



Church Services

Sunday:

Batemans Bay Holy Communion

9.25am None today

10am Holy Communion

6.30pm Worship

Readings:

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

2 Corinthians 3:7-18

Matthew 17:1-9

Readings

Monday: Psalm 93; Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday: Psalm 37:35-41; Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday: Psalm 51:1-17; Matthew 6:1-21

Thursday: Psalm 1; Luke 9:22-25

Friday: Psalm 51:15-19; Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday: Psalm 86:1-7; Luke 5:27-32

Sunday: Psalm 322; Romans 5:12-21;
Matthew 4:1-11

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the benefits of his sacrifice, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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ANGLICAN NEWS:

2023: A year to Stand! Please extend this newsletter to someone to encourage them.

HOUSEKEEPING: Books are available for worship – to avoid multiple people handling them they will remain in the back of the pews. The Common Cup is available for our Communion Worship. **Intinction is not allowed** and we continue to offer individual cups for those who do not wish to use the Common Cup.

Masks: There is no requirement to wear a mask to attend church but you are invited to wear a mask to reduce community risk.

Hand Sanitizing: COVID and Flu remain active – please sanitize your hands and be mindful of each other's space.

LEAVE: Doug and Julie will be on leave 19 -25 February, Bishop Ian is taking the 19 February Sunday service.

GLEAN: No Glean this week.

ASH WEDNESDAY: A service of Holy Communion with imposition of ashes will be held at 10am on Wednesday 22nd February.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 3 March from 10am at the Salvation Army.

LENT STUDIES: Bishop George: Wednesday 1st March 10am in the Church. Extras welcome.

Doug Thursday evenings from 02 March – 30 March in the Church. Maundy Thursday 6 April there will be a shared meal and foot washing service in the Hall at 6.30pm.

PRAYERS AND PRAISE:

- Congratulations to Paula Ugrinov on completing her Bachelor of Ministry.
- Give thanks for answered prayer for Phillipa being approved for a Mobility Scooter.
- Prayers for safe and relaxing travels for Doug and Julie.
- Prayers for Turkey and Syria as they deal with clean ups and injured people, prayers for the families of people lost.
- Prayers for New Zealand as they had a cyclone and earthquake this week.
- Continuing prayers for those going through tough times and illnesses.

PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER: For support ring Elizabeth Dean 44724330.

LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS: Please take time to read our prayer list and ask God for one or two people on it to pray for, not necessarily people you know: Phillipa Shepherd, Veronica Newson, Judy Charman, Dora Coma, Michael Kovacs, Harry Lewis, Ian Oliver, Wendy and Chris Berger, Jay Stewart, Helen Plumb, Marina Vander-Burgh, Keith Sutherland, Iain Ritchie, Rodney Hay, Susan Dean, Robin Hay, Noreen Ralston-Birchall, Ian Overy, Rebecca Coughran, Bob Day, Rachel Harding, Tony Hughes, Jason King, Annette Stewart, Jess Hughes, Judy Stewart, Tommy King, Debbie.

Bible Study Answers: Matthew 17: 1 -13. This gives us an amazing vision of Jesus in all his glory. However, to place it in the context of how the disciples experienced it, how does this passage address the confession and objection raised by Peter in Matthew 16: 13 -28? In Chapter 16 the Pharisees and Sadducees demand a sign from heaven but Jesus refuses to give them one. How often do we demand a sign from God as a precondition to faith or worship? Jesus warns us to guard against the hard hearts and teaching of the religious elite that the Pharisees and Sadducees represent. Jesus asks his disciples who they say that he is – Peter confesses Jesus as the Christ, the son of the living God. Well done Peter, but oh how short lived – mere verses later Peter responds to Jesus prediction of his death and resurrection by rebuking the son of God. We may not shave the yeast of the Pharisees but we are all open to placing our own boundaries on Jesus. The Transfiguration responds to all these – it is nothing less than the revelation of who Jesus truly is in all his glory, a sign, an affirmation of his deity and a promise of resurrected life.

What might be the significance of the appearance of Moses and Elijah in this event? It affirms that Jesus is not either of them but is indeed greater than them. They also represent the Old Covenant Law and Prophets coming under the Word.

Why does Jesus tell the disciples not to talk about this experience? For much the same reason as he refused to give the Pharisees and Sadducees a sign, it is not the time to be talking resurrection before the cross.

Sunday 19 February – Transfiguration

Lent commences with Ash Wednesday on 22 February and we turn our faces towards Jerusalem and the journey to the cross. Today as we contemplate that journey we look beyond it to the vision and promise of Transfiguration. Here Jesus is revealed in his resurrection glory, this is how we will see him next.

Traditional: Holy Holy <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwuDSw-9cUQ>

Contemporary: All Glory Be <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I6P2R9aTAP>

Read. Matthew 17: 1 -9. After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. ⁴Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁵While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” ⁸When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Thoughts: According to the news and the internet this week the Church of England has lost the plot and forgotten who God is. What was probably intended to be a sophisticated, intellectual and nuanced pastoral debate about how to best identify God for consumption within the hallowed walls of the church has dismally failed the UK Pub Test. It sounds very much like a modern discussion between Pharisees and Sadducees, oh how little we appear to have changed. On the Mount of Transfiguration Jesus is revealed as who he is in all his glory and Abba speaks of his son. May the glory of God fall in this place and upon you. Julie and I recently met with an intercessor who encouraged us that God has heard the prayers of our church and will bring revival in Batemans Bay this year. Can God reveal himself today, what might it be like for this generation? Please read the reflection and listen to the testimony – this is happening right now.

Reflection: <https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2023/february-web-only/asbury-revival-1970-2023-methodist-christian-holy-spirit.html>

Testimony: It is ordinary people who are hungry <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYbhh7njNQ>

You cannot truly love until you are loved by Jesus.

Prayers: Father; we lament the war in Ukraine, on 24 February it will have been going for one year. Oh why, oh why, hear our prayers. Father we thank you for every person that you have met in that conflict, in bunkers, trenches, foxholes and cold apartments, calming their fears, quieting their anxiety and loving them to life.

We pray for the flood and earthquake situation in New Zealand. Strengthen our brothers and sisters and comfort all who mourn and are overwhelmed by the experience.

Father of all; we continue to pray for your manifest peace to reign in Alice Springs, and also in our own communities. Stir up your Spirit to guide and inspire our prayers.

We ask Lord that you come and revive and restore us again. Come Holy Spirit, come oh come.

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 forever. Amen

Traditional: Amazing Grace https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LF_55-PE-Pw&ab_channel=GOURANGA47

Contemporary: My Lighthouse <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFBZJGSgyVQ>

Blessing: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you His peace and may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Savior: and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon us, and remain with you always. **Shalom**

Bible Study: Read Colossians 1: 1-14. Growing in Christian life is about understanding and being reliant on what God has done for us in Christ. **When you pray what are the things that you give thanks for or pray for the most commonly?**

What does Paul give thanks for and then what does he pray for?

Why are these things he prays for important?

How has God qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints?

Share: What have you sensed God speak to you through your prayer and bible reading this week?

