

## SERVICES NEXT WEEKEND

4th/5th April ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter (white)

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	Holy Communion - Traditional
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30am</b> <b>6:00pm</b>	Holy Communion - Contemporary The Gathering

### READINGS

Acts 10:44-48  
1 John 5:1-12

Psalm 98 (Prayer Book page 325)  
John 15:9-17

### ROSTERS

### THIS WEEKEND

### NEXT WEEKEND

**5:00pm**  
**Saturday 27th Apr**

**5:00pm**  
**Saturday 4th May**

LA:	Maureen Turner	
Readers:	Robert Daly Pam	new roster unavailable
Intercessions:	Barbara Johnstone	
	<b>8:30am</b> <b>Sunday 28th Apr</b>	<b>8:30am</b> <b>Sunday 5th May</b>
LA:	Janice Suddick	Trevor Andrew
Readers:	Ken Suddick Christine Davies	Greg Windsor Sheryl Windsor
Intercessions:	Trevor Andrew	Brian Hine
Counters:	Shelly Coulson Jeff Ritchie	Carolyn Buck Shelly Coulson

### KEEPING IN TOUCH ON LINE

#### Sunday

8:30am Holy Communion live streamed on Facebook  
go to [freshwateranglican.com](http://freshwateranglican.com)  
then to 'Join us for worship on Sunday' and click

### PEW BULLETIN MATERIAL DEADLINE WEDNESDAY 12 NOON

Email material to  
[freshwater@anglicanchurchsq.org.au](mailto:freshwater@anglicanchurchsq.org.au) OR [family.frisco@gmail.com](mailto:family.frisco@gmail.com)

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The Church of the Risen Christ  
43 Park Road, Deception Bay



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

27th/28th April 2024

**ENCOUNTER** *God's love*  
**GROW** *in Christ*  
**LIVE** *by the Spirit*

### OUR VISION:

Through Jesus Christ we are called to lead people to God.  
(based on Matthew 28.19-20)

*The parish respectfully acknowledges the Gubbi Gubbi people,  
the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet.*

### Sentence:

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved,  
since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.  
1John4:10-11

### Prayer of the Day:

**O God,  
form the minds of your faithful people,  
that we may love what you command  
and desire what you promise,  
so that, amid the many changes of this world,  
our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### Readings:

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:26-32

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8



**Sunday 28th April**

Psalm 116; John 8:31-36

The Church of Bangladesh; Anglicare SQ Remote and Rural Community Services; The Parish of Roma

**Monday 29th April**

Ps 145 or Ps 118 ; Numbers 13:1-3, 17-29; 1 Corinthians 7:12-24

The Diocese of Easton - The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Christ the King - Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola; Anglicare SQ West Region Community Services (Toowoomba); The Parish of Rosewood - *John Simons - Locum, Rex Marre*

**Tuesday 30th April**

Pss 148, 149 or Ps 105:1-22; Numbers 13:30-14:25; 1 Cor. 7:25-35

The Diocese of Eau Claire - The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Willochra; Anglicare SQ Anglicare SQ Homelessness Services - Women & Families; The Parish of Samford - *Robert Paget, Jan Crombie*

**Wednesday 1st May**

Pss 1, 2 or Ps 103; Numbers 14:26-45; 1 Corinthians 7:36-40

The Diocese of Durgapur- The Church of North India (United); The Diocese of Tasmania; Anglicare SQ Mental Health & Wellbeing; Anglican Schools Australia Management Committee and Member Schools; The Parish of Quilpie

**Thursday 2nd May**

Pss 5, 6 or Pss 47, 99; Numbers 16:1-19; 1 Corinthians 8

The Diocese of Durham - The Church of England; The Diocese of The Murray; Anglicare SQ Brisbane South Community Services; All Anglican Schools Business Managers/Bursars and Senior Leaders; The Parish of Redcliffe - *Keith Dean-Jones - Locum, Philip Stewart, Chris Whittall*

**Friday 3rd May**

Ps 9 or Pss 16, 30; Numbers 16:20-40; 1 Corinthians 9:1-14

The Diocese of Dutse - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Wangaratta; Anglicare SQ Living Well Program; State School Teachers, The Parish of Robina - *Stewart Perry, Mary-Anne Rulfs, Ron Bundy, Elroy Mee, Robert Wisken, Bowen Miller, Jackson King, Elizabeth Tattam*

**Saturday 4th May**

Pss 11, 12 or Ps 116; Numbers 16:41-17:12; 1 Corinthians 9:15-27

The Diocese of East Kerala - The Church of South India (United); The Diocese of Willochra; Anglicare SQ The Glebe retirement village (Toowoomba); The Parish of Rochedale - *Ian McGrath, Brian Darbyshire, Michael Bennett, Michelle Philp*

**PARISH LEADERS & COMMUNITY MINISTRY**

**Parish Priest :** Rev'd. Claye Middleton  
**Priest's Warden:** Bob Forrester 0409 317 279  
**People's Wardens:** Carolyn Buck 0410 621 650  
 Paula Rogers 0409 611 690  
**Treasurer:** Roland Seeger 0488 025 575  
**Councilors:** Jeff Ritchie, Shelly Coulson, Greg Windsor, Diana Ferrari, Brian Hine, Roland Seeger, Anne Teale, Nikita Deadman (Rev Claye has 1 appointment to make)  
**Synod Reps:** Chris Nelson, Melissa Maddox  
**Nominators:** Bob Forrester, Carolyn Buck, Janice Suddick  
**Safeguarders:** Carolyn 0410621650 Trevor 0421901737  
**Office:** Tuesday - Friday 9am - 1:00pm  
**Parish Office:** 43 Park Road, Deception Bay  
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**Website:** [www.freshwateranglican.com](http://www.freshwateranglican.com)  
**Administration:** Tuesday - Friday 9am - 1pm  
**Appointments only. No walk ins.**

Claye is contactable by phone outside of those hours, but he is unavailable on Mondays so please contact one of the wardens (numbers as listed above) if urgent assistance is required on that day.



Emergency Relief Pantry  
Contact Carolyn Buck in person  
or on Mb 0410 621 650



Prayer Chain . Please contact Barbara Johnstone on 3888 4547 or Kris Frith 3092 2185 for your immediate and emergency prayer needs to be directed along the chain. For all other prayer needs please contact the church office.



MU meets on fourth Thursday (9:30am) of each month (except December) at Deception Bay. Please contact Carole Mullan on 0408 992 837 for further information.



Music Group Contact Brian Hine on 0404 802 754 if you would like to get involved in the music for any of our services

*Save The Date!*

**St John's Cathedral Tour**

Thursday, 20th June 2024

Express your interest by adding your name to the list in the church foyer

**Men's Coffee**

An informal gathering every Wednesday at 10:00am

**VENUE**

Freshwater Parish Community Café

Share a chat over a coffee/tea and/or a snack.

**FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Parish Briefing Session**

As has been our habit, Parish Council will again run some whole of Parish Briefing Sessions this year.

In addition to the AGM the interim Briefing Sessions are designed to keep everyone informed about what's going on in the parish.

They will focus on what's currently happening, provide a financial update and give you the opportunity to ask any questions you have.

**This Sunday, 28th April commencing at 10am**

**We look forward to seeing you there.**

The next scheduled date is Sunday 15th Sept commencing at 10am

**PARISH NAME BADGES**

Do you have one? Are you wearing it?  
If you need a badge, new or replacement, please let Carolyn Buck know

**PARISH FOOD PANTRY**



**ITEMS NEEDED THIS WEEK**

- Meals in a can
- 1 litre Fruit Juice
- Soup
- Packets of Spaghetti
- Packets of Pasta
- Pasta Sauce

**All items to be in original packaging and unopened**

Cash donations are welcome: place in an envelope marked "Parish Pantry"

**Thank you to all who support this ministry**

*Supporting the Parish Financially*

You can give to the parish either through the collection plate, the \$20 preset Tap Point machine in the foyer or direct debit.

To direct debit your tithes and offerings, below is the bank details you will need. Weekly Tithes and Offerings

BSB - 704 901 A/C - 00001080

Reference - Tithes or Offering

**Please pray for:**



Joseph, Omar, Lionel, Greg, Marilyn, Helen, Trevor Andrew Joe & Marietta, Jane & family Andrew Coulson, Hayden, Trevor Andrew Jnr

These names will only remain for the calendar month unless a request to continue is received.

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*Reflection*

"I am the vine you are the branches." ([John 15.5](#))

"In heavenly love abiding"

At age five I was taken to live with my maternal grandparents. An earliest memory was lying on the verandah surrounded by bunches of grapes that hung from vines attached to it. It was a little private world. Some years later, when the vines were removed, I remember feeling very sad.

In this Gospel passage Jesus emphasises the need for continued connection between Himself as the root of the vine, and those who draw strength from Him as its branches: "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me" ([v.4](#)). Jesus uses the word "abide" or "abides" no fewer than eight times in today's short passage ([John 15.1-8](#)). Later in the excerpt from his first letter, John picks up this theme again, using the same words a further six times: "God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them" ([1 John 4.16](#)).

It seems that in this passage John also sees a need to remind the 'branches' of their responsibility to love one another. For example, problems emerge if we as branches begin to focus on ourselves, "my branch has more fruit than your branch", instead of on the vine (Jesus) from which we all must draw our common strength.

Focusing on our perspective as branches while maintaining a strong connection to the vine has proved a challenge for Christians through the ages.

Peter Galbraith

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
28 Apr	29 Apr	30 Apr	01 May	02 May	03 May	04 May
<b>8:30am</b> Contemporary Eucharist <b>10:00am</b> Parish Briefing <b>2:00pm</b> Cursillo Grouping <b>6:00pm</b> The Gathering	Claye RDO	<b>10:00am</b> Bible Study	<b>9am-1pm</b> Freshwater Community Cafe <b>9am-2pm</b> Op Shop Half Price Day <b>10:30am</b> Seabrook Aged Care	<b>10:30am</b> Sir James Terrace Aged Care <b>12noon</b> Meditation	<b>10:30am</b> Arcare Nth Lakes Aged Care	<b>5:00pm</b> Traditional Eucharist
05 May	06 May	07 May	08 May	09 May	10 May	11 May
<b>8:30am</b> Contemporary Eucharist  <b>6:00pm</b> The Gathering	Claye RDO	<b>9:00am</b> Music Practice  <b>10:00am</b> Bible Study	<b>9am-1pm</b> Freshwater Community Cafe <b>9am-2pm</b> Op Shop <b>10:30am</b> Nth Lakes Terrace Community Aged Care	<b>12noon</b> Meditation		<b>5:00pm</b> Traditional Eucharist
12 May	13 May	14 May	15 May	16 May	17 May	18 May
<b>8:30am</b> Contemporary Eucharist  <b>6:00pm</b> The Gathering	Claye RDO	<b>10:00am</b> Bible Study <b>10:15am</b> Burpengary Manor Aged Care	<b>9am-1pm</b> Community Cafe <b>9am-2pm</b> Op Shop <b>1:00pm</b> AMS Mtg <b>7:00pm</b> Parish Council	<b>10:00am</b> Palm Lake Care NH  <b>12noon</b> Meditation	<b>10:30am</b> Arcare Nth Lakes Aged Care	<b>5:00pm</b> Traditional Eucharist

## INVITATION

### Free Seniors' Expo

**Monday, 29th April, 2024**  
**10:00am - 1:00pm**

PCYC  
100 Maine Terrace Deception Bay

Free Morning Tea

#### Topics include

- \* Staying safe at home and in the community
- \* Smoke Alarms
- \* Preparing for the storm season
- \* Elder abuse
- \* Legal advice
- \* Financial protections
- \* Advocacy

## Retiring Collection

Mothers' Union members will be holding a Retiring Collection at services on the 11th and 12th May in support of their Target Project to build disaster resilience for people with disabilities in Solomon Islands.

## Smile a While

One parish had a self-appointed news reporter. Although her understanding and vocabulary were limited, her zeal was boundless.

When the minister was admitted to hospital for minor surgery, her bulletin read: "Our dear minister is undergoing abominable surgery for an unbiblical hernia."

## St. Mark the Evangelist

Last Thursday, 25th April, the church celebrated the Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist. As with the other evangelists, we give thanks for their witness in the gospels and we hope to draw inspiration so that we too might proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of St. Mark is the shortest of the four gospels. The story moves quickly, almost breathlessly. A seminary classmate of mine memorized the entire Gospel, and he used to travel and recite the entire Gospel of St. Mark from memory. It took just over an hour, and though everyone knew what was going to happen, the audience would be on the edge of their seats. "And immediately..." keeps the reader going at a brisk pace.

The urgency of St. Mark's witness is palpable. We modern Christians might learn something from this and make haste to share the Good News of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. Indeed, it is in this Gospel that Jesus commands his followers to preach the Gospel to the whole creation.

Some years ago, I travelled to Venice. There you can visit St. Mark's Basilica, where tradition says that the body of St. Mark is kept. I find it very inspiring to visit the sites of veneration of biblical figures; somehow this connects for me the ancient and the modern, the heavenly and the earthly. To venerate the relics of St. Mark is to profess faith that the evangelists were living, breathing people with a living story to proclaim.

How can you celebrate St. Mark? You can read the whole of St. Mark's Gospel in one sitting. Perhaps you'll do that! Or maybe you will consider how his witness might inspire you to be an evangelist in your community.

Scott Gunn Executive Director Forward Movement