Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 20 June 2021



"Who... is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" (Mark 4: 41)

FROM THE VICAR

"All those interminable 'Sundays after Trinity'!" a priest once heard a member of a parish say. Since the 're-ordering' of liturgical seasons, we might instead now hear of 'those interminable Sundays after Pentecost'; or 'all those dreary *Ordinary* Sundays'. But the Sundays between Trinity and Advent give us a chance for a deeper and closer look at the God we say we follow: to be drawn more into the mystery.

Since last Sunday, just as 'Covid matters' in our city appear to be improving somewhat, we've also seen parts of the state experiencing the full and brutal force of the power of nature, as storms brought down trees, destroying houses, disrupting electricity supplies, blocking roads and even making water undrinkable.

In today's gospel reading, the disciples face the force and fury of nature. But, when Jesus 'rebukes' the wind, and calms the sea, the disciples don't seem to feel much better off: already terrified by the storm, they are then equally terrified that Jesus has simply ordered it to stop. "Who is this?", they ask in awe and wonder. When Jesus asks them, 'Why are you afraid?', we're not quite sure which fear he means.

This account of the awesome power of God, revealed this time in Jesus, shows one element of the God we worship. But we also need to allow God to define power, and not impose our longed-for hopes of power onto God. Often in both his letters to the Corinthians, Paul reminds them and us that the power of God is best seen at work in those who are weakest – when, for example, Paul and his companions are suffering 'hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments'; when they're 'punished, sorrowful, poor, having nothing'. Or, as when a young shepherd boy, unable to bear the weight of armour, faces down a mighty warrior who has cowed an entire army, showing that 'the Lord does not save by sword and spear'. We know that the Jesus who commands the storm will soon be forced onto a cross.

In these 'ordinary' Sundays, then, perhaps we learn that God's power is seen in a huge generosity that fills our little outstretched begging bowls so full that the bowls are swept away in the torrent. Is God more than we bargained for? Or, like Paul, do we trust God for that thrilling, mad power that throws out far more than we can ever expect: 'as having nothing, and yet possessing everything' in and through Christ?

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

At 10 am Setting: Parish Eucharist by Michael Dudman (1938–94)

At 8 am, the people stand as a bell is rung. At 10 am, this hymn is sung:

Opening Hymn

- I. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom the world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today
- 2. O may this bounteous God, through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessèd peace to cheer us. Lord, keep us in your grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
- 3. All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: the One eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

Words: Martin Rinkart (1586–1649)

tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–78) alt.

Music: 'Nun Danket Alle Gott' melody by Johann Crüger (1598–1662)

President: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The President welcomes the congregation, then a sentence of Scripture is read.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We say together:

Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Let us pray.

The people pray silently, and then the President 'collects' the silent prayer:

O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid: rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

A reading from the first book of Samuel:

Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle....

And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armoured with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze.

He had greaves of bronze on his legs

and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders.

The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him.

He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel,

'Why have you come out to draw up for battle?

Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul?

Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me.

If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants;

but if I prevail against him and kill him,

then you shall be our servants and serve us.'

And the Philistine said, 'Today I defy the ranks of Israel!

Give me a man, that we may fight together.'

When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid....

Now Saul, and the sons of Jesse, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

David rose early in the morning, left someone in charge of the sheep, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him.

He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry.

Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army.

David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers.

As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.....

David said to Saul, 'Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.'
Saul said to David,

'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.' But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.'

David said, 'The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear,

will save me from the hand of this Philistine.'

So Saul said to David, 'Go, and may the Lord be with you!'

Saul clothed David with his armour;

he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail.

David strapped Saul's sword over the armour,

and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them.

Then David said to Saul, 'I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.'

So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi,

and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch;

his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him.

When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance.

The Philistine said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

The Philistine said to David,

'Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.'

But David said to the Philistine,
'You come to me with sword and spear and javelin;
but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts,
the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.
This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand,
and I will strike you down and cut off your head;
and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day
to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth,
so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel,
and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and
spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand.'

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David,
David ran quickly towards the battle line to meet the Philistine.
David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it,
and struck the Philistine on his forehead;
the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

I Samuel 17: 1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49

For the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 9: 9-20

At 8 am, we say together

Response: O sing praises to the Lo	ord
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- 9. The Lord is a strong tower to those that are oppressed: he is a tower of strength in time of need.
- 10. All who heed your name will trust in you:for you have never forsaken those that seek you.R.
- II. O sing praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion: and tell among the peoples what great things he has done.
- 12. For he that avenges blood has remembered the poor:he has not forgotten their cry.R.
- 13. The Lord has been merciful toward me, he saw what I suffered from my foes: he raised me up again from the gates of death,
- 14. That I might tell all your praises in the gates of Zion:that I might rejoice in your deliverance.R.
- 15. The nations have sunk into the pit they dug for others: in the very snare they laid is their foot taken;
- 16. The Lord has declared himself and upheld the right: the wicked are trapped in the work of their own hands.
- 17. The wicked shall be given over to death:and all the nations that forget God.R.
- 18. For the needy shall not always be forgotten: nor shall the hope of the poor perish for ever.
- 19. Arise, Lord, let no human power prevail: let the nations be judged before you.
- 20. Put them in fear, O Lord: and let the nations know they are but human. R.

At 10 am, the choir leads us in singing:



- 9. The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed: a refuge in time of trouble.
- 10. Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, for you never forsake those who seek you, O Lord.
- II. Sing praise to the Lord who dwells in Zion; proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.
- 12. The Avenger of blood will remember them; he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

R.

- 13. Have pity on me O Lord;see the misery I suffer from those who hate me,O you who lift me up from the gate of death;
- 14. So that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation, in the gates of the city of Zion.
- 15. The ungodly have fallen in to the pit they dug, and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.
- 16. The Lord is known by his acts of justice;the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.R.
- 17. The wicked shall be given over to the grave, and also all the peoples that forget God.
- 18. For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hopes of the poor shall not perish for ever.
- 19. Rise up O Lord, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; let them be judged before you.
- 20. Put fear upon them O Lord; let the ungodly know they are but mortal. R.

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth:

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.'

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way,

so that no fault may be found with our ministry,

but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger;

by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God;

with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute.

We are treated as impostors, and yet are true;

as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich;

as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians;

our heart is wide open to you.

There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

II Corinthians 6: 1−13

For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Alleluia, Alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to the disciples, 'Let us go across to the other side.'

And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.

A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.

But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him,

'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?'

He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.

He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

Mark 4: 35-41

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

A homily is given, then silence is kept.

The Nicene Creed

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 of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Prayers are offered for the world, the Church, for our local community, those sick or "in any other adversity", and we remember the faithful departed.

INTERCESSIONS FOR THIS WEEK

For the Anglican Church

The Church of North India; The Diocese of Rockhampton; Brighton Grammar School; Upper Yarra Parish; St Alfred's Blackburn North & St Luke's Vermont; Altona St Eanswythe's w. St Clements Laverton.

For all in need

Jenny, Sam, Milroy, Coral, David, Tony, Paul, Christine, Lei and her family, Keith, Peter, Leon, Erica, Josh, Vincent, Clive.

For the Faithful Departed

Those who have died recently: Timothy Stewart Pixley and Ennys Boyd-Jones; and those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Edward Butler, Colin Wilkinson, Noel Wilkinson, Nicholas Sanderson, Ada Mavis Phillips, Frederick Blundell Preston Minchin, T. Harvey Barnett, Myra McSpedden, Brenda Dawson, Jill Slattery.

The President gathers and concludes the intercessions, saying:

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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Silence is kept.

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 President pronounces Absolution, and the people respond

Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

During the following hymn, the gifts of the people are brought to the altar.

Offertory Hymn

- O changeless Christ, for ever new, who walked our earthly ways, still draw our hearts as once you drew the hearts of other days.
- As once you spoke by plain and hill or taught by shore and sea, so be today our teacher still,
 O Christ of Galilee.
- 3. As wind and storm their Master heard and his command fulfilled, may troubled hearts receive your word, the tempest-tossed be stilled.
- In broken bread, in wine outpoured, your new and living way proclaim to us, O risen Lord, O Christ of this our day.
- 5. O changeless Christ, till life is past your blessing still be given; then bring us home, to taste at last the timeless joys of heaven.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926–) Music: 'St Botolph' by Gordon Archibald Slater (18968–1970)

The President offers prayers over the gifts, to which the people respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

The President then begins the Great Thanksgiving 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 our thanks and praise.

The President continues with a prayer appropriate to the season, concluding with:

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy. Holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The President continues the prayer until:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The President continues the prayer, which concludes:

...we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

A brief silence is kept.

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

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As the President breaks the bread, the following is said:

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.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

During Communion, the following motet is sung (10.00am only):

Deep peace of the running wave to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the gentle night to you.

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.

Deep peace of Christ to you.

Words: 'A Gaelic Blessing', trad. Music: Bill Douglas (1944–)

After Communion, silence is kept.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Please stand.

A prayer is offered by the President, which ends

Father,

we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Hymn

- Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea, day by day his voice is sounding, saying, 'Christian, follow me'.
- Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, 'Christian, love me more.'
- In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, 'Christian, love me more than these.'

4. Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Saviour, may we hear your call, give our hearts in fond obedience, serve and love you best of all.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–95) alt. Music: 'Stuttgart', melody adapted from a chorale in 'Psalmodia Sacra', Gotha (1715)

THE BLESSING

The President pronounces a blessing, to which all respond

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude:

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott J. S. Bach (1685–1750), BWV 720

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday-Saturday	9:00am 5:00pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Day	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday, 21 June	Psalms 121, 122, 123 I Samuel 17:55–18:16 Acts 9:32–43	Psalm 119: 129–152 Sirach 18:1–14 James 1:1–18
Tuesday, 22 June Alban, First Martyr of Britain	Psalm 118:1–18 1 Samuel 18:17–30 Acts 12:12–25	Psalms 118:19–29, 120 Sirach 22:6–18 James 1:19–2:7
II:00 am	Requiem Eucharist	for Tim Pixley
Wednesday, 23 June Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely	Psalms 124, 125, 126 I Samuel 16 Acts 10:17–33	Vigil of Birth of John the Baptist Psalm 71:14–24 Malachi 3:1–6 Philippians 3:7–11
Thursday, 24 June Birth of John the Baptist Eucharist at 10:15	Psalm 50:1–15 Judges 13:2–7, 21–25 Luke 12: 49–59	Psalm 106: 25–50 Malachi 4 Matthew 11:2–19
Friday, 25 June	Psalm 135 I Samuel 20:12–34 Acts 13:26–41	Psalm 136 Sirach 24:18–34 James 4
Saturday, 26 June	Psalms 137; 138 I Samuel 20:35–21:7 Acts 13:42–52	Psalm 139 Sirach 27:25–28:9 James 5
Next Sunday, 27 June Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist, with hymns Holy Eucharist & meditation

Bible Readings next week

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 17: 1: 1, 17–27 2 Corinthians 8: 1–15 Psalm 130 Mark 5: 21–43

NOTICES

Morning Tea

There will be a morning tea after the 10.00am service today in the hall. All are warmly invited.

Tim Pixley

Faithful and long-standing parishioner Tim Pixley died last Sunday morning. In line with Tim's plans, a Requiem eucharist for him will be offered at St George's on **Tuesday**, **22**nd **June** at **11.00** am.

In line with current Diocesan and government recommendations, only 75 people are able to be present. If you are planning to come, please ensure you use the Trybooking link: https://www.trybooking.com/BSIWY.

This service is also being livestreamed. Please use the link below: https://tobinbrothers.com.au/tribute/details/20465/Timothy-Pixley/obituary.html#tribute-start.

Looking Ahead

I. Readers' refresher course: Sunday, June 27

Following next Sunday's 10:00 am eucharist, those on the readers' roster, or interested in joining it, will meet for a refresher in reading in public – not least, managing the PA system.

Please bring along some lunch so that we can share and talk together. Please also let Nisha or the Vicar know if you are unable to attend.

2. Première of Missa Gracia by Calvin Bowman Sunday, August 15 Commissioned jointly to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St George's, and in honour of the late Ann Stewart, Calvin Bowman's congregational setting of the eucharist will first be heard at 10:00 am on August 15 (the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary).

The Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP)

BASP is very grateful for the gifts from under the office foyer staircase cupboard and shopping vouchers handed in personally. Unfortunately, the main collections on Sunday, 30 May could not take place since the Church was closed under the lockdown. Anyone wishing to make a donation in due course, can leave items in the cupboard with the office marked "For BASP" and they will then be delivered.

The Australian Network of Spiritual Directors (ANSD)

ANSD regularly hires the South Room in our Centre building to hold a discussion group with an invited speaker. We have been invited to list these meetings for any of parishioners who would like to attend. Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 10.00 am (tea/coffee/ biscuits) for a 10.30 am start. Bring own lunch for continued discussion. The exact end of the meeting depends on the speaker's needs, but always finishes soon after lunch and always before 3.00pm. Members pay \$20 per session and non-members \$25. Anyone wishing to have further information on coming speakers' topics or to attend, should advise Charles Tegner who will let ANSD know of extra numbers. (Charles will also let you know of any changes in planning, e.g., face to face in the South room or Zoom only). contact ctegner@bigpond.net.au or Tel 0418-530658.

The next meetings are:-

- Thursday June 17th Sr Cathy Solano, subject "Interculturality" proposed face to face.
- Thursday July 15th Cath Connelly and Alison Powell, subject "The Celtic Wheel" proposed via Zoom and face to face. 10am-3pm.

Brass Cleaning Group

In his sermon at the 150th Anniversary eucharist, Bishop Andrew Curnow commented that of a number of things he learnt while at St George's, 'brass cleaning' rated very high among those. Several members of the band of volunteers which maintains this important (and episcopally endorsed!) ministry have recently retired. This creates a serious shortage of helpers, and the work is now falling on too few, with consequent reduced time between duties. It is part of what makes us St George's that all the brass and silver items are kept in the best possible condition, thus giving glory to God. New volunteers for this important work are therefore urgently sought. Members are rostered in teams; the duty is done once a month, generally on a Friday morning, is not onerous and takes about an hour. If you are willing to help, please contact John Mallinson on 0414 682 036.

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We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we meet.

We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, acknowledge their continuing spiritual connection to Country, and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.

