

Parish Press

Sunday May 4th, 2025

Sentence

Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.' John 8.12

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
through your only Son you overcame death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection,
may, through the renewing power of your Spirit,
rise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

Acts 9.1-6 (7-20)	Page 97
Psalms 30	Page 392
Revelation 5.6-14	Page 195
John 8.12-20	Page 77

Today's services are

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Family Communion Service followed by morning tea

5pm Evensong followed by wine and cheese

This week we pray for all who live in Victoria Crescent, Mont Albert

**"The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand."
(Psalms 37.23-24)**

Fr Jim Reflection

Repeatedly in St John's Gospel Jesus speaks of himself, and is spoken of, as the light. To describe Jesus in terms of light is to speak in a religious language which is universal. It may well be true to say that light was the first thing which humans worshipped, for in the most primitive of all religions the Sun is often the first of all the gods.

For all of us there is a sense in which light represents security and darkness is something to fear. But in the days of the Fourth Gospel the concept of Jesus as the light was especially relevant for it grew out of, and appealed to, both the background from which the gospel sprang and those at which it was aimed.

The concept of Jesus as the light of the world has roots in the Old Testament. The psalmist sings: ***The Lord is my light and my salvation.***

And in Isaiah we read:

***The sun shall be no more your light by day
Nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night
But the Lord will be your everlasting light.*** Isaiah 60.19

So religion in that context is thought of in terms of light because it is Israel's calling to be a light to the Gentiles.

Greek mysticism knew about the connection between God and light, and this idea is also present in the Dead Sea Scrolls of the Qumran community. The title of one of them is The War of the Sons of Light and the sons of Darkness.

It is almost impossible to turn to any background of the New Testament in which the dualism of light and darkness does not appear, and in which God and the light are not intimately connected.

It is with all this as background (and more which is the subject of today's sermon) that Jesus said: I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

Fr Jim.

Welcome Fr Jim

Fr Jim will be joining us for the next 3 weeks.

Election Stall

A huge thank you to everyone who baked and served at yesterday's election stalls. It was a great day and all your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Men's Breakfast

Just a reminder that our next Men's Breakfast is coming up on the 10th of May at Chit Chat cafe at 8.30am. Nigel Cooper will share his experiences migrating from the UK to New Zealand to Australia, and occasional humorous happenings.

Tastes and Treasures at Trinity Market

The next Treasures and Trinity Market is coming up on Saturday May 17th. Please mark this date in your diary, and don't forget to invite your family and friends. For more details, please contact our Market Coordinator Natasha. treasuresandtastes@gmail.com

Set up is 3pm on Friday

Youth Group

Join us for our next Youth Group on the 18th of May from 5-6pm. Don't miss out on a great night of games and challenges! Friends are welcome. For more information, email Claire at office@holytrinity.sh

Parish Prayer List

Helen Burston, Stephen Binns, William Stewart (Stu) Parry, Robyn Foskett, Thelma Fiddymont, Rachel Hayman, Bruce Knox, Helen Morris, John and Sally James, Pam Dewar, Edith Jenkins, Sue Hand, Ann Constable, Gwen Jackson, Verna Hubert, Hayden Daley, Sue Brown, Rosemary Parker, Joy Hayman.

We remember

We give you thanks for your servants in every age. Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of your kingdom. Henry Saba, Clarence Gauder, Isabel Grummet, Alwyn Robert Charlesworth, Charles Thick, Kenneth Hasler, Edwin Liversidge, Constance Thick.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Monday

9-1pm Office Hours

Wednesday

10am Service of Thanksgiving
and Healing followed by
morning tea

2.30-4.30pm Office Hours

Thursday

10am Parish Prayer Service
7-10pm Choir Practice

Sunday

8am Holy Communion
9.30am Sung Holy Communion
followed by morning tea

Readings this week

Monday John 6.22-29

Tuesday John 6.30-35

Wednesday John 6.35-40

Thursday John 6.44-51

Friday John 6.52-59

Saturday John 6.60-69

Sunday Acts 9.36-43

Psalms 23

Revelations 7.9-17

John 10.22-30

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