

# The 137th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church 1 October 2023

St Mary Magdalene's  
Anglican Church

Founded 1886



**Acknowledgement of Country.** As a community, we recognise that the church is built and our worship is offered on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people, and close to Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square), which is still an important meeting place for the Kaurna people today. We express our gratitude in the sharing of this land; our sorrow for the personal, spiritual and cultural costs of that sharing; and our hope that we may walk together in harmony, in the spirit of Reconciliation.

A ministry of prayer for healing and wholeness will be offered in the Holy Innocents Chapel during the Communion of the People.

When the bell rings, all stand and sing the hymn

GATHER US IN

1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing, Now is the dark - ness  
2. We are the young, our lives are a mys - tery; We are the old who  
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, Here we will take the  
4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing, Not in some hea - ven  
va - nished a - way, See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,  
yearn for your face; We have been sung through - out all of his - tory,  
bread of new birth, Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a way,- But here in this place the new light is shin - ing,  
Brought here to you in the light of this day. Gath-er us in, the  
Called to be light to the whole hu - man race. Gath-er us in, the  
Call us a - new to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the  
Now is the king - dom, now is the day. Gath-er us in and  
lost and for - sak - en; Gath-er us in, the blind and the lame; Call to us now and  
rich and the haugh - ty; Gath-er us in, the proud and the strong; Give us a heart so  
wine of com - pas - sion, Give us to eat the bread that is you; Nour-ish us well, and  
hold us for - ev - er; Gath-er us in and make us your own; Gath-er us in, all  
we shall a - wak - en, We shall a - rise at the sound of our name. \_\_\_\_\_  
meek and so low - ly, Give us the cour - age to en - ter the song. \_\_\_\_\_  
teach us to fash - ion Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. \_\_\_\_\_  
peo - ples to - geth - er, Fire of love in our flesh and our bones. \_\_\_\_\_

Marty Haugen b.1950

Genesis 28.17, 22

## Entrance Antiphon

The choir sings

How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God,  
and this is the gate of heaven. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.  
My soul is longing and yearning for the courts of the Lord.

## Invocation and Greeting

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The grace and peace of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Penitential Act

The choir sings

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

The priest, deacon, or another minister says

The Lord is in the midst of all who gather in his name,  
and call upon him in truth.

Silence. Then all say

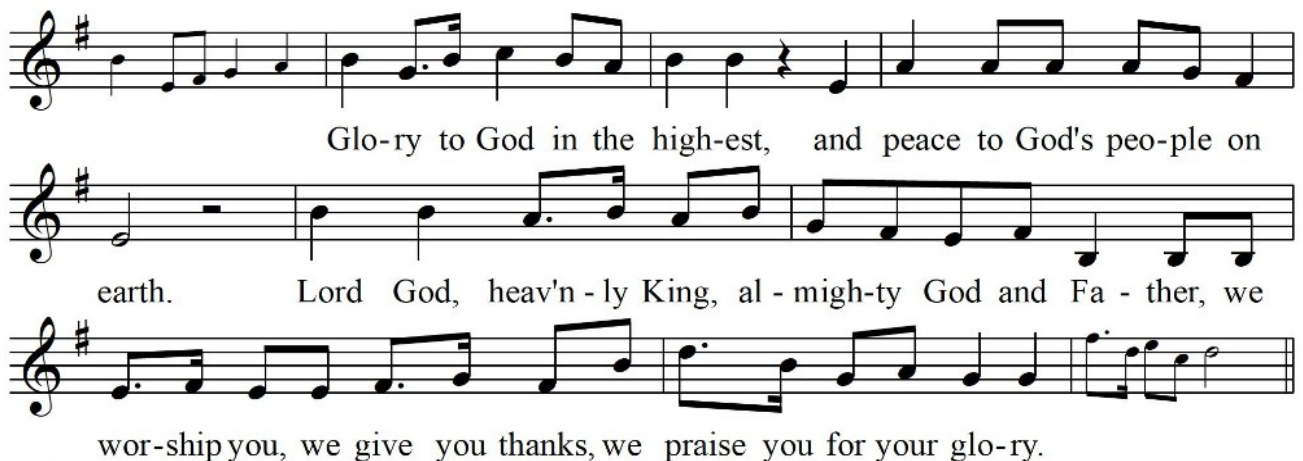
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The priest says:

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness  
to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon ✠ you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on  
earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we  
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are  
 seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer. For  
 you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone  
 are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi-rit,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Collect

Let us pray.

Bountiful God,

to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer:

we praise you for the many blessings

you have given to those who worship here,

and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,

and being filled with the Holy Spirit

may become a living temple acceptable to you,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

1 Kings 8.22–30

A reading from the first book of Kings.

Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, ‘O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, “There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.” Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there," that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.'

For the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Psalm 122



**R** I was o-ver-joyed, Al-le-lu - ia! when they said 'Come with us to the house of the Lord.'

- 1 Jerusalem our home, Alleluia!  
there God's people God to bow before his throne **R**
- 2 For Israel's law, decreed by God eternal, calls us to his temple, Alleluia!  
there to praise and bless his name for evermore. **R**
- 3 My prayer for Jerusalem is that peace may reign within her walls, Alleluia!  
and I pray for love of you that you her peace may share. **R**

## Second Reading

1 Peter 2.4-10

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Come to the Lord, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,' and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

For the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Ezekiel 37.27

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

I shall make my home among them, says the Lord;

I will be their God, they shall be my people.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**



The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, "It is written,

'My house shall be called a house of prayer,'  
but you are making it a den of robbers."

The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did and heard the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read,

'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies  
you have prepared praise for yourself?'"

For the Gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Fr Steven Ogden

Profession of Faith

*All stand.*

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life for the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

*The priest may say*

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

*The prayers may conclude*

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Greeting of Peace**

We are the body of Christ.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Offertory Antiphon**

*1 Chronicles 29.17, 18*

*The choir sings*

Lord God, in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people who are present here offering freely and joyously to you. Lord God of Israel, keep forever the hearts of your people.

*All stand to sing the chant, during which a Collection will be taken up.*

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (F major), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "I was glad when they said un-to me, Let us go in-to the house of the Lord;" for the first system, and "I was glad when they said un-to me, Let us go in-to the house of the Lord." for the second system. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

When all is prepared, the priest says,

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

**May the Lord accept our sacrifice  
for the praise and glory of God's name,  
for our good, and the good of all God's holy Church.**

### Prayer over the Offerings

Eternal God,  
in Jesus Christ we behold your glory.  
Receive the offering of your people gathered before you,  
and open our hearts and mouths  
to praise your great salvation,  
the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

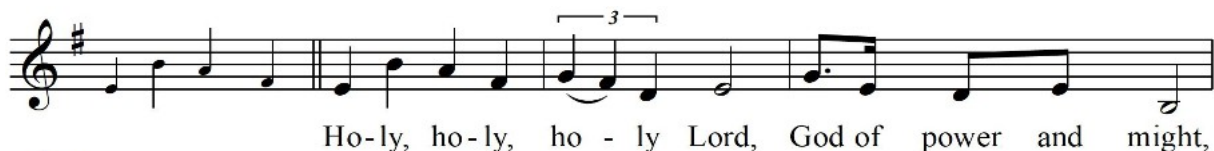
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

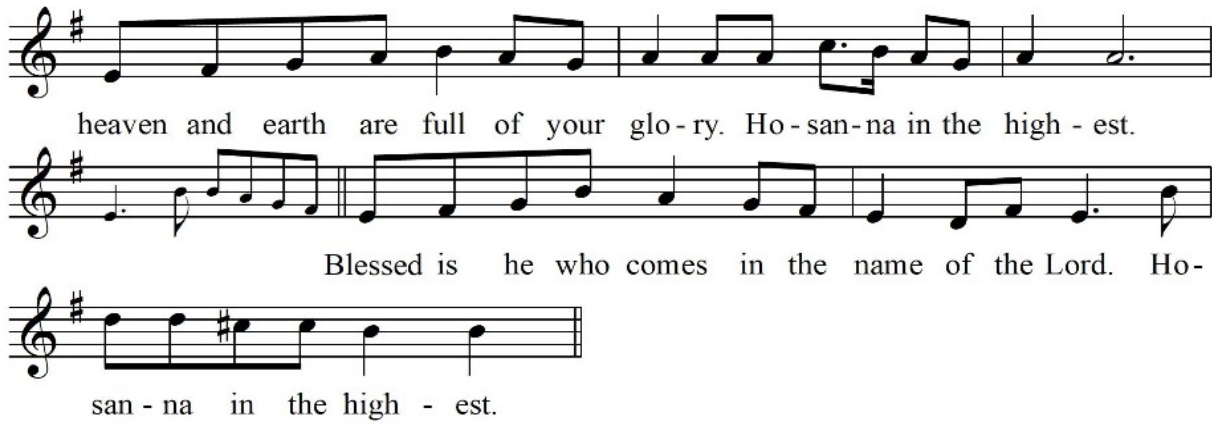
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You have allowed our human hands to build an earthly dwelling  
where you never refuse to show your people favour  
on their pilgrimage to you.  
Here in sacramental signs  
you manifest and accomplish  
the mystery of your dwelling among us.  
Here you shape us as your holy temple  
and build up the whole Church,  
which is the very body of Christ.  
Thus you bring closer to fulfilment  
the heavenly city Jerusalem,  
the vision of your peace.

And so, with all the angels and saints,  
we bless you in the temple of your glory  
and join in their chorus of praise:





heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
 san-na in the high-est.

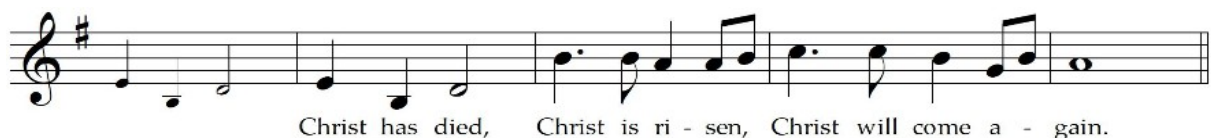
Lord, you are holy indeed,  
 you are the fountain of all holiness.

In communion with the whole Church,  
 we have assembled on this day which you have made holy,  
 and, rejoicing that you have made us a new creation in your risen Son,  
 we pray:  
 Send down your Spirit upon these gifts to make them holy,  
 that they may become for us  
 the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Before he was given up to death,  
 a death he freely accepted,  
 he took bread and gave you thanks;  
 he broke the bread,  
 gave it to his disciples, and said:  
 Take this, all of you, and eat it:  
 this is my Body, which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup;  
 again he gave you thanks,  
 gave the cup to his disciples, and said:  
 Take this, all of you, and drink from it:  
 this is the Cup of my Blood,  
 the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
 It will be shed for you and for all,  
 so that sins may be forgiven.  
 Do this in memory of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died, Christ is ri-sen, Christ will come a-gain.

Remembering therefore his death and resurrection,  
 we offer you, Lord God,  
 this life-giving bread, this saving cup.  
 We thank you for counting us worthy  
 to stand in your presence and serve you.



We pray that all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world:  
perfect us in love together with Geoffrey our Primate and Bishop,  
with all bishops, priests, and deacons,  
and all who minister to your people.

Remember our brothers and sisters  
who have gone to their rest  
in the sure hope of rising again;  
bring them and all who have died in your mercy  
into the light of your presence.

Have mercy on us all:  
make us worthy to share eternal life,  
with Mary, the virgin Mother of God,  
with Mary Magdalene and all the saints,  
who have found favour with you throughout the ages;  
in union with them  
may we praise you and give you glory  
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through whom, with whom, in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honours is yours,  
almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE COMMUNION RITE

### The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come,  
your will be done on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us  
from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the bread, saying

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

**for we all share in the one bread.**

While the bread is broken Agnus Dei is sung.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us. —



## Invitation to Communion

The priest says

Behold the Lamb of God,

behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

All receive Holy Communion, or a blessing, as they prefer. Please approach in single file, returning via the side aisles.

Those who are not to receive the Blessed Sacrament are invited to unite themselves with Jesus by making a Spiritual Communion.

## Act of Spiritual Communion

St Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

During Communion, the choir sings

*Locus iste a Deo factus est,  
inaestimabile sacramentum,  
irreprehensibilis est.*

This place was made by God,  
a priceless sacrament;  
it is without reproach.

Cf. Genesis 28.16, Exodus 3.5  
Music: Anton Bruckner 1824-96

## Communion Antiphon

Matthew 21.13

The choir sings

My house will be called a house of prayer, says the Lord;  
everyone who asks here, will receive, and all who seek will find,  
and to all who knock, it will be opened.

## Prayer after Communion

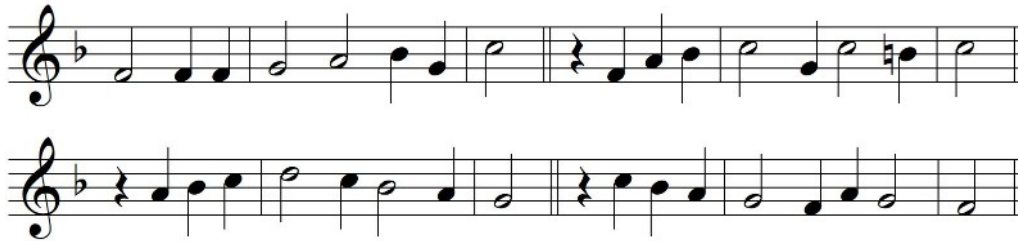
Let us pray.

Father, you have given us this time of joy  
and have nourished us in heavenly things.

Grant that we may show in our lives the love of Christ,  
who is our God and Saviour. **Amen.**

All stand to sing the Postcommunion hymn.

SONG 34



- Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.
- 2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;  
Kingship with him his servants gain;  
With Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,  
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.
- 3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth,  
The world of time to consecrate,  
The world of sin by grace to heal,  
Christ's world in Christ to recreate.
- 4 Christ's are our lips, his word we speak;  
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim  
Christ's truth in love that we may be  
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.
- 5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show  
That in his Church all nations find  
Their hearth and home where Christ restores  
True peace, true love, to humankind.

James Quinn SJ, 1919-2010

## Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

May Christ, our sure foundation,  
whose glory is in the heavens,  
fill this house and illuminate your hearts;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The priest, deacon, or another minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Fr Steven writes ... Adults Only – expressions of interest

As we get older, we learn to look at life in new ways. In fact, one of the gifts of getting older is the freedom to make decisions to explore new ways. When it comes to faith, typically, there is a greater and deeper sense of the mystery of life. As Anglicans, we see mystery as grounded in the divine. Of course, the mystery of the divine is not the exclusive preserve of the church. We also discover mystery in nature, friendship, and love.

Increasingly, as we mature, relationships become more important. We are less concerned with dogma or winning dogmatic arguments. Yes, it is mystery, relationships, and love that count. In fact, we could summarise the importance of the life and ministry of Jesus in those three terms: mystery, relationships, and love. And this is where the sacraments come in.

A sacrament is a symbol that opens us up to the experience of divine mystery. This is the God who works from the inside out, establishing deeper connections with our selves and our world. In this context, I am inviting expressions of interest in **an adult confirmation discussion group**. This includes those who have not been baptised, baptised but not confirmed, those who have been members of other denominations and wish to be formally received into the Anglican church, and others who would like a chance to explore and re-affirm their faith.

In a few weeks, I will invite those interested to meet with me after Mass to work out some of the practical details (Where? When? How?). You'll have a say in the creation of the course, which entails engagement with our tradition (where have we come from?) and exploration of our life ahead (where are we going?)

These groups are usually fantastic discussion groups, because of the combination of life-experience and a courage to explore the things that matter. In this context, the sacraments are not relics from the past, but transformative symbols for the here and now. In many ways, the sacrament is a rite of passage to the life we feel called to.

Please let me know if you are interested.

Fr Steven

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## Today – the Dedication Festival

Churches all have a “dedication festival”, the date on which the building was set apart for the service and worship of God. The precise use of the term is fairly flexible, ranging from the laying of the foundation stone, to the opening of the building for worship, and then on to the “consecration” of the building, which takes place when it is free of debt.

At St Mary Magdalene's, these dates are 18 December 1886 (the laying of the foundation stone of “St John's Mission Chapel of Ease”), 12 March 1887 (the opening of the building for worship) and 4 May 1893 (the consecration of the church under the title of St Mary Magdalene).

As all of these dates fall within the seasons of the church when Sunday worship must be of the season (the first in Advent, the second in Lent, the third in Easter time), it has long been our custom (as it is with churches where the anniversary dates are also in these “privileged” seasons, or are unknown) to celebrate the anniversary of the Dedication on a Sunday in October.

So today we give thanks for the vision of the founders of the church, and for the generations of faithful people who have lived and worked to realise its mission to the poor and marginalised of the city since 1886.

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## **Donations for the Magdalene Centre – what is and is not accepted!**

Thanks to all those people who place donations in the baskets at the back of the church. This year Philip White has resumed the role of delivering these donations to The Magdalene Centre.

It has been quite a long while since a list of suggestions for donations has been circulated, so The Magdalene Centre has confirmed the following list:

- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Canned vegetables, soup, pasta, pasta sauce, and rice
- Coffee, Tea, Sugar, and long-life milk
- Cereal, canned meat and veg, Instant Noodles.
- Hygiene Products.
- New Clothes

These are the things they will accept, but they are not necessarily all equally convenient for me as the deliverer. Although The Magdalene Centre welcomes donations of fresh fruit and vegetable and other perishable foods, these do need to be fresh. It is probably safer to take any such donations direct to The Magdalene Centre (82 Gilbert St, Adelaide).

Before COVID, The Magdalene Centre used to accept second hand clothes in good condition, but apparently they only take new clothes now. Please do not bring donations of these items to St Mary Magdalene's – they can be directed to a Salvos store or a charity clothing bin.

Please keep up the donations of the non-perishable items on the above list. We usually wait for donations to accumulate a bit, but will try to deliver them at least monthly, and generally more frequently than that.

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## **Royal School of Church Music SA Spring Festival – Saturday 14 October**

The RSCM Spring Festival will be held on **Saturday 14 October** and will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Tudor composer William Byrd. We have agreed to host this event which will consist of an all day workshop followed by **Evensong at 5 pm**. The collection plate will be offered to the Parish.

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## **Chants Encounters – Sunday 22 October**

The Parish is hosting three workshops in the theory and performance of “plainchant”, also called “plainsong”, a body of musical chants used in the liturgies of the Western Church. Plainsong was the exclusive form of Christian church music until the ninth century, and is still used in a liturgical setting in many places around the world – including at St Mary Magdalene's, where chant is sung every week. Our thanks to director Richard Black (a skilled performer and teacher of chant) for his enthusiastic and knowledgeable leadership of the group. The group plans to sing a plainsong setting of Compline on Sunday 22 October at 5 pm following the third workshop. This will be a public service, and all are welcome.

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## Polkinghorne Oration - Thursday 5 October

The Polkinghorne Oration is named for two South Australian missionaries who have used their education and ministry gifts to assist others in coping with the impact of climate on food production and the environment. Brian and Jill Polkinghorne served as Congregational church missionaries from 1970, working with the World Council of Churches in Tanzania at the YMCA Farm School, teaching basic agricultural and horticultural methodologies and then working with the Catholic Church to develop the Kilacha Agricultural Production and Training Centre.

In 1989 they returned to Tanzania, with Jill teaching and working with a street children's centre and Brian working on an Australian government partnership project called the 'Kwimba Reforestation Project' that eventually planted 6.7 million trees, with a 70% establishment rate. Brian also established a chicken farm at Kilacha, that was highly successful.

The Polkinghornes have been strong advocates for the environment and as members of the Uniting Church Environmental Action Group, and past leaders of UCFAMS, Jill and Brian have been tireless in challenging our response to the climate emergency as members of the Uniting Church. It is most fitting that this oration be titled 'The Polkinghorne Oration.'

The title of the 2023 oration is Oceans of Justice and Rivers of Fairness - A Pacific Voice in the Wilderness, and the orator is the Revd James Bhagwan. James writes:

*Do you know what I want? I want justice—oceans of it. I want fairness—rivers of it. That's what I want. That's all I want. (Amos 5:24)*

*Following the theme of the 2023 Season of Creation, our yarning/talanoa will explore what the theme means for our Blue Pacific Continent as we continue to struggle for whole of life Self-determination, as we face the global challenges of climate crisis, indo-pacific geopolitics and regional issues around a push for deep sea mining, and increasing labour mobility. In the face of these challenges, how do Pacific and Australian Churches: First Peoples, Second Peoples and Diaspora along our oceanic communities of faith voyage together for political, economic, social, ecological and cultural self-determination that affirms Jesus' vision of life in abundance for all?*

Rev James Bhagwan is an ordained Methodist Minister in Fiji and was appointed in 2018, as the General Secretary of the Pacific Conference of Churches, whose membership includes the Uniting Church in Australia. James has spoken widely on the impact of Climate Change on the Pacific Island communities, having addressed Past-President, Dr Deidre Palmer's Assembly President's Conference "For the Whole of Creation" in 2019 and in 2021 addressing the United Nations Climate Change Conference on human security and Climate change. His podcasts on this issue can be heard on "The Last Wave" on the United Nations Development Program website or on Spotify.

This event is sponsored by UCFAMS (Uniting Church Fellowship & Mission Support) in partnership with Churches Together SA, EAG (Environmental Action Group) and ELC (Effective Living Centre).

# Polkinghorne Oration 2023

*Rev James Bhagwan*

**General Secretary of the Pacific Conference of Churches**



## **Oceans of Justice & Rivers of Fairness A Pacific Voice in the Wilderness**

International "Roving Rev James", raises our awareness of pollution, rising sea levels, threat to marine ecology, & the People & Culture of the Pacific.

**Thursday Oct 5th**

**7pm \$15**

Concordia College Chapel  
24 Winchester Street, Highgate  
RSVP through the QR code



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## SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

**Thursday** 12 noon Angelus; 12.10 pm Mass (traditional rite)

**Sunday** 10 am Sung Mass with children's ministry and choir

Mass is offered at St Peter's Cathedral Monday to Friday at 7.30 am, and on Wednesday at 10 am.

Inquiries about Baptisms and Weddings to Fr Steven Ogden.

Confessions or confidential personal time with a priest are always available on request.

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## Regular Giving and Donations

Financial support for our mission and ministry through electronic funds transfer (EFT) is an efficient way of making regular contributions to your congregation. Regular giving helps us plan for the future and ensures you continue offering support when you can't make it to Church.

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## The Magdalene Centre

82 Gilbert Street, Adelaide Tel (08) 8305 9389

Non-perishable food for those in need can be left in the baskets at the back of the church or delivered to the Magdalene Centre from 12 noon to 3 pm, Monday to Friday.

Donations of cash are welcome via <https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/>.

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## The Collective of St Mary Magdalene (Mary Mags Dinner)

Pray for all those who receive the Collective's weekly support, and who are seeking meals and companionship at other times during the week.

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## Directory

Parish Priest: The Revd Dr Steven Ogden

*Fr Steven's appointment is part-time. His days on duty are Tuesday to Thursday and Sunday.*

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## Next Sunday, 8 October, at 10 am – The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20 • Psalm 19 • Philippians 3.4b-14 • Matthew 21.33-46

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## For Your Prayers

Pray for responsible leadership among the nations; pray for an end to violence and oppression; pray for peace and justice, especially for refugees, asylum seekers, and those seeking places of safety and security.

Pray for all those who are troubled in body, mind or spirit, especially Paull, Sim, Jasmin, John Edwards (priest), Peter Garland (priest), John Parkes (bishop), Stephan Clark (priest), Mark, Nance, Neil, Elaine, Edward, Neil, Hugh, Bart O'Donovan (priest) and Prue O'Donovan (Priest).

Pray for those who have died: those who have worked and worshipped in this place before us; those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. † *Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*