



Community News
25 June 2023
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
OCC Launch



Church Services

Sunday:

- 8am** Holy Communion
- 9.25am** 2 EAR FM
- 10am** Prayer and Praise
- 6.30pm** Worship

Readings:

- Psalm 86:1-10 (Page 473)
- Romans 6:1-11 (Page 917)
- Matthew 10:24-39 (Page 790)

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- Monday:** Psalm 33:13-21; Matthew 7:1-5
- Tuesday:** Psalm 15; Matthew 7:6-14
- Wednesday:** Psalm 105:1-7; Matthew 7:15-20
- Thursday:** Psalm 106:1-5; Matthew 7:21-29
- Friday:** Psalm 128; Matthew 8:1-4
- Saturday:** Song of Mary; Matthew 8:5-17
- Sunday:** Psalm 45:10-17 ; Romans 7:14-25; Matthew 11:15-30

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, save through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

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

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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.

KAIROS: Please pray for the KAIROS Women's weekend in Nowra this weekend. Chris Andison is on team. Continue to pray for James and Janice Ackland and their family as they grieve the death of their grandson Gervis.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Reverend Tom Slookee. Tom has been nominated for the National Male Elder of the Year. See the award ceremony on Saturday July 1st on the ABC at 7.30pm

PARISH LETTER: A letter from Parish Council is being sent out separately from the newsletter today outlining significant issues facing the Parish. As forecast at the AGM the Parish giving income is significantly less than our expenses and our ongoing income options need to be addressed. Also, Community Life is restructuring, part of this is refurbishing Hope House. It is intended to keep using the house for ministry but the future focus of ministry is being reviewed. Dennis and Doug will provide more detail during this Sunday's service. A new Strategic Plan will be developed for the parish in the next two months. Ideas and inputs to Parish Councilors are welcome. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUQZpJYmvxA>

PENTECOST RETREAT PODCAST: <https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/anglican-renewal>

PASTORAL PRAYER WORKSHOP: This Saturday 24 June from 1-4pm at church.

CHRISTMAS CHILD: Sunday 25 June will be our annual launch of Operation Christmas Child. Please remember to save 10 cent recyclable bottles and cans and drop them off at church for Pauline. It is good for the environment and helps significantly to fund the boxes that Pauline collects and sends.

<https://video.samaritanspurse.org/shoeboxes-bring-joy-in-ukraine/>

COMMUNITY LIFE RENEWAL: Renewals are now due. There is a clipboard in the Office. \$5 per person and new members are welcome, forms are available for those.

BBECET PRAYER MEETING: Monday 3rd July at 5 pm in the church hall.

SOMA AGM: You are invited to our online AGM which has been scheduled for 6.00pm Thursday 29th June 2023. The access link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83937603315>

Meeting ID: 839 3760 3315 Please feel free to join us to hear all of what has taken place over the last 12 months and to hear what God is stirring for the future.

LADIES MORNING TEA: Calling all cool chicks for a ladies fellowship morning tea which will be held on the first Monday of each month, the first being Monday 3rd July, at Maloney's Beach Café, Maloney's Drive, Maloney's Beach at 10.30am. There are delicious delicacies available and all hand made by Erin (including Gluten free cakes). For further information see Joan Dolstra or Joy Williams.



BCA PRAYER POINTS:

- BCA update is available on the Church Website.
- **Give thanks for:**
- For all that He has done these last three months and for everything that we have mentioned in this newsletter.

- For new people that have joined our church this past year. Pray they will become established and built up in their faith.
- **Please pray for:**
- Those grieving in our community; that they will find hope and comfort in Jesus.
- A smooth start to Religious Instruction at Cloncurry State School
- Ongoing repairs being done at Julia Creek Church
- Cloncurry Christians; that they will keep growing in their faith, hope and love for one another.
- That we will see more people come to know the Lord in this area.
- For the Cloncurry kids' club June (26-30) – for all leaders' and kids' safety, for the BCA Nomads that are travelling to help us and for spiritual fruit in the lives and families of the kids attending.
- That the Lord will lead Simon in his role as Priest and that He will keep using our whole family for His glory.
- We have had some recent sickness and various health issues so please pray for our health, access to medical services, perseverance, and good sleep (especially for Angela and Josiah).
- We also want to give God thanks for Angela's Christian grandmother who sadly passed on Saturday 10 June. Please pray for all the family as we grieve her passing and as we remember, honour and celebrate her life.

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, Dora Coma, Harry Lewis, Wendy and Chris Berger, Jay Stewart, Helen Plumb, Marina Vander-Burgh, Keith Sutherland, Iain Ritchie, Rodney Hay, Susan Dean, Robin Hay, Rebecca Coughran, Bob Day, Annette Stewart, Judy Stewart, Tommy King, Jonathon and Leticia, Bronwyn Lithgow, Lisa Brookes, Chris Black, Ruby Brown, Jane Wilkinson, Susan Bateman.

Bible Study Answers: Romans 6: 1-14. How does Paul use the concept of baptism here, what is he expressing with it? Paul uses the term baptism here to envisage a complete immersion of our lives (body, mind and soul) into the risen Christ. The outcomes of Christ's actions in his death and resurrection that defeat death and sin are replicated in our lives by this process of fully entering into, completely giving ourselves into Christ's care; he dies for us, he is buried for us and he rises from death for us so that we may have new life now and in the times to come.

What is the consequence of our being alive in Christ? We are united with Christ, we are no longer captive or slaves to sin, we are freed, we have new life through Christ, we are to live to God and for his glory. We have grace.

How are we to respond to Christ's resurrection? We are to live for God and for his glory, giving witness to God's work in our lives. We are to actively reject sin and consciously offer our lives to God as instruments of righteousness.

How challenging is it to not let sin reign? Why is sin so addictive to us? It is challenging not to retain or remain in habits of sin because they have become ingrained in our lives. Sin is addictive because the sins that we are attracted to are usually the ones that give us false emotional comfort. They counterfeit the feelings of gratification, satisfaction or worth that we should seek and receive from Christ. They amplify our fears and seek to reduce our self-worth and belief by lying to us about God - God could not love me, look at what I do.... And what I do I think defines who I am! This passage of Romans tells us that who you are is determined by what Christ has done. God sees you through Christ as precious, beautiful and worthy of His abiding love.

Sunday 25 June – Hope and Joy.

Traditional: O The Deep Deep Love <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VqTMJxSA7EM>

Contemporary: O Praise the Name <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqBpifDpNKc>

Read. Psalm 86: 1-10 Hear me, LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. ²Guard my life, for I am faithful to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; ³have mercy on me, Lord, for I call to you all day long. ⁴Bring joy to your servant, Lord, for I put my trust in you. ⁵You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you. ⁶Hear my prayer, LORD; listen to my cry for mercy. ⁷When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me. ⁸Among the gods there is none like you, Lord; no deeds can compare with yours. ⁹All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name. ¹⁰For you are great and do marvellous deeds; you alone are God.

Thoughts: Feeling poor and needy, worried or distressed? We all feel this way at some time, especially when it looks as though the challenges of the world are insurmountable. King David had great power and much wealth but he certainly remembered his challenging times of life. He encourages us in days such as these to turn our vision to the unchanging goodness and love of God. Pray and call upon God because he will answer you; his hand has done marvelous deeds. Find strength in your experience of what God has already done in your life and in the faith that you have in Christ, trusty in Christ and see the joy that God can bring. As a parish, and as God's people, we have no shortage of spiritual and physical challenges before us. They will not overwhelm us because God is faithful.

Prayers: Lord God almighty, give us the courage to pray for that which believe you have already promised us, for that which we hope for but which we have not yet received and for that which we cannot perceive or understand how you can bring it to pass. Reveal to us the Kingdom of God present and glorious. Father, we place into your hands the things we cannot do and ask that you direct our hearts to the path you set before us that you may be known and glorified in our city.

We pray for the women doing KAIROS Outside this weekend. Lord, release the captives, heal the broken-hearted and set them free to soar as eagles with you. Lord, strengthen and heal those we know { insert names] who are sick or in distress.

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: You Servant of God https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZ9j3e8_yQc

Contemporary: Build your Kingdom <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcSWpVKKMcs>

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: No Bible Study this week. Read Psalm 86. Using psalm 86 take time to read the parish letter and to pray for the parish and for those on our long-term prayer list.