



Community News

21st January 2024

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

"The time has come, The kingdom of God has come near.



Repent
and
Believe
the good news!"
Jesus

Mark 1:15

Weekly Church Services

Batemans Bay

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Prayer and Praise

9.25am 2 EAR FM

6.30pm Worship

Thursday: 10am Holy Communion

Readings:

Psalm 62:5-12 (Page 458)

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (Page 930)

Mark 1:14-20 (Page 863)

Readings:

Monday: Psalm 89:19-27; Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday: Psalm 24:7-10; Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday: Psalm 89:19-27; Mark 4:1-20

Thursday: Psalm 132:13-18; Mark 4:21-25

Friday: Psalm 51:15-19; Mark 4:26-34

Saturday: Psalm 51:10-14; Mark 4:35-41

Sunday: Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13;
Mark 1:21-28

Bountiful God, through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin, to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your Kingdom: teach us, like Christ's first apostles, to hear the call to discipleship, and, forsaking old ways, to proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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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2024: Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

HOUSEKEEPING: Books are available for worship –they 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.

HAND SANITISING: COVID and Flu– please sanitize your hands and be mindful of each other's space.

LENTEN STUDY: Bishop Ian has identified a Lenten Study that the parish will undertake this year. It is hoped that all parish small groups will do the study and Bishop Ian and Doug will offer extra groups as well. The 5 session Study: Unanswered Prayer is an opportunity to prayerfully process some life's most painful questions, with 24-7 Prayer founder Pete Greig and co-host Gemma Hunt. Each session includes a video, a guide for small group discussion and practical ideas for prayer.

<https://unanswered.prayercourse.org/sessions/> The study is based on Pete Greig's book [*God on Mute*](#), which explores the topics in the course in more detail. The study will commence the week of 19 February with training for group leaders on 9 February. If you are not in a small group but would like to do this study please put your name on the clipboard in the office.

KOLN CHAMBER PHILHARMONIE: A musical group from the Koln Philharmonic will perform concertos from Vivaldi, Mozart and Paganini at the church on Friday 9 February from 8pm. Bookings will be required. You can book here: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1153314> or come into the office and I can purchase tickets for you (credit card for this). You can pay on the night, but we are expecting to sell out and suggest getting in earlier rather than later. Tickets cost: General: \$45; Seniors, Pensioners, Handicapped: \$40; Children (4 to 16)/Students (16 to 25): \$35

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, Lisa Brookes, Chris Black, Ruby Brown, Jane Wilkinson, Susan Bateman, Richard Austin, Eric Strachan, John Wilkinson, Marjorie Duns, Ken Ormston, Katrina Nicolls, Kerry-Lee Smith, Judy Charman and Jane, Amanda Lloyd.

Bible Study: Answers next week.

Sunday 21 January – Jesus is calling!

Traditional: Come As You Are [Come As You Are - Deidre Brown/Paul Gurr - YouTube](#)

Contemporary: Blessed Be [Matt Redman - Blessed Be Your Name \(Lyrics And Chords\) \(youtube.com\)](#)

Reading: Mark 1: 14- 20. After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" Jesus Calls His First Disciples¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.¹⁷ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets.²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Thoughts. In his baptism by John, Jesus affirms John's ministry and now with John in prison Jesus takes John's basic message and extends from it into his own ministry calling, teaching, equipping and releasing his own disciples to continue the call to repent and believe and to declare the good news that the Kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe, turn your life around and go a different way in response to Jesus call and Jesus teaching – choose to follow Jesus, choose life not death. This call reminds me of Moses parting message to the Israelites in Deuteronomy 30: 15 -20 See today I put before you life and death – choose life! Jesus call to follow him is a call to a new and full life and it requires an immediate and ongoing response from each one of us. Many

of us accepted that call years ago and our legs and our minds and bodies grow weary, we cannot run as we used to nor can we serve with the same vigour and energy as in our youth but this matters not, Moses was very old when he declared his message but it still spoke life and gave wisdom and guidance to those who heard it – our words and our prayers still impact those whom God brings across our path.

Prayers: Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illuminated by your word and sustained by your sacraments, shine with the radiance of Christs glory in this world; that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and forever.

Gracious God we thank you for our freedom to worship and sing your praises in this land. We ask that you heal and restore the brokenness of our land and remind us of your call to us to be a holy people. Grant it that unity which only your Spirit can give, keep us in the bond of peace, renew in us a right spirit and fill us with compassion, one for another.

Ask God what you should pray for; just listen pause, reflect and then pray into what God has said or shown to you. Father, I pray for healing for all those known to us who are afflicted by long term and serious illness, restore them to health and take away any pain and disease from their bodies.

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: Take My Life https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of4l5bTdZ8M&list=PL-Wo7lu6CksuTKdkFbx68JxCo0xmtG81A&index=200&ab_channel=ChetValleyChurches

Contemporary: My Lighthouse <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFBZJGSgyVQ>

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 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13. In Paul's time what were idols and why was this an important issue in Corinth, anywhere with a Greek culture?

Verse 4 – 8 seems to imply that idols represent little “gods” that do not exist or have no real power. What do you think?

Read 1 Corinthians 10: 14 -22. How does Paul's comparison of eating food offered to idols and participating in the Lords supper change or validate your thoughts above? Do those who eat food sacrificed to idols vicariously participate in the idol worship? What does Paul say gives power to the idols?

So what ? In Australia we do not often find food sacrificed to idols so why bother with this passage? Consider, as Paul was, what the relevance was for new converts from an alien Greek culture and think perhaps on those who come to faith here who came from other countries and cultures. Consider what issues there might be for us as we travel to India and Asia in particular on holidays? In the face of this teaching what gives us ultimate hope in what Paul teaches?