



From Rev Canon Maree

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

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Also this Week:

Tuesday		MU service 9.30am followed by meeting in rectory
Wed	9am 10-12 6pm	Morning prayer. List for those requiring prayers in foyer. First name only please Lollypops
Thursday		Ash Wednesday service
Friday		SRE in schools Reverend Maree's day off

† Mission for Month: Anglican Board Mission (ABM)

Reading for 10 & 17 March	Deuteronomy 26, 1-11 Romans 10, 4-13	Psalm 91, 1-2, 9-16 Luke 4, 1-15
	Genesis 15, 1-12, 17-18 Philippians 3, 17-4.1	Psalm 27 Luke 13, 1-9

ABM is the national mission agency of the Anglican Church of Australia, working with overseas and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities. They have a holistic view of God's mission and work with Anglican Church partners and others to see lives empowered and transformed spiritually, materially and socially. They take their inspiration from the example of Christ who modelled love and compassion for others. Please pray for them and donate generously

Coming up –

4th March – Mothers Union resumes 9.30am service followed by meeting in the rectory
6th March Ash Wednesday service for imposition of ashes
10th March AGM following service. I will also be preaching in the Cathedral at Evensong 6pm

LENT

Ash Wednesday begins our Lenten journey.

Lent Reflections.

I will be using a Lenten study this year called “Transforming Repentance: Coming Home to God” by Scott Evans. Copies will be available in the foyer.

We will be having Lenten reflections starting on MONDAY 11th MARCH at 9.30am for 4 weeks. Please note – MONDAY is the reflections

Morning prayer will be 9am on Monday before the reflection (transferred from Wednesdays during Lent).

EASTER

Palm/Passion Sunday 14th April

Chrim Mass at Christ Church Cathedral 17th April at 10am. This will take the form of reflections and then the chrim service.

Maundy Thursday 18th

Good Friday 19th

Easter Sunder with Baptism 21st



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Today's Scripture Readings – Last Sunday after Epiphany

Exodus 34, 20-35	Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3. 12-4.2	Luke 9, 28-36

23rd March – Election Day



The Polling Booth will be held in our Hall.

We are going to use this day to have a “mini market”.

If you have anything that could be used please bring to the church and we can store in the office until the day.

Or, if you could do some cooking for a stall that would be very much appreciated.

If you are cooking:

NO icing or cream is allowed because we have no refrigeration. Best sellers are slices, bar cakes, cookies and pikelets. Anything home made really sells well!

Cooking needs to be labelled with ingredients and the date cooked.

Any pickles or jams need to be in a vacuum sealed jar.

Annual General Meeting following service 10th March. Nomination forms in foyer for:



Resource Committee (bi-monthly meeting after Sunday service).

2 Wardens

4 Presentation Board (meets only when Rectory vacates - 3 year term)

3 Synod Reps (meets once a year - 3 year term)

TRANSFIGURATION – A TIME TO LISTEN!

I wonder if we ever truly listen? I actually think that as people we just hang into a conversation waiting for a break, so that we can then add our story or our news! Never really listening to what others are saying.

I wonder if we ever truly listen to Jesus?

I think we listen when he says things that are uplifting, but when Jesus says things that are contrary to what we want to hear, we turn a deaf ear.

We fail to actually hear Jesus because we practise the art of “selective listening” and often people tend to put their own “spin” on Jesus’ words, so that it fits our expectations.

I wonder how many of us can listen to Jesus’s words without adding our own words of explanation? Today, Jesus is transfigured before the 3 disciples. They too, didn’t listen and Peter wanted to build a booth to hold the moment, missing the point.

God saves the day! He tells them this is my beloved son, LISTEN TO HIM!

Let us take time this Lent to not only reflect and repent but to LISTEN to each other, to our community and most importantly LISTEN TO GOD