



### Church Services

#### Sunday:

**8am** Holy Communion  
**9.25am** 2 EAR FM  
**10am** Holy Communion  
**6.30pm** Worship

#### Readings:

Psalm 13 (Page 429)  
Romans 7:14-25 (Page 917)  
Matthew 10:40-42 (Page 790)

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**Monday:** Psalm 103:6-14; Matthew 8:18-22  
**Tuesday:** Psalm 26; Matthew 8:23-27  
**Wednesday:** Psalm 34:1-10; Matthew 8:28-34  
**Thursday:** Psalm 116:1-9; Matthew 9:1-8  
**Friday:** Psalm 106:1-5; Matthew 9:9-13  
**Saturday:** Psalm 135:1-6; Matthew 9:14-17  
**Sunday:** Psalm 45:10-17 ; Romans 7:14-25;  
Matthew 11:25-30

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to suffer death upon a cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ 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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**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.

**OFFICE:** Gayleane is on leave for the month of July. Please use the parish email for routine matters or contact Doug directly for more urgent issues.

**FUNERAL:** Please pray for James and Janice Ackland and their family as they celebrate the life of their grandson Gervis. His funeral is in Kiama on Friday 7 July.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** The Parish office will be closed on Friday 7 July, the newsletter will be published on Thursday 6 July so any input will need to be in earlier this week.

**PARISH LETTER:** Thank you to those who have responded to the Parish letter with thoughts, ideas and offers of assistance. These will be incorporated into our current activities or considered in a new Strategic Plan as appropriate.

**KAIROS:** Thank you to all of our Church family who prayed last weekend for the Kairos Outside weekend participants - the team and the guests. It was a lovely 48 hours that we shared with our eleven guests. They arrived on Friday evening wrapped in their own respective cocoons and with our ministry of listening, loving and sharing each other's stories, they emerged as beautiful butterflies at our closing ceremony on Sunday afternoon. Thank you all so very much each one of you who chose a time to pray for us. It was very evident that the Holy Spirit was with us all each hour of the weekend. Blessings and love. Chris Andison.

**GLEAN:** No Glean during the school holidays

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

**NAIDOC WEEK AT MOGO:** Mogo Big Day Out on the oval 10am-4pm Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

**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:** The BBECET monthly prayer meeting will be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 5 pm in the Anglican Church hall. Give thanks for our SRE teachers Gayleane, Ian, Chris, Glen, Lesley, Ruth, Mick, Cassia, Michele, Jo, and Paula and pray they will have a restful and enjoyable holiday until schools resume in Term 3.

**LADIES MORNING TEA:** This Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**COMBINED SERVICE:** Sunday 30 July will be the fifth Sunday in July. We will have one service that day, a combined service using third order communion with carols and to be held at 10am. It will be at 10am (not the usual 9am) because it will be followed by a roast Christmas in July fellowship meal in the hall. There will be a clipboard in the office to indicate attendance for catering.

## PRAYER POINTS:

- We give thanks and send a farewell to Elaine and Martin Johnston as they move to Sydney this week. We wish them all the best for this next chapter and give thanks for all the work Elaine has done for the Church and Community Life.
- We give thanks and wish Peter and Veronika Hatte from the Presbyterian Church farewell as they finish up 9 years of ministry. We wish them all the best for their next chapter.

**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, Richard Austin, Eric Strachan.

**Bible Study Answers:** No Study last week.

**Sunday 2 July – the Lord will provide.**

**Traditional:** Be Still <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-7NezO6VhZU>

**Contemporary:** By Faith <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9AGBiAV82k>

**Read. Genesis 22: 1-14.** Sometime later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. <sup>2</sup>Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.” <sup>3</sup>Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. <sup>5</sup>He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.” <sup>6</sup>Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, <sup>7</sup>Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together. <sup>9</sup>When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. <sup>12</sup>“Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.” <sup>13</sup>Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.” The mountain that Abram went to in Moriah is understood to now be the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

**Thoughts.** This is a passage that is pregnant with double meanings for us who know the ending. In Genesis 17 Abraham has made a Covenant with God and circumcised the males as a visible sign of his promise, God has promised to give Sarah a son, and through that son to make Abraham and Sarah the parents of a great nation with many descendants. The son of that promise is Isaac, much beloved and precious who by this time is an adolescent. This passage presents numerous challenges. Immediately we are confronted by how Abraham could even consider child sacrifice. We are told elsewhere in scripture that the practice is detestable to God and yet it is common practice among the other nations where Abraham dwells at this time. That does not make it easier for us to think about – we will have to trust God. The second challenge is that God challenges Abraham and tests his faithfulness- will Abraham having clearly heard God follow and obey him, or try to argue with him and refuse? How comfortable are we with the idea that God might test us? Why would God test our faith, especially why might he push our faith to its very limits? Would

you be prepared to give up control of your child's life to God? Do you trust God to provide for your future? When circumstances are dire do you doubt what you have heard God promise? I certainly wrestle with all these questions. However, when Abraham is obedient and goes where only faith can take him Isaac is spared and Abraham receives a powerful revelation of the plan and capacity of God to ultimately save his people.

**Song:** There is a Redeemer [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C\\_YM\\_hYzcPo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C_YM_hYzcPo)

**Prayers:** Almighty 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 Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Reveal to us the Kingdom of God present and bless our congregations and community. Direct us to the path you set before us that you may be known and glorified in our city. We pray for the school break and for the safety of all who visit us at this time. Give rest and restoration for all teachers and students. Be with James and Janice and all the Wililo, King and Ackland family as they celebrate the life of Gervis on this coming Friday.

**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:** Father Welcomes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6WSdTo8n1I>

**Contemporary:** In Christ Alone <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZYpjBeM0To>

**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 Matthew 11:25 -30. How might verse 25 link this section back to the preceding text [hint start at verse 18].**

**Have you ever experienced God revealing wisdom to you that was hidden, not expressed by the elders and authorities around you? Share. What might we understand by little children here?**

**Having thanked God for his revelation to those who have the faith to see Jesus explains to whom God reveals himself. To whom and how does God reveal himself? See also John 17: 25-26, John 3:34-35.**

**Verses 28- 30 are an invitation. What does Jesus reveal of his nature (and by the inference of verse 27 of the nature of God) in these passages. What additional characteristics does psalm 145: 8-14 add to this.**

**Are you tired and weary? Pray and ask Jesus to come and lift your burden – to show you that this promise is for you and for now.**