



# ST CLEMENT'S ON THE HILL

*Anglican Parish of Stafford*

*Sunday Eucharist - 8am - Join us in person or online*

*Thursday Eucharist - 10am - Join us in person*

## Sunday 10 March 2024 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

Where do you look for healing? When Moses led the Israelites out into the wilderness, they were faced with many challenges including poisonous serpents. Rather than taking away the serpents, God decreed that Moses make a serpent of Bronze, and when those who had been bitten looked upon the bronze serpent they would be healed. So often in our life the path to healing requires us to look upon the cause of our pain. That pain stays in the dark, limiting who we can become. Jesus came as the light to illumine that hidden in the darkness. In the season of Lent we are invited to examine those limits, to seek the transforming love of God.



Our Gospel passage for this Sunday reminds us that eternal life can be obtained through our relationship with God. So what are the pains hidden in our darkness? How willing are we to gaze upon them, and surrender them to our healer.

### **PARISH NOTICES**

**LENTEN STUDIES** – Continue this week on Tuesday at 10am and Thursday at 6.30pm.

**PARISH COUNCIL** – Wednesday at 7pm.

**QUIET MORNING** – Members of AMUA invite you to join them for a morning of reflection this Thursday. The Quiet Morning will commence at 10am in St Clement's for Eucharist, be followed by a cuppa, then Rev Steven will lead us in a time of reflection. All are welcome to attend.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY** – Traditionally celebrated on the fourth Sunday in Lent, Mothering Sunday is a day when people visited their mother church or cathedral. Simnel cake (also known as Easter cake) heralds the advent of Spring and provided a tasty treat halfway through Lent for those who were fasting.

**PRODUCE STALL** - Thank you for your support – last week's stall raised \$147.70.

### **EASTER SERVICES**



**Maundy Thursday - 7pm**

**Good Friday - 9am**

**Holy Saturday - 7pm**

**Easter Sunday - 8am**

### **theology on tap**

**Sola Scriptura or Ad Fontes?**

**Bonhoeffer on**

**Reformation Today**

**Speaker: Jameson Ross**

**Music: Francis Kneebone**



**TODAY - 10 March 2024**

**Doors Open: 3.40pm, Music begins: 4pm,**

**Presentation begins: 4.40pm**

**The Raven Hotel**

**400 Montague Rd, West End**

**Brought to you by the Theology on Tap team: Irene Alexander, David Fittell, Terry Gatfield, Sue Greenall, Ross McKenzie, Paul Mercer & Charles Ringma**

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# **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT - YEAR B**

## **A reading from Numbers 21:4-9**

<sup>4</sup>Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' <sup>6</sup>Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Hear the word of the Lord... **THANKS BE TO GOD**

## **Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:  
for his loving mercy is for ever.
- 2 Let the Lord's redeemed say so:  
whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
- 3 And gathered in from every land, from the east and from the west:  
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Fools were far gone in transgression:  
and because of their sins were afflicted.
- 18 They sickened at any food:  
and had come to the gates of death.
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their distress:  
and he took them out of their trouble.
- 20 He sent his word and healed them:  
and saved their life from the Pit.
- 21 Let them thank the Lord for his goodness:  
and for the wonders that he does for the children of Adam;
- 22 Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving:  
and tell what he has done with shouts of joy.

## **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 3:14-21**

### **GLORY TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST**

<sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord... **PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST**

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 119:9-16; John 12:20-33

## FOR OUR PRAYERS ...

**SKCT CYCLE OF PRAYER** - In our Stafford Kedron Churches Together Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Chermshire-Kedron Community Uniting Church.

**IN OUR PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER** - we pray especially for our Pastoral Care Ministry - for Home and Hospital Visiting, Bereavement Visiting and Support and Care of members of our Parish Community.

**THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS** – Jack O’Leary, Pam Adsett, Riley Weaver and Tanya Dearness.

**THOSE IN NEED WHO HAVE REQUESTED PRAYER** - Lynette, Gemma, Lyman Gillies, Lesley Ridings, Vicky Meredith, Wendy Newman, Mark, Catherine, Judith Cassells, Ivy Pickering, Rev’d Jack Hammer, Tony Pearson, Claire Smith, Maria, David Haidley, Val Cocksedge, Bill Pratten and Anne Grimmer.

**PRAYER FOR GROWTH** - We trust in Your goodness and faithfulness, Lord, and we believe that You have great things in store for our church. We commit ourselves and our church into Your hands and ask for Your blessing and guidance as we seek to grow Your kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.



### **EASTER SERVICES AT ST CLEMENT'S**

**Maundy Thursday: 28th March**

*Please Note: There is NO 10am service.*

**7pm - Holy Eucharist** with Washing of Feet, Stripping of the Sanctuary, followed by **The Watch**. Please place your name on the list if you can participate in The Watch.

**Good Friday: 29th March**

**9am - Good Friday Service**

**Holy Saturday: 30th April**

**7pm Easter Vigil** with the Service of New Light, Holy Eucharist, Renewal of Baptismal Promises followed by a shared supper.

**Easter Sunday: 31st March**

**8.00am - Sung Eucharist** with Renewal of Baptismal Promises, followed by morning tea.

### **EASTER VIGIL SERVICE**

Parishioners and visitors are invited to join us for drinks and nibbles following our 7pm Easter Eve service on **Saturday 30 March**. Please bring a plate of food to share. Everyone is welcome.



### **MOWING ROSTER**

THANKS to Norm Hart and Alec Tadman for being on the church mowing roster for March.

## **Palm Cross Making and Church Decorating**



**PALM CROSSES** - Come along and help make "palm crosses" for the Palm Sunday service. No artistic talent required. We'll meet in the Lower Hall, **Saturday 23 March** at 1.30pm. Come and enjoy the fellowship and afternoon tea!

**DECORATING** – Come along and help decorate the church for Palm Sunday on **Sunday 23 March** at 3pm.

## **ABM-A APPEAL FOR LENT AND GOOD FRIDAY**



In many parts of the world, deprivation and vulnerability are not an option, but are the continuing reality of life. We invite you to support the ABM-A Lent and Good Friday Appeal which will fund projects around the world that supports some of the most disadvantaged in society. Appeal envelopes are available from the Welcomer.

## **STAFFORD PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION**

**St Clement's on the Hill** - 2 Eudunda Street, Stafford Qld 4053

**Parish Office Hours** - Tuesday and Wednesday - 9am to 12 noon  
Thursday and Friday 9am to 4pm

**Phone** - 3356 4300 **Email** - office@stclements.org.au

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**Parish Priest** - The Rev'd Steven Schwarzrock - 0427 227 322  
Steven.Schwarzrock@anglicanchurchsq.org.au

**Assisting Priest** - The Rev'd Lee Gauld - 0415 150 358

**Honorary Deacon** - The Rev'd Leisha Rule - 3269 6780

**Churchwardens** - Norm Hart - 0458 010 949  
Agnes Elkenhans - 3356 4300 (office); 3359 7956 (home)  
Margaret Riddle - 0427 450 952

**Parish Administrator** - Carol Defries - 3356 4300 (office); 0401 238 935

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## **THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT ... OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

We will not be moving among the congregation to collect your offering during this service. You are invited to make your offering electronically using the account details below, by scanning the QR code or by credit card using the Tap Point Machine near the door. Alternatively, you may place your offering in one of the offertory bowls located at the front entry.



**ONLINE GIVING - Parish of Stafford - BSB 704-901 - Account 00000770**

## **WHAT IS HAPPENING AT ST CLEMENT'S ON THE HILL**

**Sunday Eucharist with Kid's Word** - Join us in person or online at 8am every Sunday.

Online worship is available every Sunday at 8am via YouTube and Facebook.

YouTube Link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UucN67nIIDE>

**Kids' Word** - Operates every Sunday at 8am and all children are welcome.

**Men's Shed** - Each Monday & Friday from 8am to 12pm.

**Cards** - Fourth Tuesday of each month at 12.30pm.

**mainly music** - Each Wednesday during school terms at 10am.

**AMUA Branch** - Second Thursday of each month at 10am.

**Brisbane North Cancer Support Group** - First Friday of each month at 10am.

**Pot Luck Dinner** - Last Friday of each month from 6.30pm to 8pm.

**Bushwalking Group** - Second Saturday of each month.

**Working Bee** - Fourth Saturday of each month at 8am.