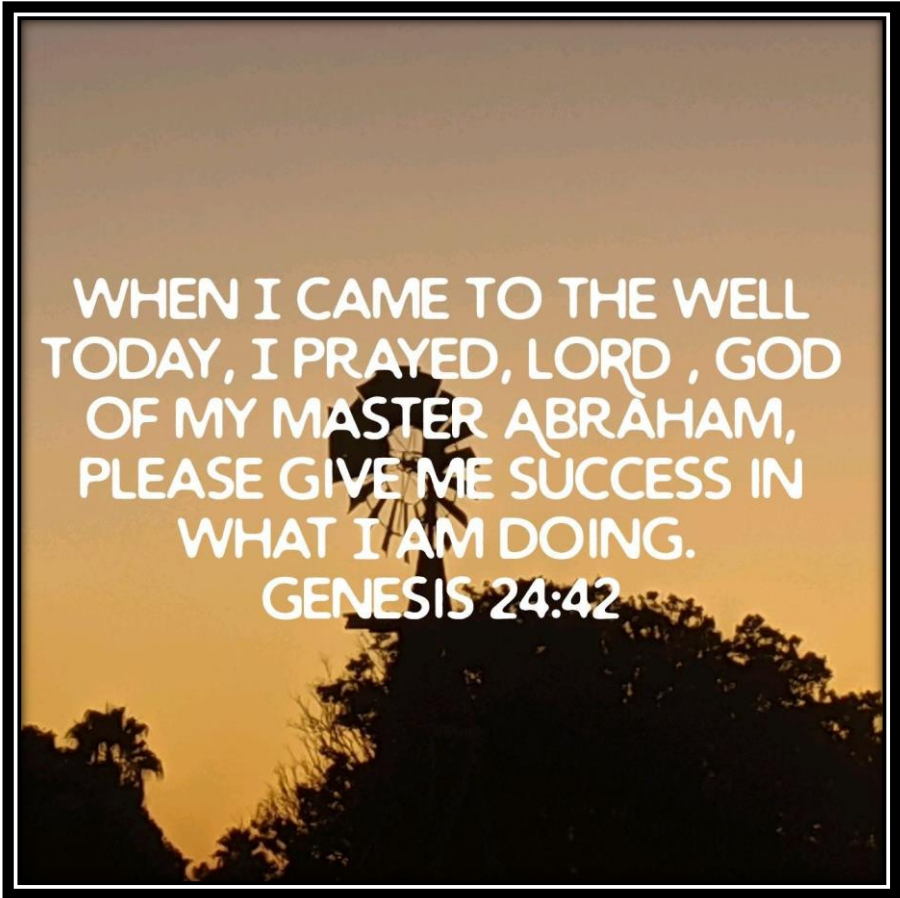


Sunday 5 July 2020  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



WHEN I CAME TO THE WELL  
TODAY, I PRAYED, LORD, GOD  
OF MY MASTER ABRAHAM,  
PLEASE GIVE ME SUCCESS IN  
WHAT I AM DOING.  
GENESIS 24:42

## **RESTRICTIONS CONTINUE**

Our current structure of services will continue for a while longer capped at 20 people in each service. Services are offered at 8am, 10am and 12 midday on Sundays and at 10am Wednesdays. Please book beforehand, but do not attend if you are unwell. We will also continue to record a full service on Saturday and post it on our YouTube channel on Sunday morning.

**THE MELBOURNE ANGLICAN** Some hard copies of TMA have been made available at the church. During this COVID 19 crisis, TMA is also available free on-line at the following website.

<http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/this-months-tma>

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**TO KNOW CHRIST, TO SERVE CHRIST, TO PROCLAIM CHRIST**

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY

There have been some parishioners requesting details to make their weekly offering. There are a couple of ways you can do this:

1. You can set up regular payments via the ADF planned giving. Link to ADF Planning Giving form:

<https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Parish-Giving-Application-Form.pdf>.

If you do this, please send an email to our treasurer Heinz ([heinz@schendz.com](mailto:heinz@schendz.com)) for his records. **OR**

2. You may prefer to deposit into our bank account:

Name: St James Anglican Church, Dandenong  
BSB 703 122          Account No: 05004623

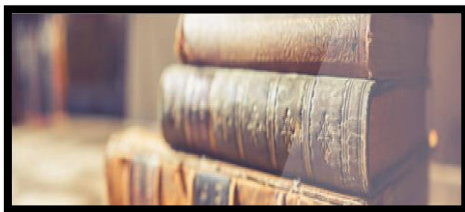
If you have a Stewardship envelope, please use your name and envelope number as a reference so that it can be applied to your stewardship giving.



## CLEANERS AND MOWERS NEEDED

More volunteers are needed for cleaning and mowing at the church. We need a few more people willing to be rostered on Saturday mornings to clean the church and hall and others to go on the mowing roster. If you can help, please contact Marien or the office.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES – October 1967 - Parish fair



Lord and Lady Pondicherry of Poonah, who are in Melbourne for the spring racing carnival, have graciously consented to visit the St James Fair and Rose Show at 11am next Saturday (Oct 28) in the Dandenong Town Hall. Lord Pondicherry takes a keen interest in hunting, fishing and rose growing, while Lady Pondicherry is a well-known leader of fashion in her part of the world. They will be accompanied by the Rajah of Toboso, Batataria, and his Begums. Our distinguished visitors will be welcomed at the Town Hall by the Mayor and Mayoress of Yarraman. Full news and radio coverage of the event will be given by Lola Prangworth, Social Editress of the Bangholme Heights News Pictorial, and a well-known radio and TV personality. There will be plenty of bargains as well as refreshments, a film show for the children, and of course a magnificent display of blooms at the Rose Show. Don't forget the popular Pets Competition.



Our new 6pm Praise & Worship service has been postponed at this time to ensure everyone from our surrounding areas has the opportunity to attend. We still want you to get excited about our new service, so please keep praying that this service can run sooner rather than later and all in God's good timing.

### **PARISH NEWS REFLECTION - Isaac and Rebekah**

Do we really need to know about how Isaac met Rebekah?

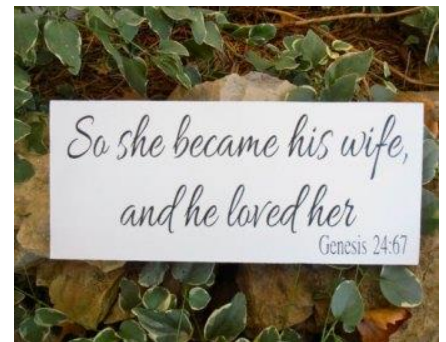
Let us consider what the apostle Paul says when considering the importance of the Old Testament scriptures. He says: "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

Indeed, as we look at this account, we learn of God's faithfulness in answering prayer and providing for his people. We see how God's covenant promises are carried forward from generation to generation. And we learn of the importance of choosing a spouse wisely.

The Patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were not perfect, but they teach us a lot and the New Testament regularly draws on them to teach us how to live. Let us approach Genesis 24 with expectant hearts and minds willing to learn.

#### **Genesis 24 - Isaac and Rebekah**

1. God's promise to Abraham continues through Isaac.
  - a. God's covenant promise with Abraham is carried through his son Isaac.
  - b. Abraham sends his servant to find a suitable wife for Isaac (4).
  - c. He prays to God and God grants him his request (43-45).
2. Why is a suitable wife so important?
  - a. In Hebrew culture, it was the woman who raises the children and has the stronger influence on the faith of the children.
  - b. Marrying someone of different convictions can lead to many compromises.
3. Rebekah was God's provision:
  - a. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent (67)
  - b. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her.
  - c. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.





## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



We pray for those who are sick or troubled in body or mind, or who have special needs: (Please email [contact@stjamesdandenong.com](mailto:contact@stjamesdandenong.com) for prayers for anyone who is in need of them).

### **This week we continue to pray for:**

Janet; Trudy; Sr Gloria; Mazzie; Milton; Wesley; Shereen; Marlene; Wayne.

We pray for the United Church of Pakistan; Diocese of Tasmania; St John Chrysostom Brunswick West; Holy Trinity Hastings; St Paul's Cathedral; St Thomas' Werribee; Archbishop Philip and all our bishops in their ministry this week.

### **Lawn Mowing Roster:**

11 July: David & Marg Brown  
18 July: Rob Daniels & Frank Drake



### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 12 July**

Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.

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