



# JUDE'S NEWS

8<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## From Reverend Andrea...

As we come to the end of a rich and meaningful Holy Week, I want to sincerely thank everyone who helped make it such a prayerful and joyful journey. From Palm Sunday – sharing the celebration with our friends from the Uniting Church (and the donkeys!) – through to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral, the quiet reflection of Tenebrae, the depth of Maundy Thursday with foot washing and our fellowship meal, and the solemnity of Good Friday with worship, hospitality, and the Stations of the Cross—so many people gave generously of their time and gifts.

Thank you also to those who helped prepare our space so beautifully, especially in the greening and flowering of the cross, leading us into the joy of Easter. And what a wonderful celebration it was – gathering as one, welcoming many guests, lighting the new fire, and sharing in the life and hope of the resurrection, right down to the Easter egg hunt! Thank you to each and every one of you. Your service, singing, presence, and participation are a true expression of our life together in Christ. Alleluia—Christ is risen!

## Valma Rodd Funeral

The funeral for Val Rodd will be held on Thursday 9 April at 10.30am at St Jude's. We give thanks for Val's life and faithful service, remembering especially that Valma was the first female warden at St Jude's. *May she rest in peace and rise in glory.*

Morning Tea Volunteers: Pam Binks would also be grateful to hear from anyone who is able to assist with morning tea, either by serving or by supplying items.

## Office closed

The office will be closed Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

## New Parish Council Commissioning

This Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April we will commission our new parish council and office holders for the year.

Gracious God,

we thank you for those called to serve on our Parish Council and as office holders in this community.

Fill them with your Holy Spirit: give them wisdom, courage, and humility in their leadership.

Help them to work together in trust, and to seek your will in all they do.

Guide and sustain them, so that through their service our parish may grow in faith, hope, and love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Children's Corner Help Needed

We're looking for a couple volunteers who would be willing to take home a box from the children's corner and give it a good clean-through and tidy. This small task would be greatly appreciated and a big help to our children's ministry. Please let Sarah know if you are able to help. Thank you!

## Thank you

Dear small folk and taller lovely folk. Thank you for making the greening of this years Easter cross such a joyful time. The cross looks beautiful out on our front lawn, to tell passersby the Easter story.

## **Easter: a triumph of life and a new beginning**

**By Archbishop Brad Billings**

There are times in our lives when a new beginning is to be welcomed and cherished. It may be a significant life event, moving to a new home, or simply a resolution to start again and see the world differently. The daily rhythms of the earth, whereby the sun rises each morning bringing new light to banish the temporary darkness of night, remind us that each morning brings with it the dawn of a new day and opportunity for a new beginning.

The story of Easter is the story of new life and of new hope, and of light overcoming darkness. Although the events of the first Easter morning take place in the distant past, some two thousand or more years ago, their meaning and relevance continues to be felt and experienced today in a variety of ways, such as the very observance of public holidays at this time of year.

The first followers of Jesus, having witnessed his death on a cross and burial, had returned to their homes in despair, convinced that the journey they had travelled all the way to Jerusalem with Jesus of Nazareth had now come to an end. But the miracle of Easter is that death did not have the last say. The rising of Jesus from the dead on the first Easter morning lies at the heart of the Christian faith handed down to us by the Bible and the body of tradition received and passed on by the early Church. It holds out the possibility of new life and of a new beginning, both for the world in which we live, and for each and every one of us, in every time and place. Like the rising of the sun each morning, the rising of Jesus Christ from the dead shines light on what is often a dark world, giving hope for a better future, in which war and violence, and hatreds and conflicts, will one day cease, and even death itself will be overcome.

This good news is not, however, just for the future, but is good news right now! The most amazing thing about the rising of Jesus from the dead on the first Easter morning is that its promise and power can be experienced right now, by faith, regardless of our present life circumstances, and whatever the joys and despairs life in this world might bring us. The promise of the Bible is, "that if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10.9).

May the Easter story about life triumphing over death, and light overcoming darkness, bring the possibility of a new beginning, new hope, and the promise of a better day for all in our community. And may the light of Easter banish the darkness of violence and hatred away from the hearts of those would make for war, but instead let the peacemakers prevail and be blessed. As Jesus taught his disciples, so we pray, "your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven."

*Archbishop Brad Billing is the Anglican Archbishop of Adelaide*

## **Brighton Uniting Church**

Brighton Uniting Church is hosting Monday Funday on 13 April from 1.00–5.30pm for children aged 5–10, with a cost of \$5 per child. Families are welcome to stay and enjoy a BBQ tea together. To register, please email Heather at [heatherbackhouse19@gmail.com](mailto:heatherbackhouse19@gmail.com) with the name and age of each child.

## Reminders:



### **St Peter's Cathedral Flower Guild**

St Peter's Cathedral Flower Guild, would like to warmly invite your parish community to our Harvest Festival Day on Wednesday 22 April, from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm, (see flyer below).

The Cathedral Flower Guild has been busy preparing autumn themed craft activities for everyone to enjoy. There will be free tea, coffee, fruit juice and biscuits available all day. Also harvest themed displays and guided tours of the Cathedral. Attendance is free and open to everyone. We hope it will be an enjoyable activity for children and adults during the school holidays. We would love you to come.

### **Prayer of the week**

Lord of all life and power, who, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise, honour and thanksgiving, now and for all eternity.

Amen.

### **Prayer List:**

Barbara, Christopher, Craig, Draginja (Holly), Emerson, Faye & Sarah, Jane, Joy, Lange, Lesley, Lilly, Lola, Marilia, Norma, Peter, Peter & Kath, Rachel, Robin, Sabrina, Sidney & Jackie, Susie, Sylvia.