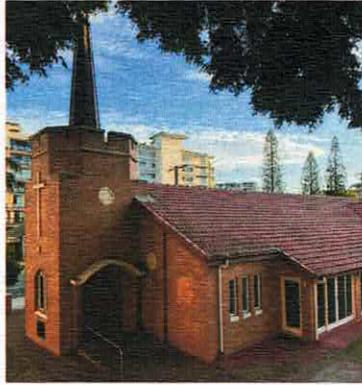




CELEBRATING
140 YEARS

OF
ANGLICAN
WORSHIP IN
REDCLIFFE



21 FEBRUARY
1886 ~
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Dear friends,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the occasion of the 140th anniversary of the first Anglican service held in Redcliffe, I write to offer my congratulations and to express my thanks for you all. This is a remarkable milestone in the life of your parish and a wonderful opportunity to honour those whose faith, generosity, and perseverance laid the foundations for the community you are today.

When those first Anglican prayers were offered in Redcliffe 140 years ago, this was still a small bayside settlement—more remote than we can easily imagine now—linked to Brisbane by rough roads, coastal shipping, and the rhythms of weather and tide. The jetty was central to local life, homes were modest, and the district's growth was only beginning.

And the Anglican Church in Queensland was still finding its feet too. The Diocese of Brisbane had been formed only a few decades earlier, with clergy travelling long distances to serve scattered communities and congregations gathering wherever they could—often in homes, halls, or shared public spaces—united more by faith and determination than by buildings or budgets. Mission, ministry, and worship required a practical kind of courage, and a deep trust in God's providence.

Over 140 years, so much has changed—within Redcliffe itself, and in the life of the Church. The world imagined by those early worshippers has been transformed in countless ways. And yet, the heart of our calling remains the same: to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship faithfully, and to serve our neighbours with love and courage.

I am very sorry that I am unable to be with you in person on this important day. Please know, however, that I am with you in spirit, and I give thanks for you and for your ministry. I assure you of my prayers for all that lies ahead as you enter the next season of parish life—praying for renewed faith, deepened relationships, and fresh wisdom as you discern God's purposes in your community.

May God bless you richly, and may the Holy Spirit continue to strengthen and guide you.

With every blessing,

The Most Reverend Jeremy Greaves
Archbishop of Brisbane

Please stand for our Processional Hymn

Lord, your almighty word

1

Lord, your almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

2

Saviour, who came to give
those who in darkness live
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
let there be light.

3

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

4

Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide,
let there be light.

John Marriott 1780-1825 alt.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A Sentence of Scripture of the day.

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Matthew 4.4

The people kneeling (optional), this Prayer of Preparation is said by the priest and people together;

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

The priest reads aloud the commandments.

The Ten Commandments

Hear the commandments which God gave his people Israel.

- 1 I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of slavery; you shall have no other gods but me.
- 2 You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them.
- 3 You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- 4 Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shall you labour and do all you have to do, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord your God.
- 5 Honour your father and your mother.
- 6 You shall do no murder.
- 7 You shall not commit adultery.
- 8 You shall not steal.
- 9 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
- 10 You shall not covet anything that is your neighbour's.

Lord, have mercy on us:
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Two Great Commandments

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Lord, have mercy on us: and write your law in our hearts by your Holy Spirit.

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day.

Almighty and everlasting God,
you call your Church to walk the way of the cross
and to return to you with all our heart:

As we begin this holy season of Lent,
grant us grace to examine our lives,
courage to repent of all that separates us from you,
and steadfast faith to follow Christ in humility and love.

We give you thanks for the 140 years of faithful witness
in this parish community;
for those who first planted the gospel here,
for those who have served through changing times,
and for the generations who have been baptised, nurtured,
and sent in your name.

As you were faithful to those who came before us,
be faithful to us now.

Renew us by your Spirit,
that we may let go of all that hinders your mission,
embrace the new work you set before us,
and hand on to those who follow
a living faith, courageous hope, and steadfast love.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who was tempted as we are, yet without sin,
and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' 3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

1 Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven:
whose iniquity is put away.

2 Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame:
and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3 For whilst I held my tongue:
my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.

4 Your hand was heavy upon me day and night:
and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you:
and my iniquity I did not hide;

6 I said 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord':
and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.

7 For this cause shall everyone that is faithful
make their prayer to you in the day of trouble:
**and in the time of the great water-flood,
it shall not come near them.**

8 You are a place to hide me in,
you will preserve me from trouble:
you will surround me with deliverance on every side.

9 'I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go:
I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.

10 'Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding:
whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.'

11 Great tribulations remain for the ungodly:
**but whoever puts their trust in the Lord,
mercy embraces them on every side.**

12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad:
and shout for joy, all you that are true of heart.

Second Reading

Romans 5.12-21

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the

free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn - Take my life, and let it be

1
Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

3
Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

4
Take my silver and my gold,
nothing, Lord, would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use

every power as thou shalt choose.

5

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6

Take my love: my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.

Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal 1836-79 alt.

The people stand for the Gospel,

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew,
chapter four and beginning at the first verse

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 4.1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted
by the devil.

He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was
famished.

The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God,
command these stones to become loaves of bread.'

But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." '

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the
pinnacle of the temple,

saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it
is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you",

and "On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God
to the test." '

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all
the kingdoms of the world and their splendour;

and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.'

Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,
"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him." '

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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 OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn - Long ago, Prophets Knew

1 Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new;
Bear his People's burden,
Freely love and pardon.

Refrain:

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
When he comes,
Who will make him welcome?

2 God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human. [Refrain]

3 Mary, hail! Though afraid,
She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid;
Till the time expected
Nurtured and protected. [Refrain]

4 Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

Refrain:

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes!
Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome!

The priest begins the Offertory, saying:

Whenever we have opportunity, let us do good to all, and especially to those of the household of faith. - Galatians 6.10

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God - Hebrews 13.16

THE PRAYERS

The Prayers

Let us pray for all people, and for the Church throughout the world.

Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy apostle to make prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people: we ask you in your mercy to receive our prayers which we offer to your divine majesty.

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the ways of righteousness and peace, and guide their rulers in wisdom and justice for the tranquility and good of all. Bless especially your servant Charles our King, his representatives and ministers, his parliaments, and all who exercise authority in this land. Grant that they may impartially administer justice, restrain wickedness and vice, and uphold integrity and truth.

We beseech you to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy name may agree in the truth of your holy word, and live in unity

and godly love.

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Jeremy our archbishop, Sarah our bishop and Danni our priest, that, by their life and doctrine, they may set forth your true, life-giving word, and rightly and duly administer your holy sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present, that they may receive your word with meek hearts and due reverence and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. We give our thanks and praise today especially for the work of the Reverend John Sutton, whose faithful practice led him to lead that first service 140 years ago, paving the way for all those who followed in his footsteps and are still making disciples on the peninsular all these years later.

We ask you of your goodness, Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We also bless your holy name for all your servants who have died in the faith of Christ. Give us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of your heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate.

Amen

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

Exhortation

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we who would come to the holy communion of the body and blood of our Saviour Christ must consider how St Paul exhorts us to examine ourselves before presuming to eat of that bread and drink of that cup.

For the benefit is great, if with a penitent heart and lively faith we receive that holy sacrament. We then spiritually eat the flesh of Christ and drink his blood; we dwell in Christ and he in us; we are one with Christ and Christ with us.

Yet also the danger is great, if we receive the bread and cup unworthily. Judge yourselves therefore, that you be not judged of the Lord. Repent truly of your sins, having a steadfast faith in Christ our

Saviour. Amend your lives and love your neighbour.

Above all, give hearty thanks to God for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, truly God and truly human, who humbled himself to death on the cross for us sinners, that he might make us children of God, and raise us to eternal life.

The minister continues

You who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God and walking in his holy ways, draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to strengthen and comfort you. But first, let us make a humble confession of our sins to almighty God.

Confession

A pause for self-examination may be observed.

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all people,
we acknowledge with shame the sins we have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against your divine majesty,
provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us.
We earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for all our misdoings.
Have mercy on us, most merciful Father.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please you in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution.

Almighty God our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who with hearty repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Words of Assurance

Hear the words of assurance for those who truly turn to Christ

Jesus said: Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11.28

The priest then begins the Thanksgiving and Communion.

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.

It is indeed right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, Lord, Mighty Creator, and Eternal God.

For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and *singing*:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
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.**

Prayer of Consecration.

All glory to you, our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death on the cross for our redemption: who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until his coming again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we who receive these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who on the night he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.' Likewise after supper he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, 'Drink from this, all of you; for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Amen

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life: Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to come and share this Holy Meal in either bread, wine or both. Intincting of the bread (dipping) is not allowed so if you would rather not take the cup you may honour it by touching rather than drinking from as it comes to you. If you need gluten free please indicate to Rev'd Danni as she approaches you. If you would prefer to receive a blessing rather than bread and wine please keep your hands by your sides to indicate this.

AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

Almighty and everliving God, we heartily thank you that you graciously feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and thus assure us of your favour and goodness towards us and that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people, and are also heirs, through hope, of your eternal kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of your dear Son.

And we humbly beseech you, heavenly Father, so to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end.

Amen.

FINAL BLESSING

Grant, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Missional Hymn - Tell Out My Soul

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word -
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same -
his holy name: the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure:
tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!**



Reverend John Sutton

In 1860, at the age of 43, he and six other clergymen, accompanied new Bishop for the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane Reverend E W Tufnell on a voyage to Australia from England.

His first assignment in Queensland was to establish a Church of England in Gladstone. He returned to Brisbane in early 1861 and married Frances Johnson, whom he met on the five-month voyage to Australia.

Reverend Sutton is said to be responsible for the location of Redcliffe's 'Central Business District (CBD)'.

He bought 21 acres of seafront land in September 1865. This purchase sparked his lifelong passion for the Peninsula's development.

The land reportedly cost £21 and was on the northern side of what is now called Klingner Rd and extended west from the foreshore to Oxley Ave.

In January 1869, he bought two more farming properties on the Peninsula, one of which is now the site of the Redcliffe CBD.

Within a few years, he had acquired all of the seafront land between MacDonnell Rd and the mouth of Humpybong Creek. Most of it was bought at a cost of £1 per acre.

Rev Sutton had a small house built on the land, which he and his family used when they visited the Peninsula, but his intention was not to develop it into a farm.

In 1878, he had the land sub-divided into small allotments and streets. In May, the *Brisbane Courier* published an advertisement for the auction of "60 large marine villas, each having a frontage to the Bay".

The result was the sale of a number of allotments where hotels, boarding houses and shops were soon built. It was the forerunner to a land boom from 1880 which lasted several years and resulted in farms being sub-divided into housing estates.

Sutton sold more of his land during this period, including 602 "marine residence sites" in 1886.

He and his family moved to Redcliffe when he retired in 1882.

In 1885, the family had a new house built in front of their existing home at Redcliffe. It was named Hurley House and later Sutton House. In February 1886, he began holding Anglican church services at the house and launched a building fund for a church. He had already donated land for the structure in 1882.

From 1886-87, Rev Sutton was a member of the building committee which succeeded in establishing the Redcliffe Provisional School. He served as Redcliffe Divisional Board Chairman for two years from 1889.

In April 1897, he revived the church building fund but died on June 9 that year aged 80 years.

Rev Sutton's name lives on in Sutton and John streets, and Suttons Beach.

SOURCES: History Redcliffe; *Peninsula Phenomenon: The Metamorphosis to Southern Cross*

