



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2024

Sunday 28 April 2024

Everyone who chooses to worship with us is welcome.  
Coffee and Tea are served after morning services.

### The Collect Prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Easter:

Eternal Father  
your kingdom extends beyond space and time:  
grant that in this world of changing things  
we may hold fast to what endures for ever;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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
28 April	Acts 8.26-40	Ps 22.26-32	1 John 4.7-21	John 15.1-8
5 May	Acts 10.44-48	Ps 98	1 John 5.1-12	John 15.9-17

### 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.

## **To the people of St David's Church**

The combined service last Sunday was seemingly enjoyed by everyone – a fuller church than usual, concluded within 45 minutes and a good tea to follow. We sang well with the accompaniment of the keyboard, using pre-recorded music and with more voices than usual. Several people have suggested we have more combined services from time to time.

It was also very good to have a significant number of people attending the Parish Meeting. The overwhelming positive response to go ahead with the Proposals was very gratifying. Without having called for it, I received almost 20 additional verbal or emailed requests from people unavoidably away thus unable to attend the meeting, wanting to offer full and unequivocal support to the Proposals.

Timelines were not stressed at the meeting, as we wanted to avoid any sense of people feeling “pushed” to make a decision. For that reason, towards the conclusion of the meeting we clearly asked people to vote NO if they were opposed overall and/or if they wanted more time and another similar meeting in about a month's time (as also mentioned in the Newsletter sent to all on Friday 12 April). That was not supported, and the overwhelming response was YES, go ahead!

Our hopes are for our Proposal to be placed before the FDSC – Finance and Diocesan Services Commission – in early May. The FDSC includes the bishops, several archdeacons, and many lay people with relevant financial, property and general parish and ministry experience. Documentation was required to be submitted by this past Friday 26 April, and the Diocesan Property Team we have been working with were ready to go ahead with that.

I write this before the ANZAC Day public holiday in order to print before the parish office closes for the week. Karen Green and I will be meeting with Bishop John Roundhill and our Archdeacon, Bronwyn Pagram this Wednesday afternoon. Further information will be conveyed when appropriate, and also in a subsequent Parish Newsletter.

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

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## **BLANKET COLLECTION – continuing until Pentecost Sunday, 19 May**

We are again collecting blankets & sleeping bags for “rough sleepers” in our city, cared for by volunteers at St John’s Cathedral & the Diocese Offices in Ann Street, Brisbane city centre. Please bring warm sleeping items to the church over the coming weeks of our Easter Season; they can be new, or used items in good condition. After Pentecost on Sunday 19 May, all donated items will be taken to the Diocese for distribution. 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 - 1pm.

## **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.

## **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.

**TERMITE UPDATE:** We are grateful that most of the building works to repair the water damage sustained in the church during the 2022 rain event has now been completed. While the scaffolding required for these repairs was in place we were able to undertake further termite checks of our building - in areas previously inaccessible due to the height of our ceilings. Unfortunately, more termites have been found and works are now under to treat the areas and finally rid our building of these tenacious pests. Disruption to Sunday Services should not occur.

*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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