



### Church Services

#### Sunday:

- 8am** Holy Communion  
**9.25am** 2 EAR FM  
**10am** Holy Communion  
**6.30pm** Combined Churches – Cross Central

#### Readings:

- Acts 2:42-47 (page 886)  
 Psalm 23 (page 435)  
 1 Peter 2:1-10 (page 984)  
 John 10:1-10 (page 872)

#### Readings

- Monday:** Psalm 19:1-6; John 14:6-14  
**Tuesday:** Psalm 87; John 10:22-30  
**Wednesday:** Psalm 67; John 12:44-50  
**Thursday:** Psalm 89:19-25; John 13:16-20  
**Friday:** Psalm 2:6-11; John 14:1-6  
**Saturday:** Psalm 98:1-4; John 14:7-14  
**Sunday:** Psalm 31:1-5; 1Peter 2:11-25; John 14:1-14

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: help us when we hear his voice to know him who calls us each by name, and to follow where he leads; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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**CHURCH:** The church office is open Thursday mornings 9am-12pm and Fridays 9am-3pm.

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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 AND CONFERENCE:** Doug will be on leave 3-6 May and then at Clergy Conference 8 -11 May. Reverend Mary Clarke will take the next two Thursday services.

**GLEAN NOTICE:** Julie will be away next week so **no GLEAN 03 May**. The following week 10<sup>th</sup> May GLEAN will be on in the hall 1.30pm to 3.00pm. **♥JESUS POST RESURRECTION APPEARANCES = HEART HARVEST♥**. If you want to have a look: Matthew 27:57-28:20. Mark 15:42-16:20. Luke 23:50-24:53. John 19:38-21:25.

**CREATIVE WORSHIP:** We are looking for a group to gather, pray and to prepare creatively for Pentecost (28 May); including our worship space, banners, art and music. Pentecost readings: Numbers 11: 24 -30; Prayer to the Holy Spirit; 1 Corinthians 12: 1 –13; John 7: 37- 52 Meet in the church on Tuesday 2 May at 1.00pm. Please come along if you are interested.

**ANGLICAN RENEWAL:** A national ARNA E-Gathering is planned for Saturday 27 May (day before Pentecost). The gathering will include worship and a focus on prayer led by Jill Weber as our key-note speaker. Jill is the Global Convenor for the Order of the Mustard Seed, Elder and Spiritual Formation Director at Emmaus Rd Church UK and a key leader within 24-7 Prayer movement. The gathering will also introduce this year's Pentecost Retreat Podcast which commences on 29 May. Batemans Bay will be a regional gathering hub – please gather at church for 3.30 – 5.30pm. A light fellowship meal will be provided at 5.30pm.

**BCA BOXES:** Thank you to all who bought in their boxes, \$892.70 was raised. If anyone would like a box please ask and we can arrange one for you.

**COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE:** Will be on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April at Cross Central at 6.30pm.

**BBECET PRAYER MEETING:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May in the hall at 5pm.

**BBECET SUPPORTERS ANNUAL LUNCH:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 12pm, City Church Batemans Bay. \$25 per person. Tickets are available in the office. Come along and support our school ministries. Final days for tickets this weekend please for catering.

**MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH:** For the mother's that won't have family visit them for Mother's day I will be reserving a table at the Cat Club at midday, please come along

#### **PRAYERS AND PRAISE:**

- Continuing prayers for those going through tough times and illnesses.
- Give thanks for answered prayers and healing.
- Give thanks to Rev Tom Slokee who is stepping down from the ANZAC Service and Rev Doug will be taking the services.
- Julie shared a Christian version of the Birthday Song this week, which I am sharing here.
  - Happy birthday to you, To Jesus be true, God bless you and keep you, Happy birthday to you ♥

**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, Jonathon and Leticia, Bronwyn Lithgow, Lisa Brookes, Chris Black, Ruby Brown, Jane Wilkinson.

**Bible Study Answers: Next week!!**

## **Sunday 30 April – Be Holy**

Be a holy as Jesus is holy. Serve him and him alone

**Traditional:** In the Beauty of Holiness <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tivOftJVBB0>

**Contemporary:** Agnus Dei/ King of Kings [Agnus Dei / King of Kings - Hillsong Worship \(Lyrics\) - YouTube](#)

**Read. 1 Peter 2: 9-10.** But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**Thoughts:** We are chosen and set aside for a purpose. How do you feel about that? Peter is referring to the whole church, all the people, not just to specific individuals within the gathered body/ God always envisages a world where some people will know and follow him but where many others will be either oblivious to his reality and presence or willfully disobedient and choose to follow idols and self. God knows that the world will always need evidence of his presence and an appreciation of the value and efficacy of belief in him. We are his witnesses in this world – once we were not but now we are. God has called us all to be holy and to witness to his holiness as a priest would.

### **Prayers:**

Almighty God, you have called us to be holy as you are holy. We pray for the SOMA team led by Rev. Liz Rankin in Rwanda and for Bishop Ian and Jill Lambert and their team in Vietnam. God of grace equip and direct them that the Kingdom of God is proclaimed captives will be set free and the glory of God revealed.

We pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia, especially the non-combatants in this ongoing conflict. Comfort those who have lost loved ones, those who are injured and those who are frightened. Bring peace to our world.

We pray for the Owen family in Cloncurry and the ministry of Bush Church Aid bringing God's word across the remote areas of Australia.

We pray for all those in our community who are in sorrow, sickness, discouragement or any other trouble. We particularly pray for those feeling isolated, anxious or depressed, give them patience and a firm trust in your goodness. Help those who care for them, and bring them, with all of us all into the joy of your salvation.

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers, feeding us with your Word, and encouraging us in our meeting together. Take us and use us to love and serve you and all people in the power of your spirit in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

We conclude our Prayers saying: **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:** To God Be the Glory

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vbGFupxwu0&ab\\_channel=ChetValleyChurches](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vbGFupxwu0&ab_channel=ChetValleyChurches)

**Contemporary:** Good and Gracious King [CityAlight - Good and Gracious King - YouTube](#)

**Blessing:** The peace of God which passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord, and may the blessing of God the father, God the son and God the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you now and forever. **Shalom**

**Bible Study: Read John 14: 1-11.** In John 13: 33-38 Jesus tells the disciples that his time is near and that he will be leaving them; the conversation in John 14 is in response to that revelation and is intended to comfort and encourage the disciples. **What is Jesus describing and what imagery/ metaphor does he use? What does he promise his disciples?**

**The disciples question where Jesus is going and how they will get there. Jesus response is I am the Way, the Truth and the Life – what does this response mean to you?**

**How do you feel about Jesus statement that he is the unique and only way to heaven? What evidence does he give for this statement? (Hint – see also John 10: 25 -35)**

**Read John 14: 12-17. If Jesus leaves, then this will happen so that the disciples (and us) can work as agents of God. What does Jesus say we will be able to do? How will God make this possible? Share when have you seen this happen?**

## **ANZAC DAY 2023**

