



Community News
03rd September 2023
Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
Father's Day



Church Services

Batemans Bay

8.00am Holy Communion

9.25am 2 EAR FM

10.00am Holy Communion

6.30pm Worship

Thursday: 10am Holy Communion

Readings:

Exodus 3:1-15 (Page 44)

Psalms 105:1-6 (Page 484)

Romans 12:9-21 (Page 922)

Matthew 16:21-38 (Page 798)

Readings

Monday: Psalm 96:7-10; Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday: Psalm 27:9-14; Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday: Psalm 52:8-9; Luke 4:38-44

Thursday: Psalm 98:1-6; Luke 5:1-11

Friday: Psalm 100; Luke 5:33-39

Saturday: Psalm 54; Luke 6:1-5

Sunday: Psalm 149; Romans 13:1-10;
Matthew 18:10-20

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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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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.

ISABELLA'S (Rob and Joy Williams granddaughter) CURSILLO: Please pray for Isabella, Kay, and all the women making their Cursillo this weekend.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=48vNfKUHWrw>

BOOMERANG WORKING BEE: Cleaning up at Boomerang on Saturday 2 September from 10am. All welcome, Rotary providing a sausage sizzle lunch.

LADIES MORNING TEA: Monday 4th September at Maloney's Beach Café at 10.30am.

BBECET PRAYER MEETING: BBECET prayer meeting on Monday 4th September at 5 pm in the Anglican Church hall. All welcome.

GLEAN: Wednesday 06th September 1.30pm in the hall. Julie will be showing "The War Room".

BBECET TRIVIA AFTERNOON: On Saturday October 14, 2pm at the Salvation Army Church. Make a table of eight and come along for some fun, food and fundraising for SRE in our schools. Cost: \$15 per person. Afternoon tea included. Tickets are available from Gayleane or John Hoggan. This is a fun afternoon and lots of giggles to be had, we have come last the last two afternoons so hopefully we can only go up.

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

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: No study last week. See thoughts in the section below.

Sunday 3 September

Happy Father's Day!! "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."

Traditional: Father welcomes [Father Welcomes - YouTube](#)

Contemporary: How deep [How Deep The Father's Love For Us - Stuart Townend \(Lyrics\) - YouTube](#)

Read. Exodus 3: 1-15. Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." ⁵"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. ⁷The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to rescue

them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹² And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.” ¹³ Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’ “This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

Thoughts. Moses has had to flee Egypt and to find refuge with his father-in-law, why does he wander across the desert to the mountain, what impels him on his journey to Horeb? Is it significant that he is a shepherd here, he will later be a shepherd to God’s people. Is God already at work preparing Moses and leading to the place where he can hear God’s call? Often when we look back on life we can see how God has influenced and used our life experiences to prepare and equip us to be ready to serve him when he calls us. He also often leads us through wilderness experiences or into quiet places before he engages with us. It is as though we need to be set free from the distractions of the world before we can pay attention to God’s still quiet voice. He has to shout (with a burning bush) to get Moses’ attention, but Moses’ response is positive and correct – Here I am Lord. Note how God talks to Moses – first he reminds Moses that he is holy, stop, take off your sandals!! Then God identifies himself by connection to our past experience of God - the God of our fathers. Having established his identity God describes his view of the world/ circumstances i.e. what has his attention and what he intends to do about it, and only then does he tell Moses what he is to do. Go and set my people free. Too often we see the problem and we do not wait to hear what God wants us to do before we leap in to solve the problem. Be patient God will reveal his plan and it will be better than ours.

Prayers: Lord, grant to us the spirit to be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Strengthen your people in Ukraine and Russia that they might through prayer and faith see your kingdom prevail and war to cease. Bless and strengthen every father, especially those who are seeking to walk closely with you in a dark world, and for those who just need to be reminded that you are real. We ask for your renewed courage, for your boldness, for your Spirit to fill them. Thank You for their strength, for their perseverance, and love to raise their children despite the challenge they face in parenthood. Give them wisdom, discernment, protection for their health, and faith in You to become even better fathers for their children.

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: Come as You Are https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=18LYf7jcJ8Q&ab_channel=ChristianMusicSheets

Contemporary: I Come Broken

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wrNfaqZa8PI&list=RDwrNfaqZa8PI&start_radio=1&ab_channel=RonBaldwin

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 12: 1-27.** This is the story of the first Passover, it is from this tradition and Jesus re-interpretation of it at the last supper that we derive our Holy Communion sacrament: Do this in remembrance of me!

Watch an overview of Exodus https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iH_aojNJM3E&ab_channel=BibleProject

What is God doing through the Exodus. Why is God doing this?

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

How is the event in Jewish history used by Jesus? Read Mark 14: 12 -26.

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?

spring's prayer

Dear God, Thank you for the change of seasons. As I leave behind a winter that wore out its welcome, I step into spring with a fresh heart, ready for nature to take its course. May this season bring joy and light, peace and prosperity, and a spirit in full bloom.

