

BANYULE BABBLE

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HOLY SPIRIT WATSONIA ❄️ ST ANDREW'S ROSANNA ❄️ ST JOHN'S HEIDELBERG

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PHILIP PHILOSOPHISES

EASTER already seems a while ago, doesn't it?

We have been reflecting in the last few weeks about the difference Jesus' resurrection made to the disciples: every now and then, Jesus would just 'pop up' and appear to them, and in a way it all seemed a bit random! They were challenged each time by his presence, and he was preparing them for something far greater.

There on the beach Peter was challenged to love Jesus more than his own life, and as he received forgiveness for his denial, he also received a new commission to lead the church into the future. Thank God he and the other disciples took up the challenge – we have heard the Good News as a result, and in turn, believed.

After the Ascension, Jesus' presence was less 'localised': instead, the coming of the Holy Spirit meant that every believer, in any place or time or circumstance all over the world, could be an agent of God's presence, just like Jesus had been.

There is the challenge for us: Does our Christian life seem to be a 'bit random' like the appearances to the disciples after the resurrection? Or are we daily filled with the Spirit, aware of God at work in us every moment, redeeming us and blessing the world?

May this season of Easter lead into a real season of Pentecost in each of us.

God bless you all.

Philip



Anglicare Rosanna Auxiliary

Monday May 6th 1.30 pm

Rawleigh Products and their uses will be presented

Friends, neighbours and relatives are cordially invited to come and enjoy

All are most welcome

\$6.00 donation includes afternoon tea

Enquiries & RSVP: Mavis 9457 2321

Thank you, Lord

*For the beauty of creation,
which fills the soul with such elation,
and nature with its wondrous sights
which fill the heart with true delight,
We thank You, Lord.*

*For the fruits that labour yields,
gathered in from farm and field.
For the harvest grown from seed
which provides the food we need,
We thank You, Lord.*

*For the flowers that give us pleasure
we regard as earth's great treasure;
For happy hours with friends who care,
and knowing they are always there,
We thank You, Lord.*

*But most of all for Your great love
and blessings sent down from above
and knowing one day we will be
dwelling evermore with Thee,
We thank You, Lord.*

Betty Kettle

** Fair Meeting **

Next meeting: Saturday 20th July, at St Andrew's Rosanna, at 9.30 am.

The Parish of Banyule Spring Fair for 2013 will be at St Andrew's Rosanna, Saturday 9th November, 9.30 am – 2.00 pm

Stalls and Stall-holders:

Plants Inside: Crystal Dunne
Outside: Geoff Murphy

Happy Cafe Grace Taylor

B.B.Q. AMS Rosanna Branch

Craft and Gifts Kaye Collins

Treasure Shoppe Barbara Andrews

Mystery Parcels Althea Burnett

Mystery Bottles ??????

Cakes Marion Edmonds

Face painting ??????

Christmas Cake Raffle ??????

Hamper Raffle Joyce Goff

mainly music Rosemary Bellair

Books ??????

Wood Turning Allan Way

Treasure Bags Althea

Lucky Dips Beth Jones (girls)

Barbara A (boys)

Old Tool Collectables Glenn Farrington

Children's activities, e.g. jumping castle etc,
to be finalised by me

Art show: with mainly music. Invitation to
local schools to enter?

Anyone wishing to help fill the ??????
can contact me on the phone number in the
parish directory.

Donations for any of the stalls are
welcome: you can ring the contact person for
drop-off or pick-up.

Donations of bottles and hampers can
be dropped at any church from May.

PLEASE make sure all products have
Use By dates later than 2014.

Thank you to all who have given me
encouragement in my role as fair convenor.

Rhonda Murphy

All of us at Holy Spirit 11th & 19th

The Parish Working Bee at Holy Spirit has
been moved forward to 11th May, from
9 am to lunch-time. Bring yourself and any
useful tools if you are able-bodied; if not,
bring food.

Then on Sunday 19th May at 10 am
we shall all gather at Holy Spirit for
Pentecost. Wear something red for Holy
Spirit's Patronal Festival!

Blumes Fashion Parade

The new Blumes Fashion range for the upcoming winter

Venue: Holy Spirit Anglican Church, 80 Watsonia Rd, Watsonia

Date: Saturday 4th May 2013 Time: 1.30 pm

Entry: \$6 includes afternoon tea and door prize

RSVP & further details contact Joan 9846 1681

This Month – May

Saturday 4th: 1.30 pm Blumes Fashion Parade at Holy Spirit

Sunday 5th: 8 am St Andrew's; 10 am St John's (Family service); 5 pm Holy Spirit (+ teaching)

Monday 6th: 1.30 pm Rawleigh demonstration for Rosanna Anglicare

Wednesday 8th: 3 pm Southern Cross, Macleod

Thursday 9th *Ascension Day*

Saturday 11th: 9 am Working Bee at Holy Spirit

Sunday 12th: 10 am St John's; 10 am St Andrew's; 5 pm Holy Spirit (with teaching)

Wednesday 15th: 11 am Iris Grange

Saturday 18th: 10 am Pathways Workshop at St John's hall; 12.30 pm 'Back to St Stephen's' at 12 Graham Rd Viewbank

Sunday 19th: 10 am **Holy Spirit** for whole parish

Monday 20th: 1.30 pm St Andrew's M.U.

Wednesday 22nd: 10 am Holy Spirit M.U.

Sunday 26th: 10 am St John's; 10 am St Andrew's; 5 pm Holy Spirit (with teaching)

Wanted

- New helpers for *mainly music* at Watsonia on Thursdays—even if you can't do it every week
- New volunteers for the Macleod Op Shop
- A Treasurer's Assistant

Money – March

Income:	Giving:	\$8,530.30
	Other:	\$18,323.99
	Total:	\$26,854.29
Expenses:		\$31,529.14
Loss:		\$4,674.85

Giving was up, thank you.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

I have a sense of belonging here,
Everything is so familiar, and dear.
The seat where I sit outside in the sun,
The quietness before the service has begun.
The smooth wooden pews worn and warm,
The light through the windows in the early morn
I know every corner, each little place
Where people have worshipped for years in grace.

The peace and tranquillity are the best
When you alone are the only guest
As if years of worship have seeped into the cement
The songs, the laughter, the prayers and the lament
Are absorbed into the walls and ceiling
The resultant peace is gently healing.

Then the people come flowing in
And the best part can now begin,
Communing with others of like mind
Sharing of love, and understanding
Lovely people, side by side worshipping,
in an old and beautiful, church building.

Gay Miller © April 2013

Holy Spirit Mothers' Union

Wednesday 22nd May: Holy Spirit Watsonia M.U. meeting at 10 am at Church.

Elsie Storr

'Back to St Stephen's'

Attention all former St Stephen's folk!

Judith and Tony Schmidt are arranging a 'Back to St Stephens' get together for old time's sake at 12 Graham Rd., Viewbank.

This will also be a house-cooling party as they will be moving a short distance away in June.

Date: Saturday 18th May

Time: 12.30 pm, or later

Bring: Finger food to share please; also spouses (to share or not)

R.S.V.P sometime to Judith on 9459 0655 or 0408 379 816

St Andrew's Mothers' Union

Monday 20th May: 1.30 pm Branch Meeting – 'A Show of Memorabilia'.

Betty Kettle, 9435 6533

Anglican Men's Society

Our meeting on 20th March 2013 was held in St Andrew's Church Rosanna, commencing at 8.05 pm, conducted by Mr G. Murphy.

All were welcomed. For those who were unable to attend due to other commitments, apologies were received. We went forth knowing that where two or three are gathered in God's name, Jesus abides with us.

A beautiful Gospel song was sung, *My Jesus I Love Thee*. John Adams read the lesson, John 12:1–8. It was coming up to the Passover and Jesus was abiding in the home of Lazarus, the man whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

It must have been a beautiful gathering of Christian people. Martha served the evening meal, while Mary anointed Jesus' feet with very expensive ointment, which filled the whole house with its fine fragrance. Do you think, if Jesus were abiding at your home, you would have done the same?

Mary was so caring, and loved Jesus very much. Judas Iscariot was present, and very much displeased at Mary, spending a lot of money on very expensive ointment, rather than giving money to the poor. Jesus kindly replied, "Leave her alone—she did it in preparation for my burial. You will always have the poor with you."

After prayers were said by Albert Harvey, Geoff welcomed our very own Rev'd René, newly appointed Curate to all parts of Banyule. It was a very exciting time for all—such a young priest, from the bush of NSW, sharing with confidence how he became a Christian at an earlier age.

His father was a pastor, and he attended Sunday School, church, and Bible Study. It reminds me of my youth, doing the same things as the Rev'd René, continuing to hope and share in the life of Our Lord Jesus. Yes, the Lord has a plan for each one of us. What is your plan for Him? Hopefully to be obedient, to follow in Our Lord's footsteps.

We thank the Rev'd René for sharing his young life, walking with Jesus every day. In closing we said the Lord's Prayer and listen to another beautiful Gospel song, *He is all I need, Jesus is all I need*. We then adjourned for supper.

Until we meet again, may God bless you all.

Happy Easter,

Lay Chairman Albert Harvey

Sermon for Easter 3

Philip Trowse, Rosanna, Sunday 14 April 2013

Acts 9:1–6 (7-20) Ps 30 Rev 5:11–14
John 21:1–19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.

It's been a week since the disciples first saw Jesus. He has appeared three times – once to Mary at the tomb, then in the upper room behind locked doors. Then again a week later when Thomas was there.

Now they are doing what he told them to do: they've headed back to Galilee, and are waiting...waiting....

Nothing is happening.

You can imagine they are very confused, impatient, at a loss. They don't know what to do next. Except wait...

Peter is getting sick of this. He's a man of action, and not used to twiddling his thumbs.

But at the same time he has a lot to think about. A final Passover he will never forget, a cruel and unfair betrayal, fearing for his life every moment, a crazy week of weird and overwhelming experiences...

Now, nothing.

If you have ever been in limbo, you will know a bit about how he felt. Tense, stressed, unsure – the ground is constantly shifting, this is a time of uncertainty and change. It's a bit like pregnancy...you know something is going to change everything all too soon.

So he is waiting...maybe they have gone back to his home in Capernaum?

Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Good fishermen...but this event is strangely reminiscent of another time they went fishing and caught nothing.

A stranger appears on the beach...

He calls out (it's not far away) and like we do when we pass someone fishing, he asks how it's going.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some."

A little warning bell has just gone off somewhere in the back of Peter's mind... but he's too busy hauling net and working to pay attention. Probably feeling really frustrated that he's just wasted all night, and now he's tired.

So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"

The penny drops! Oh, yes, this is what happened three years ago when they first met that new Rabbi, and he called them to follow him. The hairs on the neck stand up straight, and all of a sudden, everything has changed!

When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."

Simon is standing mute and shy, dripping with water, looking sheepish and childlike, and when Jesus speaks, he springs into action, something to do at last.

So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

The disciples as a group...presumably the appearance to Mary doesn't count among these??

When they had finished breakfast,

Cooked breakfast. Where did Jesus get the first fish and bread from? They stand around sheepishly, munching and looking sideways at each other and at Jesus. The sun rises, and the early morning chill starts to evaporate.

Jesus turns to Peter. This is what he has been dreading...

How could he ever look Jesus in the eye again, after what he has done?

Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

- More than the others love me?
- Love me more than you love these others?
- More than all these things around you, the life you have been living?

He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

Who are the lambs? Everyone who followed... including us! All of God's children, who he longs to draw into his loving arms.

A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him,

"Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."

Who are the *sheep*? And why sheep? Originally Jesus told him he would be catching people like *fish*! This is a fisherman he is talking to! Peter has to re-learn his task under the apprenticeship of Jesus. He has to learn to do it the Lord's way. Not his own way.

He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

Three times. There it is. Just the same number of times as he denied Jesus on that awful night just over a week ago.

Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

From now on Peter, I am going to take you at your word. You gave your life to my service, so I am now taking you up on it.

You have chosen, so it will be. You are needed in my band. You will lead the early followers, and it will be through your work that the world will be changed forever.

Tradition has it that Peter died in Rome, crucified like his Lord. Only when they were about to do it, he requested that they crucify him upside down, because he was not worthy to die the same death as his Lord. A long cry from his denial on that memorable Passover night! What a change must have come over this impetuous and headstrong man!

Likewise, all the disciples: every one of them, except for John, was made a martyr. James was beheaded, Paul executed in Rome, Thomas killed by Brahmin priests in India. John was exiled to Patmos.

What change has the story of the resurrection made to you?

Has it led to you being deeper in your devotion and dedication to God? Has it given more hope? More life?

Has it meant that you are willing to give up your own stubborn ways, and learn humility?

Has it meant you started with zeal, but have come up against failure and heart-ache, then deepened in your love as you give up doing it by your own strength?

Have you got to the point of saying, with pain in your heart, "Lord, you know that I love you. I give up. I can't do it without you."

And *there* is the point.

Philip Trowse

Vestry Notes

Meeting of Tuesday 16th April 2013 at 7.30 pm

CORRESPONDENCE

IN: Archbishop's consultation for Deanery invitation for 28 April at Diamond Creek.
OUT: Acknowledgement of Peter Andrews' resignation from vestry.

REPORTS

Philip:

- Good attendances, good feeling about services, esp. combined
- Appraisal in May
- René and Louisa fitting in nicely, Sunday School
- New: cycle of services; teaching at Watsonia; HC mid-week in nursing homes; more combined services; Kids' Hope; CRE
- Rosanna 2015 to be set up; also property maintenance schedule
- Spending time on admin, funerals (long-ago connexions), weddings, hospital visiting, baptism enquiries, coaching workshop, planning, Area Dean and regional coordination, meetings
- 'Pathways Seminar' has been booked for our church and other interested parishes in the Deanery for Saturday 18 May 9 am – 1 pm

René:

- Baptism of Ava Chan
- Spoke on my journey to faith & ministry to two groups
- Toby's class came to St John's hall with parents (11 families) for afternoon tea and an Easter egg hunt
- 17 children at Sunday School on Easter Day
- Pleasant week off: reading and oil painting
- Wed 10th April: staff retreat on responding to setbacks
- Field Committee formed

FINANCE REPORT (Geoff Murphy)

- Geoff to bring the cleaning accounts to the May meeting.
- Finances are tracking pretty well but there have been some big expenses arising: we need to watch our spending pretty carefully.
- Op Shop income is very healthy and stable at both shops. (Watsonia \$6000 per month, half of which comes to the parish; Macleod \$2800 per month.) Many thanks to the faithful volunteers who are keeping us going.
- There are some large maintenance items coming, which we will need to take into account with our next budget for 2014, e.g. photocopier replacement and vicarage maintenance.

WARDENS' REPORTS

Heidelberg

- Removal of three wasps' nests so far, \$600

- Two quotes for the church lighting around \$6000. To go ahead, using \$3000 specifically donated, plus a recent general donation of \$1000; the remaining \$2000 from the Restoration Fund

Rosanna

- 'Rosanna 2015' Committee to pre-empt actions by the Diocese by initiating things. Volunteers: Philip Trowse, Peter McKay, Allan Way, Rhonda Taylor, Marion Edmends, Laurel (if in evening)
- Expenses for upgrade of blinds in Vicarage: \$300
- Geoff Murphy would like to get the lawns mown and edges done at Rosanna: \$250
- Neighbour has fixed the adjoining fence at his own expense. Vestry secretary to write a letter of thanks
- Request from owner of shop next door to Op Shop, to renovate the toilets there so that there can be male/female toilets shared by the two shops. This is a matter for the owner of the shop to contact the owner of our Op Shop

Watsonia

- Allan Way to investigate cost to upgrade toilets "at his convenience"; and to cost the other priority, fixing drainage beneath the Link
- Op Shop has had a Dutch hood fitted and looks great
- Holy Spirit working bee moved forward to **Sat 11th May**

Parish

- Quotes for cooling at Jika Street: to get more
- Renewal of office computer (\$1200): Philip to order. \$800 of this from funeral fees
- Renewal of photocopier: will "limp along" with the old machine for now, budget for 2014 (\$4300 – perhaps a special appeal?)
- Develop scheduled maintenance programme for properties. Philip and Gay to prepare a list
- Parish Fair planning going well, coordinated by Rhonda Murphy. Date for fair set at 9 November; next fair meeting 20 July
- Possible fundraiser: Savoy Singers. Allan Way investigating

OTHER BUSINESS

- Large sign to be made for St Andrew's (\$900). Also mainly music sign for Watsonia (\$195), replacement for Heidelberg in car park (\$400) and printing replaced on window (\$40). Other signs printed on paper & laminated for church windows/doors.
- The website needs to reflect this year's cycle of services. Lynne to make sure that personal details are not on website
- Notice in Babble asking for donations for special projects
- Pew sheet and Babble: every combined service to have a retiring offering for missions. This Sunday: Open House

Misprints and Oddities

By an unfortunate typographical error we were made to say last week that the retiring Mr D— was a member of the defective branch of the police force. Of course this should have read: 'The detective branch of the police force.'

New Zealand paper

Mrs Oscar Maddox is able to be up after being confined to bed for several weeks with malaria fever, to the delight of her friends.

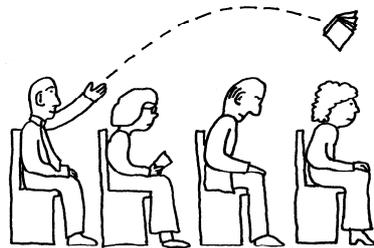
Thomasville Times-Enterprise (Georgia)

It would be a great help towards keeping the churchyard in good order if others would follow the example of some who clip the grass on their own graves.

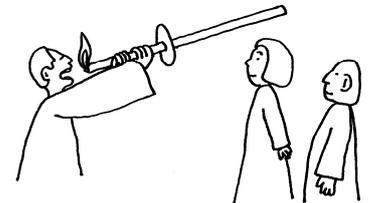
Parish magazine

HEALTH AND SAFETY

THE THINGS THAT WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DO ANY LONGER



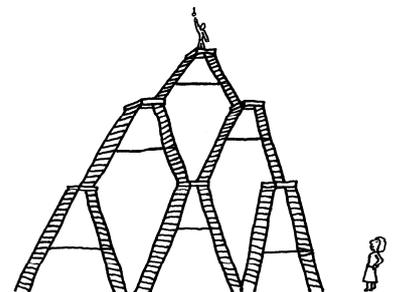
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ACOLYTE FLAME-SWALLOWING COMPETITIONS



RACING BLINDFOLDED CHILDREN DOWN THE AISLE



CHANGING LIGHTBULBS USING INGENUOUS STEPLADDER COMBINATIONS

Right: This CartoonChurch.com cartoon by Dave Walker originally appeared in the Church Times.