

All Saints Anglican Church Preston

Welcome to Worship

If you are new or just visiting, make yourself at home.

We are a gathered multi nation group of Anglicans who worship in English, Mandarin, and Nuber/Arabic.

You may like to complete a card so that you may be included on the Parish Roll or if you wish to speak with one of the priests.

The 9.00am Eucharist is celebrated in the St Cecilia Chapel.

Following Eucharists at 10.30am and 2.00pm we have refreshments in the Hall.

The seasonal order of service booklet and this leaflet has the prayers we use and in the red hymn book you will find the hymns for today.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST 23 August 2026

The Prayer for the Day

We pray together,

O God, fount of all wisdom,

**in the humble witness of the apostle Peter
you have shown the foundation of our faith:**

give us the light of your Spirit,

that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth

the Son of the living God, we may be living stones

for the building up of your holy Church;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the

Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymns and Songs

Setting:	757
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First	179
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Gradual	569
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Offertory	432
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Communion	Nubian
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After Comm	538
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Final	670
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News and Information

Next Sunday 30th August.

There will be one Eucharist at 10.30am, for all three congregations next week. Different parts of our worship in English, Mandarin and Arabic. You will be able to follow each part with the dual translation order of service booklet.

Our Eucharist will be followed by the Lunch in the Hall. Cost is \$2 per person to assist with costs. If you have not registered for lunch please do so TODAY. Add your name to the list on the information table. This will assist with catering.

Anglican Church Calendar Order your 2027 by adding your name to the list on the Information table. Calendars cost \$20 payable on delivery.

Parish Electoral Roll Please complete the application on the information table if you would like your name added to the Electoral Roll of the Parish.

A Reading from Exodus 1: 8 – 2: 10

Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land."

Therefore, they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour.

They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live."

But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Hear the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 124

We say the Psalm together:

If the Lord had not been on our side, now may Israel say:

if the Lord had not been on our side, when our enemies rose against us,

Then they would have swallowed us alive:

when their anger was kindled against us.

Then the waters would have overwhelmed us, and the torrent gone over us:

the raging waters would have gone clean over us.

But praised be the Lord: who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler:

the snare is broken, and we have gone free.

Our help is in the name of the Lord: who has made heaven and earth.

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans 12: 1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Hear the Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia. You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. **Alleluia, Alleluia**

Matthew's Gospel 16: 13-20

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

+++Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

For the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Our Prayers and Intercessions

Response to the Intercessions:

Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those in need:

(Names may be added in the Prayer Request Book on the information table)

Taz, Evanthia, Nicholas, Jeanette, Andrew, Duhitra, Mihai, Florian, Gheorght, Florica, John, Lidia, Pina, Renata, Kim, Pam, Bronwyn, Marrian, Nabla, Mina, Maner, Nidian, Niven, Mary, Hedra, Manny, Mary, Tina, Evelyn, Sally, Dilhan, Bel, Rap, Pam, George.

Year's Mind for the Departed:

Joan McCowat, Percival Robinson, Loris Badrock, Grace Tacey, Ailsa Nolte, William Allen, Emma Mears, Oceanar Green, Rose Garside.

Our Giving last Sunday

Source	Giving	Budget
0900	\$ 260.00	\$ 192.30
1030	\$ 933.00	\$ 769.23
1400	\$ 560.00	\$ 288.45
Total	<u>\$1753.00</u>	<u>\$1249.98</u>
Op Shop	\$ 1181.67	\$ 998.80

Receiving Communion

*All are welcome to come forward to receive
Communion or to receive a blessing.*

Wine is distributed using two Chalices:

*The first, if you wish to drink from the
common cup, and the second, if you wish
to intinct your bread.*

Views and Actions

Can you see your own vocation within the Church?

The gospel starts with a question about identity. Jesus wants to know who people think he is and what they call him. Peter correctly names Jesus as the Messiah.

Jesus observes that Peter's ability to recognize him as he truly is, is a gift from God. He then reveals to Peter what God is calling Peter to be, a foundation for the Church by leading it and building up the community of disciples on earth.

Our faith calls us to more than just a job. We believe that each person has a vocation or a particular calling from God about how to live life in order to build the kingdom of God. This can be done through our work, but it is also about the way we live our lives. The Church is to be a house of salvation where the gospel of peace resounds and the faithful on their pilgrim journey are formed and fed in order to reach the eternal Jerusalem.

Do you see our parish within this definition?

What can you do to help the parish achieve this?

Pray, giving thanks for the nourishment you find in Christ Jesus.

Vicar:

Archdeacon Michael Hopkins 0439 305 827

Assistant Priest:

Fr Prashant Bhonsle 0457 876 622

Fr Fan Zhang 0431 254 480

Churchwarden:

Mandie Emmett 0401 252 649

WiFi Access:

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How to Give

Envelopes are available for your weekly giving. See Mandie Emmett or one of the clergy, for a set.

Online Banking is also available:

Anglican Parish of Jika Jika

BSB: 083 202

Account: 7528 50956

Reference: 'Your Surname'