

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
23 October 2022**



St Mark's
Anglican Church
South Hurstville

8.00am	Choral Eucharist (in church & online)		
Presider	Rev Peter Greenwood	Preacher	Caleb Torrance
Assistant	Marilyn Melhuish	Gospel	Assistant
Readers	Robyn Ingersole Cathie Robilliard	Intercessor	Bill Clarke
		Setting	Billington
Introit	Bless the Lord My Soul		
Hymns	445; 465; 594; 229.		
Anthem	Brother James Air <i>Arr. Gordon Jacob</i>		
Postlude	Minuet from Fireworks Music: <i>Handel</i>		
10.00am	Family Church @ 10 (in church & online)		
Leader	Greg Bondar	Readers	Ed Hannah
Preacher	Caleb Torrance	Prayers	Angus Martin
Songs	Nothing But the Blood of Jesus; Rock of Ages; Never Alone; Hallelujah to the King of Kings.		
9.50am	Sunday Club (in Hall)		

Rector's Reflection

“Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God.” (Matthew 5:9 ESV). The first words of the risen Lord Jesus to the disciples are, “Peace be with you” (Luke 24:36). It is why the Apostle Paul starts his letters with a greeting of peace. It is why we place the ‘greeting of peace’ in the middle of our liturgy. When Jesus declares that peacemaking will be part of the spiritual DNA of the kingdom of heaven, he is no hypocrite. His words and his actions are completely aligned, for Jesus achieves that peace through his own death and subsequent resurrection.

As the Apostle Paul explains in his letter to the Ephesians, “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.” (Ephesians 2:13-16 ESV)

This peace rules in our hearts (Colossians 2:15), and then overflows into our relationships with each other (Ephesians 6:23) and readies us to engage the world around (Ephesians 6:15). It is from the genuine reconciliation with God, that Jesus achieved, that we can seek to engage others with this good news, and seek peace in our families, work places and community groups.

This is radically counter-cultural to our modern world. For our global village is reverting back to our natural state – conflict and war, both on the global scale and on the personal level. Madmen seek conquest and control over neighbouring sovereign states and sadly, broken relationships are the norm rather than the exception. Worse still, forgiveness and reconciliation are being replaced by irrevocable cancellation and permanent rejection. Our world desperately needs, what the apostle Peter describes as “preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all)” (Acts 10:36). May we be such peacemakers.

NEWS & EVENTS

Parish Council Meeting – Report from 19th. October

- Thanks God for the \$26,286 raised towards Project 44. Pray that we'd complete this project by the end of the year.

- Property – the parquetry in the Grosvenor Room has been repaired.

- Total Offertories (end of Sept)-Actual: \$89, 013. Budgeted: \$94, 224 Deficit: \$5,211.

Snippets from the archives

In 1931 there was a Deputation to a Vestry Meeting by the Ladies Guild, requesting an Ordained Minister be obtained for St. Mark's and that the Catechism and Prayer Book be taught more in Sunday School. They also requested that the Wardens attend to the cleaning of the Church.

Morning Prayer – new reflection series

On Wednesday 26 October at 10am, Doug Golding will begin a new series of five reflections on What people believe, which may help us better relate to people of another faith. Conversation always needs to precede conversion, and we can more easily speak about our faith and invite people to our services if we know something of their religious tradition. The reflections are based on Doug's past academic work in the field of comparative religion. Morning tea follows.

Remembering Service @ St Mark's

This special annual service allows folk to remember, light a candle and give thanks for relatives and friends that they have loved and lost. It will be held on Sunday **30 October 2022 at 2.30pm**. Afternoon tea will follow.



Toys 'n Tucker

We rejoice that it is back on! We'll be collecting food and gifts from 8am-2pm on Saturday 12th November at IGA South Hurstville. Signup sheet is in the foyer. See Jill Brown for more details.

Sundays @ Home & All Saints Evensong

We will gather at the Kluktewicz's house on Sunday 5th November for lunch (11.30am for 12noon), and reconvene at church for All Saints Evensong (2.30pm). All welcome.

Archbishop of Canterbury visits Australia for a fortnight

Justin Welby has visited First Nations communities in Torres Strait and Far North Queensland affected by climate change. Archbishop Welby also visited the dioceses of Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and Grafton.

Choir achievements

After more than 60 years as a GP, chorister Lindsay Edwards retires as a GP. We thank God for his service to the community, and for God's blessing in his retirement.

Michael Van Der Kolff has taken a position in Holland. We give thanks for his contribution to St Mark's, particularly in the ministry of ministry, and to the Sunday Club pre-Covid – we will miss his tenor voice.

Support Myanmar – 6 November at noon

Anglican Board of Mission Sydney Diocesan Committee is sponsoring a 'Lunch & Learn' at St Alban's Epping (3 Pembroke St) at noon. The event is free, and will include first-hand stories from ABM pilgrims to Myanmar, and a light lunch of Myanmar food with wine or fruit juice. There will be opportunity to donate to ABM's tax-deductible Emergency Myanmar Response appeal. Enquiries Peggy Sanders 0413 481 854 or Bruce Cooke. Registration by 31 October www.trybooking.com/CCPWU

PRAYERS

PRAYERS FOR TEENS

Being a teenager can be tough. We hope this prayer will spur you on to pray for your teenager to know the faithfulness of God through both challenges and joys.

Prayer: Lord God, I pray for my teenage son or daughter to know your goodness and provision. I pray they would place their identity in you. I ask that in the pressures of life, they would know you are their rock on which they can stand. I pray that through the challenges of school life, exams, and future decisions, you would lead them, guide them and bring them comfort. In Jesus' name, Amen

South Western Region Prayer Diary 2021/22

PANANIA

Acting Rector: Archdeacon Ian and Bronwen Cox (until December 2022), Brendan Leighton (Ale), Jacqui Roodenburg.

Prayer: • Praise the Lord for the appointment of John Guyer as the incoming Senior Minister of the congregation.

- Give thanks for the many fellowships resuming normal meetings.
- Praise the Lord for two scholarships given to students at Moore College.
- Thank the Lord that SRE has resumed at Milperra School.

Prayer: • Pray that the Children's holiday in October will be effective in reaching out to children and parents in the local suburbs.

- Pray for plans to resume PTC classes in September.
- Pray that the congregation will continue to welcome visitors and seekers.

Concerns of the Church

Those in need Short Term Need: Sylvia Fenton; Kerrie Walters; John Bennett; Those suffering from COVID; People of Ukraine.

Long Term Need: Nina Barrett; Annette Collier; Gloria Dakin; Fay Dempsey; John Francis; Adrienne Girdlestone; Judith Hague; Bill Hayes; Carrie Leo; Elsie Moore; Margaret Nightingale; Kim Roser; Eddie Williams.

Life and witness

Holy men and women: **United Nations, inaugurated 1945; Simon and Jude, Apostles and Martyrs.**

Remembering those who saw active service: *Pvt Cyril Elthrington; Pvt Norman English.*

Flowers This Week: Remembering her Mother, Lottie Gibson & Granddaughter, Danielle Julia – from Lois Little.

ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Regular offerings to St Mark's ministry...

... may be made via envelopes OR by regular on-line bank transfers (EFT) to:

BSB 062-253; Account No 00902175. Description: 'Offering8am' or 'Offering10am' or 'FlowersName'.

THIS WEEK AT ST MARK'S

Mon 24/10	9.00am	Home Communion	Bruce Cooke
	Recess	Bible Study – Grosvenor Room & Online	Rector
Tue 25/10	7.30pm	Choir rehearsal	Deborah Mulcair
Wed 26/10	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Bruce Cooke
Thu 27/10	Recess	St Mark's Art – St Mark's Hall	Alan Little
Sun 30/10	8:00am	Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost	Check Members' page
	10.00am	Family Church @ 10	Check Members' page

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