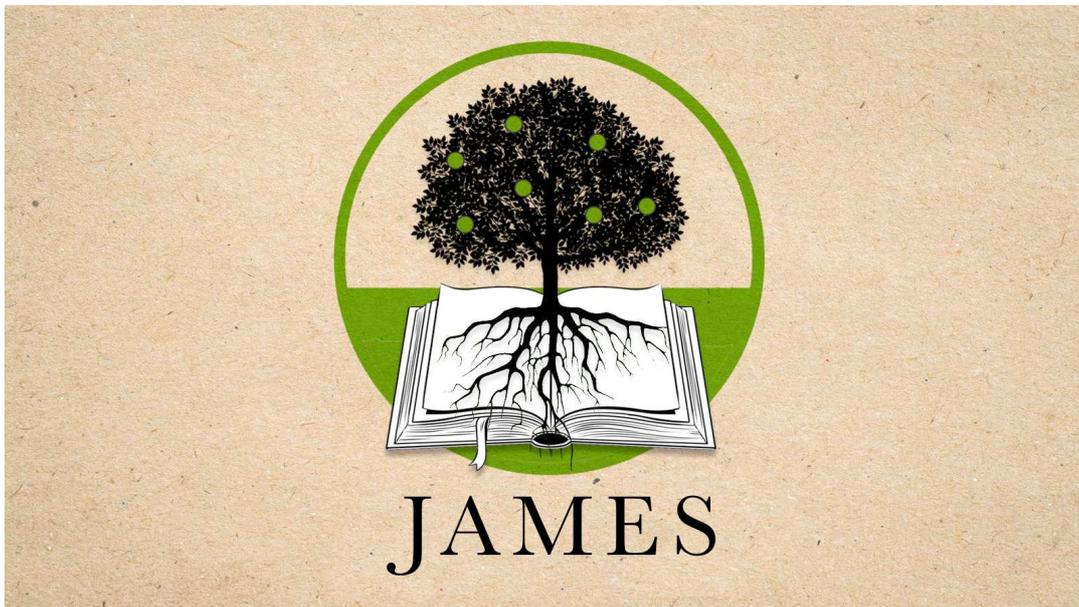


# St George's Magill

**First Sunday of Lent**

**21 February 2021**

**Welcome** to church this morning, whether you are joining us in person or online! To join us online (10:30 am service only), please go to [www.stgeorgesmagill.org](http://www.stgeorgesmagill.org) for the Zoom link.



## **Prayer of a Purifying Community**

### **Bible Readings**

James 5:13–20

1 Kings 17:1–7

Mark 2:3–12

**The Sentence** | The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. **Mark 1:15**

**The Collect** | God of the new and eternal covenant, as the forty days of the great flood swept away the world's corruption and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life: grant to us, who are washed clean and born again in the saving flood of baptism, the wellspring of your grace, that your gift of new life may flourish once again; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Vision Statement:** St George's will be a prayerful family which brings glory to Jesus Christ, by applying God's word to our lives, and using our gifts and resources to proclaim the gospel at every opportunity in Magill and beyond.

# Prayer of a Purifying Community

Next week's topic: Mission



**Those who are in need of prayer:** our members who are choosing to self-isolate at this time, Jan & Trevor Race, Elizabeth Czyczelis, Helen Harris, Don & Judy Handley, Pauline Rule, Margaret Fenemore, David Harley, Caro O'Doherty, Val White, Christine Jamieson, and N&R (and their children L&S) settling back in to Adelaide.

**Those at home:** Milton Haseloff and Tekla Lee.

**Those in aged care:** Maureen Huggard, Ron Curtis and Rosemary Wilson.

**Mission Partners:** Please pray for our friends David & Tamra Purton (FOCUS International Student Ministry - AFES) and Mike & Karen Roe (George Whitefield College, South Africa – CMS). Pray for Chen Jin and the team involved in ministry to internationals here at St George's.

Please pray for Christians in Coober Pedy to be lights for Jesus in this needy town. Pray that a replacement BCA Minister can be found to fill the vacant position at the Catacomb Church.

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**First / New Testament reading – James 5:13–20 – Anthony Szabo, Rebecca Holloway**

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you ill? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

<sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. <sup>18</sup> Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

<sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, <sup>20</sup> remember this: whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

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**Second / Old Testament reading – 1 Kings 17:1–7 – Rae Cowling, Jaki Bayly**

**17** Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, ‘As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.’

<sup>2</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: <sup>3</sup> ‘Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. <sup>4</sup> You will drink from the brook, and I have instructed the ravens to supply you with food there.’

<sup>5</sup> So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. <sup>6</sup> The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

<sup>7</sup> Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land.

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**Third / Gospel reading – Mark 2:3–12 – Phyllis McEwin, Alexandra Black**

<sup>3</sup> Some men came, bringing to him a paralysed man, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup> Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralysed man, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven.’

<sup>6</sup> Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, <sup>7</sup> ‘Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?’

<sup>8</sup> Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, 'Why are you thinking these things?' <sup>9</sup> Which is easier: to say to this paralysed man, "Your sins are forgiven," or to say, "Get up, take your mat and walk"? <sup>10</sup> But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.' So he said to the man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.'" <sup>12</sup> He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'



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### Missed a week or want to hear the sermon again?

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The weekly Notice Sheet is also available on the website.

### Bible Study Groups

Most groups meet fortnightly. Contact one of the leaders directly or David Purton on 0413 626 862 or [dcpurton@marshwiggles.net](mailto:dcpurton@marshwiggles.net).

Day	Location	Contact
Mon 7:30pm	Hills	Bill Bayly
Mon 7:30pm	Plains	Trevor Yeend
Tue 12:30pm	Magill	Heather Holley
Tue 7:00pm	Magill	Dan Clark
Tue 7:30pm	Paradise	David Bassett
Wed 7:30pm	Marden	David Purton
Thu 12:30pm	Glynde	Linda Dickson

### Service Times

#### Sunday 8:30 am

- Traditional Service with Holy Communion

#### Sunday 10:30 am

- Contemporary Service (includes Children's and Youth Programs)

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### The week ahead in the Parish

22–28 February

**Mon** 6:30 pm BCA - Commissioning of John Warner

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri** 3:30 pm Kids Club

6:00 pm Youth Group

**Sat** 11:00 am Parish Prayer Meeting

**Sun** 8:30 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion

10:30 am Prayer & Praise Service