



Community News
10th September 2023
Fourteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

Church Services

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8.00am Holy Communion
Batemans Bay
8.00am Holy Communion
9.25am 2 EAR FM **No broadcast today**
10.00am Holy Communion
6.30pm Soaking
Thursday: 10am Holy Communion
Readings:
Exodus 12:1-14 (Page 51)
Psalm 149 (Page 508)
Romans 13:1-10 (Page 923)
Matthew 18:10-20 (Page 799)



Readings

Monday: Psalm 62:5-8; Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday: Psalm 145:1-9; Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday: Psalm 145:1-7; Luke 6:20-26
Thursday: Psalm 150; Luke 6:27-38
Friday: Psalm 16:7-11; Luke 6:39-42
Saturday: Psalm 113; Luke 6:43-49
Sunday: Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-14;
Matthew 18:21-35

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and so great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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CHURCH: The church office is open Wednesday and Thursday mornings 9am-1pm 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. We 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– please sanitize your hands and be mindful of each other's space.

BCA: It is box opening time in September, please bring in your boxes for Robin.

CHRISTMAS CHILD: It is good to see the boxes coming into the office, please get your boxes in this month remembering they are now \$12.50 a box for postage. Also the office is still collecting 10c bottles and cans to help fund OCC postage.

WOMEN'S WELLNESS ART GROUP: Friday September 15th, 22nd, and 29th. In the Church Hall from 10am to 12pm. Phone Belinda for further information on 0434102480.

ST PAUL'S CHILDREN'S CHOIRS SPRING CONCERT: Sunday 10th September 2pm at St Paul's Church Manuka ACT. Need to book. <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1078021> there is also an option to view online here as well.

CONGRATULATIONS:

- Congratulations to Jeremy and Maddi getting married tomorrow (Saturday 9th). Blessings to them both.
- Congratulations to John Ulph for his 80th birthday on Saturday 9th.

BAY THEATRE PLAYERS: The final production for the year is The Trolleys in November. There is a matinee performance on Sunday 19th at 2pm which will be a fundraiser for Maranatha Lodge who are raising money to purchase raised garden beds, so the residents who love to garden can continue to safely and easily. The cost is \$25, to book contact Heather Powell on: 0421420605 or purplepowell@gmail.com. While it seems a long way off, tickets are selling fast.

WELFARE CUPBOARD: Please when you are shopping could you add an extra item for our welfare cupboard please. Thank you to those that contribute.

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

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, John Wilkinson, Dave Brown.

Bible Study Answers: Exodus 12: 1-27. What is God doing through the Exodus. Why is God doing this?

In Exodus 2: 23-25 God says that he has heard the cry of his oppressed people in Egypt and he has remembered his covenant promise made to Abraham to them. This is the basis of God's call to Moses. God intends to rescue them and bring them out of slavery, later we will see it is so they can worship him and represent him to the nations. Our reading is the last plaque that is sent to convince Pharaoh to let God's people go.

What happens during the first Passover. What provides protection during this event? What is the outcome of the death that occurs at Passover? What does God direct the Jews to do after they have been set free?

During the first Passover the first-born male of every household and the first-born male cattle will die if they are not protected by the blood of the lamb. If they are protected the spirit of death will Passover them – hence Passover. The protection comes from smearing the blood of a freshly killed and unblemished i.e. perfect male lamb or kid goat on the lintel and doorposts of their houses. The outcome of the death of the first born is that Pharaoh recognizes that his gods cannot protect him or stand against God and he does what God directs and he sets the Israelites free and they flee in haste (verse 31- 32). After they are set free God puts in place the command to commemorate this event by the Feast of Unleavened bread which starts with the day of Passover celebration. Jewish people do this until today.

How is the event in Jewish history used by Jesus? Read Mark 14:

12-26. Jesus celebrates all the Jewish festivals throughout his ministry. Here he is preparing to celebrate Passover in Jerusalem with his disciples- in the upper room. Jesus uses the last supper (Passover) meal to teach about himself and his mission to set God's people free. He likens his body to the unleavened bread and his blood to the wine they are drinking and he shares his broken bread and his cup of wine with them telling them to remember him each time they break bread and share wine. This will become our Communion celebration.

Read 1 Corinthians 5: 6-8 and 11: 17 – 33. Also read John 1: 29 -34, 1 Peter 1: 13 -23 and Revelation 5: 1-13 and 7: 9 -17? How do these passages use Passover symbolism to portray the actions of God?

These passages all take Jesus imagery of the last supper and the meaning and intent of Passover and give to us the Eucharistic feast/ Holy Communion in which we commemorate and remember Jesus selection as the perfect lamb of God sacrificed to set us free (save us) from sin and death (i.e. passover us) by his shed blood and broken body. By his blood we are saved.

Bonus – A Father's Day Testimony: A 12 minute clip to encourage you on how God reveals himself through our daily work

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qs5dy7nRbsl>

Sunday 10 September - Passing over us

Lord, by your Holy Spirit pass over us and encourage us to grow in love for you and for one another.

Traditional:

Praise My Soul

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=60JgQoJK9J8>

Contemporary:

Behold the Lamb

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JY-Lmt0K1LM>

Read. Exodus 12: 1-17. The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in

Egypt, ² “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³ Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb^[a] for his family, one for each household. ⁴ If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ⁵ The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶ Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. ⁷ Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸ That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. ⁹ Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire. ¹⁰ Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. ¹¹ This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover. ¹² “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. ¹⁴ “This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance. ¹⁵ For seven days you are to eat bread made without yeast. On the first day remove the yeast from your houses, for whoever eats anything with yeast in it from the first day through the seventh must be cut off from Israel. ¹⁶ On the first day hold a sacred assembly, and another one on the seventh day. Do no work at all on these days, except to prepare food for everyone to eat; that is all you may do. ¹⁷ “Celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread, because it was on this very day that I brought your divisions out of Egypt. Celebrate this day as a lasting ordinance for the generations to come.

Thoughts. When God acts to save his people he moves dramatically and in power – God does not tolerate little “gods” oppressing his people and preventing them from worshipping and serving him. In the midst of such times he raises up leaders who have his power and authority to act but who are called to act sacrificially. Remember what God has done for you, tell of his story in your life, celebrate the life you now have in Christ.

Prayers: PUSH Prayer: Pray Until Something Happens! We persevere in prayer fully expecting God to move and to answer. Look with eyes and listen with ears that are expectant, you may not anticipate exactly what God will do but you will be able to see it when it happens and respond with your thanks. : Lord, we know that when two or more are gathered in your name that you are with us. Hear our prayers and so bring them to pass as is best for us and those we cry out for. Father, thank you for Jesus, the Lamb of God slain for us who takes away the sin of the world. By his death we are set free!! Lord, send your Holy Spirit to encourage and strengthen us.

We pray for the Synod meeting this weekend in Canberra, may you direct its deliberations and protect it from all Satan’s work of misdirection and help it to come to a clarity and common mind on all matters eternal.

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: I Will Sing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7jk8J3VTd1w>

Contemporary: Jerusalem

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wX4ZCHRksBA>

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 Exodus 14: 13 -31. What are the people afraid of?

What are you afraid of and what gives it power over you? What does God promise?

Where does God place himself to protect the Israelites and what do they see to show this?

How does the Lord part the sea? Are all miracles of God instantaneous? When has God taken time to answer your needs but has still done it miraculously?

Why does God destroy the Egyptian army so visibly before the people? In their future this will be important. What does God expect as their response to his salvation? Read also Exodus 15: 1- 21