



St. Oswald's
 ANGLICAN CHURCH
 GLEN IRIS

Third Sunday in Lent

12 March, 2023

We welcome you to St. Oswald's Church and to this service, especially if you are new or a visitor among us. Please make yourself known to the welcomers, so that they may introduce you to other members of the congregation. Please join us in the hall for refreshments after the service.

We acknowledge the sovereign country of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation on which we gather.

Outline of Today's Service from

A Prayer Book for Australia

[Eucharist Setting **Philip Matthias—Together in Song 757**
 and Hymns 10 am Service only]

Today we welcome
Rev. Dr. Sharne Rolfe
 who will be with us until
 Sunday 2nd April
 as **Acting Vicar**

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Today's Ministries

8 am Reader

10 am Reader **H. Rehn**
 Intercessor **N.. Hill**
 Welcome / **R. Adams**
 Offertory **C. Adams**
 Morning Tea **J. Haigh**
 E. Comeadow



From the Acting Vicar

Dear parishioners and friends of St Oswald's Glen Iris,

I would like to introduce myself to you as your new Locum priest.

I am looking forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks and I pray that together we will be people of hope as God wishes us to be.

Our Biblical texts for this Sunday underline the centrality of hope and trust in God in our Christian lives. I will preach across the texts with a focus on Paul's Letter to the Romans in which are written the prophetic words: "suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

When we suffer it can be difficult to hold on to faith and trust in God. The Israelites, walking in the wilderness after fleeing Egypt, find it difficult to trust God as they go through various sufferings, including hunger and thirst, on their journey towards the promised land. The Book of Exodus is a poignant story of how God shaped his people in the midst of great oppression, and led them through it to a freedom greater than they would ever have dared to dream of.

We can try putting ourselves into the story, the work of Moses foreshadowing the saving work of Christ amongst us.

I look forward to my time with you as Locum and thank you for the warm welcome I have received.

Blessings, **Sharne**

About Revd Dr Sharne Rolfe, our new Acting Vicar (locum)



Sydney born and raised, I came to Melbourne in my early 20s to undertake post-graduate studies at Monash University after completing my first degree in psychology at the University of NSW. I then worked as a developmental psychologist for 30 years at the University of Melbourne mainly in research and teaching about child development. I then had a later-life call to ordained ministry and whilst completing my theological training and studies in formation I served at St Peter's Eastern Hill, St Dunstan's Camberwell, St Stephen and St Mary's Mt Waverley and

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Diary for the Week

St Oswald's Facebook page

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Wednesday 15 March 2023

10 am **Holy Communion**

Thursday 9 March

7.30 pm **Choir Practice**

Sunday 19 March —Live streamed

Fourth Sunday in Lent

8 am **Holy Communion**

10 am **Sung Eucharist**

Readings 19 March

1 Samuel 16: 1—13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5: 8—14

John 9: 1—41

Intercessions

For the church:

Footscray Parish; Ministry with the

Aboriginal people of Australia; Angliss Health Services; St Agnes Glen Huntly.

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St Andrew's Brighton before serving as priest in charge at St Nicholas' Mordialloc. I retired from full-time ministry in early 2020. Since then I have been very busy helping my two adult children and their spouses with the care of my five grandchildren who range in age from 2- 8 years. This has been a great joy. After our Covid lockdowns finished, I started traveling overseas again, and in 2022 had six wonderful weeks travelling through Greece. In May this year I will be traveling to Italy.

I enjoy locum ministry and have recently completed a very happy 3-months ministering to the people of Holy Trinity Hampton. I look forward to my time with you as Acting Vicar and thank you for the warm welcome I have received. I will be with you until Sunday 2nd April 2023.

From the Organist

We are in good company today with Margaret Rizza at communion and the words and wisdom of our Acting Vicar, Sharne Rolfe, in the sermon.

Last week I made a reference to the time of Miles Coverdale who lived through the rough years after Henry VIII. Our first hymn tune comes from the following and comparatively peaceful Elizabethan era (1562), and the metrical psalter published in English and in England by John Day. It was a book that dominated church singing until 1696 when it was officially replaced, although copies continued to be circulated for at least another 100 years! .

Our last hymn was composed by Joachim Neander (1650-1680). Joachim was the young and prolific preacher who fell out of favour with the ruling clergy because of his popularity and of care for the common people. He composed over 60 hymns during his short life, many of which we sing today. The writer of this hymn was Gerhard Tersteegen, a radical Pietist Lutheran. I love the thought of people crowding into his home to hear his sermons on any given day of the week, which apparently went for many hours, focused on personal devotion rather than complex doctrine. This poem, God himself is present, was translated by our own Honor Mary Thwaites, educated at Melbourne University.

Daniel Brace

Food for Bendigo Flood Relief

Many thanks to so many people for your generous contributions of groceries , including fresh fruit and vegetables, which we took up to Bendigo this past Monday.

We had the back of the car and the whole back seat loaded with all kinds of food. We met Rev Shannon Smith at Bendigo, who will share it all with the communities she supports, including the First Nations group in Robinvale. She was so grateful and called you all the Saints of St. Oswald's!!!!

She also passed on a message of grateful thanks from Bishop Matt from the Cathedral in Bendigo for your great generosity.

We are a wonderful giving parish. We will have more collections as people in the north of the state are still doing it very tough.

Congratulations and thanks to all.

Peter and Judy Johnson



Ravin' Ramblers Walk— 11am, 18th March 2023

Darebin Creek Parklands*

These parklands are just 7kms from Melbourne and provide a lovely place to walk in a tranquil setting.

Meeting: We will meet 11am at the end of Separation Street, Darebin (Melways 31 C9), turn left into the carpark.

Walking plan: In the morning we will have a short walk – less than 2 kms, though it is a bit tricky in places and there is a creek crossing on large flat stepping stones and a slightly steepish hill.

After lunch, for those who wish to, we will have a longer walk on the Darebin Creek Trail, which will take us to the Kew Billabong and the Yarra River, and return, about 5kms.

This is flat and walkers can go as far as they wish on this trail and return anytime.

We will find a place for coffee when the walk is done.

Please bring:

Lunch, Sunscreen, Hat, Water, Chair, Raincoat if the weather looks inclement.

Please let the Johnsons know if you are coming: this is important so we can notify you of any change of plan. ALL WELCOME.

Judy 0417 315 542

Peter 0417 548 896



Like the Israelites in today's first reading, we can sometimes lack trust and faith in God when we wander despairingly in the difficult times and, "wildernesses," of our lives. Like them we can also fail to learn from or remember previous times in our lives when God's unending providence, mercy and love did sustain us in challenging times.

I pray that we treasure and learn from the times God freely gave us the life giving, "water," of his love and mercy and have unerring faith and trust that he always shall.

- Pray that we can trust God and believe, even in times of wandering despair.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

Text: Dr Julie Lewis Holy Hermits Online St John's Cathedral, Brisbane
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Afternoon Tea-Set

Tuesday 14th March 2023

2 - 4 pm



Please join us for
an afternoon of friendship and conversation ...
and a cup of tea with tasty goodies.



We will meet at St Oswald's Hall
100 High Street, Glen Iris



Please bring along a small plate to share.

All welcome

Transport available if required



Contact Judy Johnson 0417 315 542

Or Gaye Loughrey 0437 235 527





Saturday, 6 May at 2 pm
Sakharov Hall, 72 Hotham Street
Holy Trinity-St Nicholas Church
Tickets \$25 at door, conc apply
Information 0412 806 034

**An afternoon of
Slavic and European music.**

Dvořák, Schubert, Rachmaninov and more.

With Rada Tochalna (soprano)

Rina D'Cruz (clarinet)

Phillip Hamilton (piano)

Daniel Brace (piano)

Paul (baritone)



Hymns, Collect and Readings

Processional Hymn Laudate 182

Capo 3: D Asus A D Bm Em7 A D Bm Em G F# D

1. From ash - es to the liv - ing font your Church must jour - ney, Lord, bap -
2. Through fas - ting, prayer, and cha - ri - ty your voice speaks deep with - in, re -

D A Bm A7 D Bm C D Asus A D

tised in grace, in grace re - newed by your most ho - ly word.
turn - ing us to ways of truth and turn - ing us from sin.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff with a capo 3. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system has two lines of lyrics. The second system has two lines of lyrics. The chords are indicated above the notes.

**From ashes to the living font
your Church must journey, Lord,
baptized in grace, in grace renewed
by your most holy word.**

**Through fasting, prayer and charity
your voice speaks deep within,
returning us to ways of truth
and turning us from sin.**

**For thirsting hearts let waters flow
our fainting souls revive;
and at the well your waters give
the everlasting life.**

**Through fasting, prayer and charity
your voice speaks deep within,
returning us to ways of truth
and turning us from sin.**

*Day's Psalter, 1652, adapted
by Richard Redhead (1820—1901)*

Sentence for the Day

'The water that I will give,' says the Lord, 'will become in you a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' John 4.14

Collect

**Gracious God,
out of your love and mercy
you breathed into dust the breath of life,
creating us to serve you and one another:
call forth our penitence and acts of love,
and strengthen us to face our mortality,
so that we may look with confidence for your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

[Exodus 17: 1—7]

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' ³ But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵ The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95

Colin Mawby



O come let us wor-ship and bow down and kneel be-fore our Ma-ker

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Cantor:

- ¹ O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving
and be glad in him with psalms. **R**
- ³ For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains are his also.
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land. **R**
- ⁶ Come, let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- ⁷ For he is our God;
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. **R**
- ⁸ O that today you would listen to his voice:
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
on that at Massah in the wilderness,
- ⁹ ‘When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof,
though they had seen my works. **R**
- ¹⁰ Forty years long I detested that generation and said,
“This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways.”
- ¹¹ ‘So I swore in my wrath,
“They shall not enter into my rest.”’ **R**

¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God.

Please stand



Plainchant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, - Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a plainchant style with a mix of eighth and quarter notes, some beamed together. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, - Al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating the syllables are spread across multiple notes. The word 'Plainchant' is written above the staff on the right side.

Gospel Acclamation “I am the light of the world”, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³ Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵ The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷ The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' ²¹ Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' ²⁵ The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' ²⁶ Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' ²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was

speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' ²⁸ Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' ³² But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' ³³ So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' ³⁴ Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' ³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

For the gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Offertory Hymn Laudate 203

Anne Conway, arranged
by Adrian Fish

Verses

1. As earth that is dry and parched in the sun lies wait - ing for rain, my soul is a des - ert, a - rid and waste; it longs for your word, O Lord.

Refrain

Come to the wa-ters, all you who thirst, come, now, and eat my bread.

1. As earth that is dry and parched in the sun lies waiting for the rain, my soul is the desert, arid and waste: it longs for your word, O Lord.

Refrain;

*Come to the waters,
all you who thirst,
come, now, and eat my bread*

2. Though you may have no money, come, buy my corn, and drink my red wine.
Why spend precious gold on what will not last?
Hear me and your soul will live.
3. As one on a journey strays from the road and falls in the dark,
my mind is a wanderer, choosing wrong paths and longing to find a star.

4. The Lord is your light, the Lord Is your strength;
turn back to him now,
for his ways are not the ways you would choose,
and his thoughts are always new.

5. As rain from the mountains falls on the land
and brings forth the seed,
the word of the Lord sinks deep in our hearts,
creating the flower of truth.

*Anne Conway from Isaiah 55: 1, 2, 6, 9, 12
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Recessional Hymn TiS 121

**God himself is present,
let us now adore him
as with awe we come before him.
God is in our midst, now
in our hearts keep silence,
worshipping in deepest reverence.
Him we know,
him we name,
come and let us make him
our renewed surrender.**

**O majestic Being,
I would praise you duly
and my service render to you
in the selfsame spirit
as the holy angels,
ever standing in your presence.
Grant me now
so to strive
evermore to please you,
dearest God, in all things.**

**Let your glorious light, Lord,
permeating all things,
reach my face and eyes and touch them;
as the tender flowers
open out their petals,
to the sun their hearts unfolding,
so may I,
calm in joy,
hold your rays from heaven,
power within me working.**

**Lord, make me your dwelling,
let my heart and spirit
be for you an earthly temple:
come, Immediate Being,
my whole life illumine,
so I'll always praise and love you,
so where'er
I may be
there I may perceive you,
ever bow before you.**

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