

# Parish Press

Sunday March 2nd, 2025

## Sentence

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. John 1.14*

## Prayer of the Day

O God,  
glorious and faithful, you reveal the beauty of your face  
to those who seek you with a sincere heart:  
strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross,  
and open our hearts to its transforming power,  
so that, clinging in love to your will for us,  
we may walk as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Readings

Exodus 34.29-35	Page (OT) 62
Psalms 99	Page (OT) 429
2 Corinthians 3.12-42	Page 138
John 6.35-40	Page 75

## Today's services are

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Family Communion Service followed by morning tea

5pm Evensong with wine and cheese

This week we pray for all who live in Wilson Street, Surrey Hills

**"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11**

## **Mark's Reflections**

Today we celebrate the Transfiguration. In this great event we see Jesus' divine nature is revealed to Peter, James and John. Occurring on a high mountain, this event involves Jesus' appearance changing; his face shining like the sun and his clothes becoming dazzlingly white. Moses and Elijah appear beside him, symbolizing the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets in Jesus.

**As we reflect on the Transfiguration we see:**

**The Glimpse of Glory:** The Transfiguration offers a powerful moment where Jesus' divine glory shines through his human form. It is a reminder of the mystery and wonder of God's presence in our world, often hidden beneath the surface of the mundane. For Christians, this moment reassures believers that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine, a bridge between humanity and God.

**Affirmation of Jesus' Mission:** The appearance of Moses and Elijah symbolizes that Jesus is the fulfillment of both the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah). His transfiguration affirms his mission as the culmination of God's plan of salvation. This moment speaks to the continuity of God's revelation to humanity and how Jesus' life and ministry bring this plan to its climax.

**Call to Listen and Follow:** The voice from the cloud says, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" This command to listen is a call to heed Jesus' teachings and follow his example, even when the road is difficult. The Transfiguration invites Christians to listen attentively to Jesus, allowing his words and actions to transform their lives.

**The Disciples' Experience of the Divine:** The disciples' experience of the Transfiguration is a moment of spiritual awakening and awe. It is a reminder that faith involves more than just intellectual assent—it is an encounter with the divine, something that touches the heart and spirit. Peter's reaction, wanting to build tents and stay on the mountain, shows the temptation to hold onto powerful spiritual moments rather than moving forward in faith. The Transfiguration encourages believers to embrace both the mountaintop experiences and the everyday challenges of following Jesus.

**Transformation for Us:** The Transfiguration is also a reminder that the Christian journey is one of transformation. Just as Jesus was transfigured before his disciples, believers are called to undergo a spiritual transformation, becoming more Christlike in their thoughts, actions, and relationships. The moment invites us to reflect on how our lives can reflect the glory of God, particularly in the way we love and serve others.

The Transfiguration is not just a past event but an ongoing invitation to see Christ's glory in the present, listen to his voice, and be transformed in the process. It's an invitation to look beyond the ordinary and recognize the extraordinary presence of God in our midst.

**God bless, Mark.**

**Wednesday March 5th is Ash Wednesday. There will be two services; 10am and 7.30pm.**

### **Lent Studies**

This year we will be using the Hope 25 Lent Study Book (a copy is available for every family). Our Studies will be on a Tuesday evening at 7.30pm at the home of Garry and Maureen Ireland (from March 11) and Wednesday following our mid-week services (from March 12)

### **Confirmation**

We are holding a Parish Confirmation on Sunday April 13th with Bishop Paul Barker. If you know someone wanting to be confirmed please see Mark.

### **Men's Breakfast**

The Men's Breakfast is on Saturday March 8th at 8.30am until 10, at Chit Chat cafe (147 Union Rd Surrey Hills). The cost will be \$28 per person. Please put your name on the sign up sheet to RSVP.

### **Women's Breakfast**

The next Women's Breakfast on the 29th March at Chit Chat 9am. Our guest speakers will be Joan Willenberg and Susan Havelock.

### **Replacement piano for Carter Hall**

If anyone has or knows of an unwanted piano in reasonable condition (better than the one in Carter Hall) that they would be prepared to donate to Holy Trinity, could they contact the Vicar or Director of Music to discuss further.

### **Parish Prayer List**

Helen Burston, Stephen Binns, William Stewart (Stu) Parry, Robyn Foskett, Thelma Fiddymont, Rachel Hayman, Bruce Knox, Helen Morris, John and Sally James, Pam Dewar, Edith Jenkins, Sue Hand, Ann Constable, Gwen Jackson, Verna Hubert, Hayden Daley, Sue Brown, Rosemary Parker.

### **We remember**

We give you thanks for your servants in every age. Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of your kingdom. Lillian Pringle, Keith Goodes, Peter Crozier, Wilhelmina Soderstrom.

## This Week at Holy Trinity

### **Tuesday**

9.30-12.30 Office Hours

### **Wednesday**

10am Ash Wednesday Service  
and a special morning tea  
7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service

### **Thursday**

9.30-12.30 Office Hours  
10am Parish Prayer Service  
7-10pm Choir Practice

### **Sunday**

8am Holy Communion  
9.30am Sung Holy Communion  
Service and morning tea

## Readings this week

Monday	Mark 10.17-27
Tuesday	Mark 10.28-31
Wednesday	Matthew 6.1-6 (7-15), 16 -21
Thursday	Luke 9.22-25
Friday	Matthew 9.14-15
Saturday	Luke 5.27-32
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 26.1-11</b> <b>Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16</b> <b>Romans 10.4-13</b> <b>Luke 4.1-15</b>

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