lives.
- Pray for Emergency services and those in the Army Reserves who have been called on to help.
- Pray for willing volunteers to help with the massive cleanup that will come as the waters recede.
- Pray for the emotional recovery for those who lost their homes in last years Bush fires and now find themselves inundated with water.
- Pray for those countries that are struggling with a resurgence of Covid.
- Ask the Lord for his mercy.
- May the Lord bless you as you pray.



GRAHAM GEMS

March 28th 2021

The other day I read an article which made me think. It was an interview with a young person who had voluntarily donated a kidney to help someone they did not know. Following the procedure they were given limited details of the recipient but insufficient for them to make contact. I was struck with the spirit of humble, anonymous self-giving behind such donations. The gift of life is made freely available with no hope of reward. I wondered how many people would

make the same choice.

The Bible encourages us to have the same mindset as Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:5) Other versions speak of our attitude being the same as Jesus. The one clear thing about which you and I should be concerned is this-our attitude. If our attitude is right our words and actions will inevitably follow suit. Otherwise our good words and our good deeds become somewhat of little worth.

Jesus is always concerned about the heart of a person-the foundation from which we operate and he judges from that. It's who a person is that makes them good or bad and ultimately makes them act in right or wrong ways. So the result of having Jesus Christ as the foundation of our life is that we will be transformed-we will become like him. If Christ is genuinely Lord of our lives it is relatively simple to be like-minded, to be in one spirit and purpose. What is our common purpose as the community of God's people? The fact that we so often find it difficult to discover one must indicate that we are not all prepared to hold Jesus Christ as our foundation nor to measure our purpose or priorities by the Christ of the gospels.

But why should we seek the attitude of Christ, why should he set our priorities? Because it is through us that people understand who Jesus is, what he is like and what he does. We love people when we point them to God with the serving attitude of Christ. The main thing that Jesus did in his human life was make God accessible to ordinary people in ordinary lives. Once when he was a baby then again when he was 12 he got on well in the temple but from then on whenever Jesus went near a synagogue or temple he fell out with religious people who kept God from people. Out in the shops and the marketplaces crowds flocked around him, they were compelled to receive the truth for themselves-they wanted it. We truly love a person when we address their spiritual needs as well as their emotional and practical. The context of society is changing-people are becoming increasingly concerned about spiritual issues, the media addresses them more and more and because an authentic Christian alternative isn't set before people, they are going up all sorts of obscure and blind alleys-alternative therapies and spiritualities. Meanwhile church becomes concerned with the ultimate sin which will see her downfall-namely, preoccupation with her own survival. Take the works of the kingdom of God out, speak clearly and humbly. Don't use veiled language. Don't tell people you will think of them; say, 'I'll pray for you' and do it. Share with people what you believe God is saying about their situation. You are the eyes, ears, mouth, hands and feet of Jesus. Who or what governs our life? That's the question. Jesus is either Lord of all or not Lord at all. We build the mind of Christ- the attitude of Christ as we pour our energy into building a relationship with him and allow that to find expression in our lives. The mindset of Jesus wasn't simply to give a kidney to help another human person – as incredibly laudable and precious that gift – Jesus gave his whole body; his life; for our freedom and life. That miracle of life poured out should stun us with wonder every Easter. What a self-giving attitude to receive and live.