



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2024

Sunday 21 April 2024

One combined service at 9.00am today

Norma Graham is our Preacher

Coffee and tea will be served from about 9.45am

Parish Meeting at 10.15am - Building Development Proposals

Everyone who chooses to worship with us is welcome.
Services at 7.30 and 9.30am resume next Sunday.

The Collect Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Easter:

Lord God,

whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people:

help us when we hear his voice

to know him who calls us each by name, and to follow where he leads;

who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,

one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

BIBLE READINGS AT EASTER SERVICES & NEXT SUNDAY

At 9.30am Sunday services we usually only have the 2nd Reading & Gospel

	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
21 April	Ps 23		1 John 3.16-24	John 10.11-18
28 April	Acts 8.26-40	Ps 22.26-32	1 John 4.7-21	John 15.1-8

PARTICIPATE IN OUR ONGOING PARISH WORK

Enjoyed the service today? Appreciate the building as a holy space for worship of God and the gathering of our community? You are encouraged to participate in our ongoing work by:

1. Placing cash in the basket at the church entrance,
 2. Tapping your bank card on our EFTPOS machine also in the entrance, or
 3. Donating directly to the Parish Account: BSB: 704 901 ACCT: 000 001 50.
- All giving is dealt with securely and confidentially.

ONE SERVICE TODAY FOLLOWED BY A PARISH MEETING AT 10.15am

Information was given in previous Bulletins and a Parish Newsletter. After our combined service we will have the Parish Meeting referred to at our AGM in February when we were awaiting final information from Brisbane City Council town planners; it was eventually finalised through the Diocesan Property Team shortly before Easter, which enabled Parish Council to authorise and advertise this meeting today, open to all parishioners (it is not a public meeting).

The purpose is to make a presentation of property and finance proposals to ensure the long-term sustainability of St David's Church and the Parish of Chelmer-Graceville. I am delighted to at last be able to offer this – as will be further explained today.

Prayers for our parish

Written by Norma Graham after our AGM, and slightly adapted for today, we encourage use of this or any other relevant prayers for our parish.

Creator God, we give thanks for the loving, caring community of St David's.

Bless and guide our search for a future path for our parish.

Loving God, with your guidance,

we look forward to a positive life-giving church

that ministers in our community and beyond. Amen

Rev Nic Denny-Dimitriou, parish priest for St David's

BLANKET COLLECTION – continuing until Pentecost Sunday, 19 May

Information will be repeated next week. Thanks for all contributions received.

COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF GROCERIES VIA CAREFORCE

We continue to invite people to respond as you are able, and information will again be given from time to time in this weekly Bulletin.

PARISH OFFICE DAYS AND REV NIC'S DAY OFF

Nic's weekly Day Off is now Friday. The Parish Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am - 2pm. The office will be closed this Thursday for the ANZAC Day public holiday; services are available locally as advertised, and Nic is leading a service at AVEO Durack where several parishioners are resident.

ON THE NOTICEBOARDS

- Updated information about personal safety in our parish.
- Funding Appeal for Fred Hyde Schools, co-ordinated by Richard Ford from St David's.
- An invitation to a Workshop for all the Anglican Churches of South West Brisbane on Saturday 11 May at St Andrew's Church, Indooroopilly, looking at ways in which ministry can be shared and enhanced amongst us.

DISASTERS: PRAYING FOR OTHERS

Without repeating the traumatic incidents in Sydney last week, as followers of the way of Jesus Christ we offer prayer for all affected directly and indirectly and we reinforce our commitment to peace and justice. Usually we do not know those people personally; but on this occasion, family members of St David's parishioners were at Bondi Junction as the event unfolded (no names mentioned here).

Also, anniversaries of tragedies are sometimes still noted: on this day in 1979, a bus from Brisbane Girls' Grammar School crashed, killing 2 children and an adult couple whose children were orphaned. Several parishioners remain in contact with survivors, and some were working in the hospital that received the injured. The Lord be with you, and them, and us all.

CHURCH REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

As previously informed, the church building was closed during the week after Easter for floor, wall and ceiling work, finally repairing "rain bomb" damage from February 2022.

Repair of the roof including asbestos tile replacement will follow soon; it is unlikely to cause major disruption, but information will be given when necessary. Both of these projects are funded from insurance payments received, albeit after a long wait and an equally long wait for approved tradespeople to be available; with approval by Parish Council, consultants from the Diocese have overseen the contracts together with Church Warden Karen Green.

A NEW ASSISTANT BISHOP FOR OUR DIOCESE

Archbishop Jeremy Greaves recently announced the appointment of The Reverend Sarah Plowman to be the new Assistant Bishop for the Northern Region of our Diocese.

Sarah is known to many of you and remains friends with some of you from a period of ministry here many years ago when in training and newly ordained. She was also a guest preacher here last year.

Currently she has overseen the Formation of all prospective and current Ordinands – people studying and preparing for Ordination – based at St Francis Theological College, Milton, and previously has served in parish ministry and school chaplaincy. Her Consecration as Bishop will take place in the Cathedral on Friday evening 28 June. More information will follow. We rejoice with her and our diocese, and pray for all our bishops and other leaders.

Wise words from Maya Angelou
If you must look back, do so forgivingly.
If you must look forward, do so prayerfully.
However, the wisest thing you can do is
be present in the present
- gratefully!

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