



From Rev Canon Maree

† **Holy Communion:** Home communion will be given today. Please pray for our extended faith community.

Rev Canon Maree



Also this Week:

Monday 9am	Morning prayer followed by Lenten Study at 9.30am
Wednesday	Lollypops playgroup 10 - 12
Thursday	SRE in schools
Friday	Reverend Maree's day off

† Mission for March – Anglican Board of Mission (ABM)

Readings 24 & 31 March	Isaiah 55, 1-9	Psalm 63, 1-9
	1 Corinthians 10, 1-13	Luke 13, 31-35
	Joshua 5, 2-12	Psalm 32
	2 Corinthians 5, 16-21	Luke 15, 11-32

AGM – many thanks to those who held office in 2018 and congratulations to our Resource Committee for 2019. Members are:

Chris Walker (Secretary) Jim Parslow Treasurer) Joy Jolly (Mission Secretary) Rev Daphne Turnbull, Gail Iles, Gina Parslow (warden) Bob Whelan (warden) Daphney Whelan (Priest's warden) This year we also elected Synod reps – Jim Parslow, Gina Parslow, Doris Dumbrill and Presentation Board reps – Daphney Whelan, Doris Dumbrill, Jim Parslow, Pam Wilson

Baptism -Bentley James Victor Williams. Parents Maddison O'Hara and Danny Williams
Godparents Kaitlyn Dodd, Liam O'Hara, Brianna Barwick and Thomas Evans.

Welcome to Bentley and all who come this morning to witness this Baptism. May you know God, love and mercy in your lives together.

You are invited to morning tea in the hall following service. Canon Maree.

Coming up – Market Day March 23rd 2019 Election Day. Please bring along any cooking Saturday morning and bric-a-brac any time. Also having a BBQ on the day. Please see Reverend Maree or Daphney Whelan for any further information.



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Today's Scripture Readings – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15, 1-2,17-18	Psalm 27
Philippians 3, 17-4.1	Luke 13, 1-9

Lent and Easter

Terry and I are often asked if we are “going away for Easter?” Well, of course not!

We are ministering in the parish in Lent and Easter. A strange question to ask a priest really! Lots of people go away camping, or just visiting, taking the opportunity of a long weekend. Many try to capture the perfect weekend I suppose. Rest, relaxation and great times! That's a perfect Easter, I guess.

But for Christians we are also called to repentance. A strange word we wouldn't use in our everyday lives (well not many of us would). It's a hard sell. Repentance can often be associated with guilt, of not doing enough or not measuring up. It's about clearing away all that keeps us from being the people that God has called. People of freedom and overflowing abundant life! Calling us to a better relationship with God and with each other. If we clog up our lives with guilt and fear and the like, then we will not be hopeful or joyful or filled with life.

Lent is calling us to start to unclog everything that stops us from being who we truly are. Loved and cherished!

Many blessings as we travel Lent together in hope. Amen.

Reverend Maree