

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

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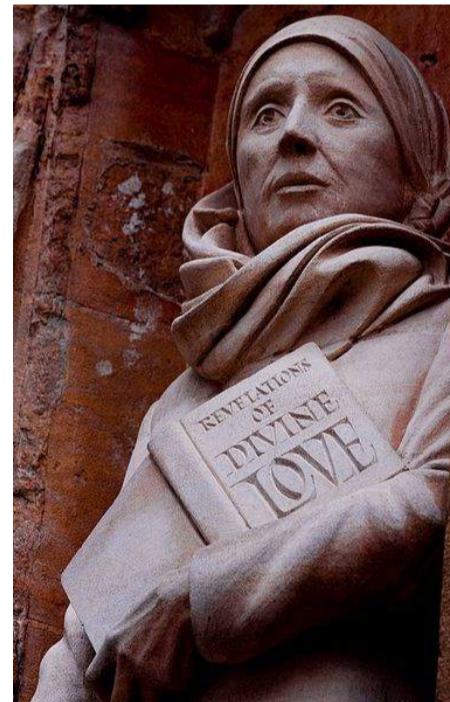
Fourth Sunday of Easter

3 May 2020



**“.. all shall be well, and all shall be well,
and all manner of thing shall be well .”**

– Julian of Norwich



Statue of Julian of Norwich,
Norwich Cathedral,
by David Holgate FSDC

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At Worship Today:

**God of all power,
you called from death our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep:
send us as shepherds to rescue the lost,
to heal the injured,
and to feed one another with understanding;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

9.45 am (Sung Eucharist)

Preaching & Presiding:

Ven Dianne

Liturgy Setting:

Dianne Gome

Processional:

TIS 233 I Will Sing The Wondrous Story v 1,2 & 4

Sentence:

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'

First Reading:

Acts 2.42-47

Gospel Acclamation:



Gospel:

John 10.1-10

Offertory:

TIS 382 Now The Green Blade Rises v 1,2 & 3

Choir Anthem:

He That Raised Up Jesus by Carlton T. Russell

(*The Book of Common Prayer* from Romans 8 & Psalm 16)

Recessional Hymn:

TIS 147 To God Be The Glory

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First Reading: Acts 2.42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Gospel Reading: John 10.1-10

1 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7 So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

Roster for May**Fifth Sunday of Easter – 10th May**

Acts 7: 55 – 60 John Foster

Intercessions Christine Mallouhi

Sixth Sunday of Easter - 17th May

Acts 17: 22 – 31 Val Dyke

Intercessions Judith Gibson

Seventh Sunday of Easter – 24 May

Acts 1: 6 – 14 John Russell

Intercessions Jenny Bowers

Day of Pentecost – 31st May

Acts 2: 1 – 21 Elaine Fasken

1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 13 Rowena Ferguson

Intercessions in various languages

Thank You

From Your Vicar

In the Gospel of John, we do not find parables in the traditional sense. It is not a literary device which John employs, but this text is as close an approximation to a parable that we have. The contrast he draws between the shepherd who enters the fold by the gate and the thieves and bandits who seek to enter another way, is really about leadership. There are good leaders and bad leaders. If you remember in chapter 9 there is the healing story of the blind man on the Sabbath, the Pharisees attacked Jesus as a sinner for transgressing the law of Moses. In the dispute that followed, Jesus condemned the religious authorities for refusing to recognize the gift of God present in his ministry. And so, in Chapter 10, Jesus continues to criticize his opponents for their self-serving and faithless leadership, using familiar imagery of a shepherd and sheep.

The good leader of God's people must come to them through Jesus who is the gate. The thieves and bandits will only lead the people to fear and confusion where they will be scattered. And so, we see Jesus once again being the giver of life in abundance to all who know his voice and follow him as shepherd. What false voices can be heard in our world today? What message do they seek after which is different from the message of Jesus? And finally, what are the things that make it difficult to resist the false voices in our world?

Did you Know:

John's Gospel provides various images of Jesus in the form of the 'I am' sayings. There are seven of these:

- 'I am the bread of life' (Jn 6: 48)
- 'I am the light of the world' (Jn 8: 12, 9:5)
- 'I am the gate and the good shepherd' (Jn 10: 9,11)
- 'I am the resurrection and the life' (Jn 11:25)
- 'I am the way, the truth and the life' (Jn 14: 6)
- 'I am the true vine' (Jn 15:1)
- 'Before Abraham was born, I am' (Jn 8: 58)

All these sayings should be read and understood within the context of the Hebrew name of God, especially the last one listed. When Moses encountered God in the burning bush, he asks by what name God is known. God replies, 'I AM WHO I AM. Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" John is making a very profound point about the identity of Jesus in these sayings.

Pax (peace)

Dianne

The Church Office is now **closed**. If you wish to continue to bring food items for the Asylum Seekers or your offertory, they can be left in Dianne's front porch.

“3 THINGS” FROM THE APRIL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. Thank you to volunteers

Thank you to all the people who have signed up to be part of the “Staying Connected” volunteers program which is enabling the parish to remain in touch with all members and to be of practical support if needed.

2. Common service

There is a real “community” feeling for the zoom service we are having during this time of Covid-19, appreciating that there are differences in this for all congregations. We are grateful for all those taking part on the reading and intercession rosters, for those who have been involved in musical reflections/anthems and to Andrew McCoy who makes it possible with his technical knowledge.

3. Bequest

The parish received, with thanks, a bequest from the Estate of the late Ian Smith. This bequest was not allocated to a specific project and has been placed in the ADF reserve account.

PROCESSIONAL TIS 233 ‘I Will Sing The Wondrous Story’

**1. I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
how he left the realms of glory
for the cross on Calvary.**

*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.*

**3. Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's paths I oft may tread;
but his presence still is with me,
by his guiding hand I'm led.**

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story...

Francis Harold Rowley

1854-1952

**2. I was lost: but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way.**

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story...

OFFERTORY TIS 382
'Now The Green Blade Rises'

1. Now the green blade rises
from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth
many days has lain:
love lives again,
that with the dead has been:
*Love has come again,
like wheat that springs up green.*
2. In the grave they laid him,
Love whom hate had slain,
thinking that he never
would awake again,
laid in the earth,
like grain that sleeps unseen.
*Love has come again,
like wheat that springs up green.*
3. Up he sprang at Easter,
like the risen grain,
he who for the three days
in the grave had lain,
raised from the dead
my living Lord is seen:
*Love has come again,
like wheat that springs up green.*

John Macleod Campbell Crum
1872-1958 alt.

RECESSIONAL TIS 147
'To God Be The Glory'

1. To God be the glory,
great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us
his Son,
Who yielded his life in atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may
go in.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus
the Son,
and give him the glory!
Great things he has done!
2. O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God!
And every offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon
receives.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!...
3. Great things he has taught us,
Great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus
the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when
Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!....

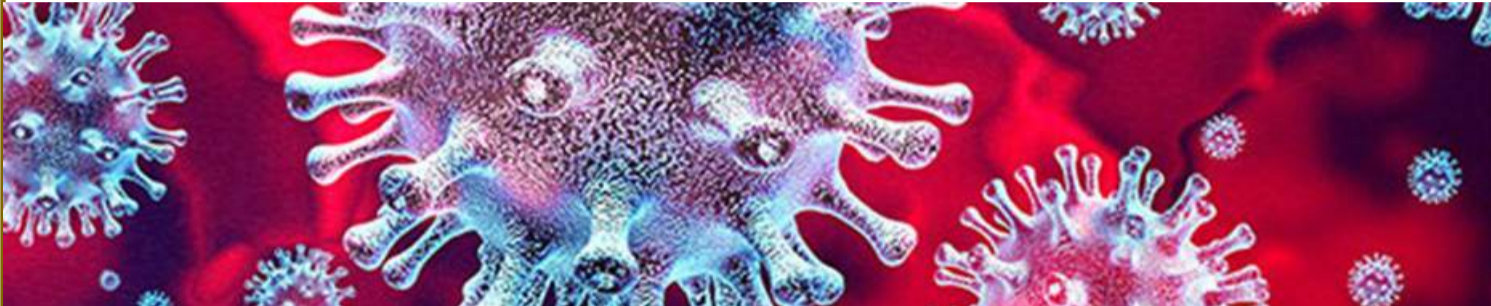
Frances Jane van Alstyne
1820 -1915 alt.



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Speakers:

Dr Dan Fleming is Group Manager – Ethics and Formation for St Vincent’s Health Australia. In this role he leads ethics education and strategy and supports formation across the St Vincent’s Health Australia network. Dan is also a Fellow in the Law, Health and Justice Research Centre in the Faculty of Law at the University of Technology Sydney and a Senior Lecturer in Theology and Ethics with the Sydney College of Divinity. Dan holds a PhD in moral philosophy and theology, and is the author of more than 40 publications in the areas of moral philosophy, theological ethics, moral education, religious education and theology.

Dr David Carter is a Senior Lecturer and National Health and Medical Research Council Early Career Fellow in the Faculty of Law at the University of Technology Sydney. His work focuses on the legal, regulatory and governance challenges involved in the delivery of safe, effective and sustainable healthcare services. Prior to joining UTS, David worked in a variety of management roles in hospital and health services, as well as at the Wayside Chapel in Sydney's Kings Cross. He regularly collaborates with Catholic hospitals on new and emerging issues at the intersection of law, health services and ethics. David is also a doctoral candidate at Trinity College Theological School, engaging in research towards 'A Theology of Infectious Disease', supervised by Dr Scott Kirkland.

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(Tues 10.00 am - 3.00 pm, Wed 9.30 am - 2.30 pm, Sun 10.30 am - 12.30 pm)

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