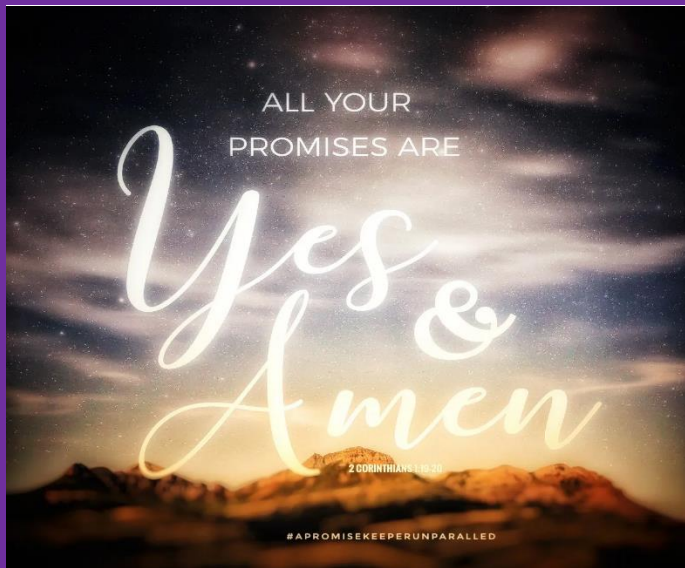


## Community News

### 18 February 2024

### FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



#### Weekly Church Services

##### Batemans Bay

**8.00am** Holy Communion

**10.00am** Holy Communion

**9.25am** 2 EAR FM

**6.30pm** Worship

**Thursday: 10am** Holy Communion

##### Readings:

Genesis 9:8-17 (Page 6)

Psalms 25:1-10 (Page 436)

1 Peter 3:18-22 (Page 985)

Mark 1:9-15 (Page 812)

##### Readings:

**Monday:** Psalm 19:7-14; Matthew 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Psalm 34:11-18; Matthew 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Psalm 51:6-9; Luke 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Psalm 138:1-31; Matthew 7:7-12

**Friday:** Psalm 130; Matthew 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Psalm 119:1-8; Matthew 5:43-48

**Sunday:** Psalm 22:24-32; Romans 4:13-25;  
Luke 18:9-14

Almighty God, in signs and wonders  
your Son revealed the greatness of  
your saving love: renew your people  
with your grace, and sustain us by your  
power, for we can do nothing good  
without you; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord, who is alive 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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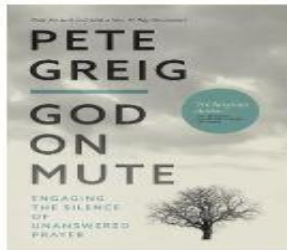
**2024:** Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

**GLEAN:** with the Lenten Study happening during February and March, Glean will be in recess until April.

**LENTEN STUDY:** The study will commence the week of 19 February. If you would like to do this study please put your name on the clipboard in the office or email [anglicanbbay@gmail.com](mailto:anglicanbbay@gmail.com). Places are available on:

Day	Time & Place	Leader
Monday	7pm, Church Hall	Dennis Hughes/ Rev Tom Slockee
Tuesday	4.30pm, Church Hall	Ian and Jill Lambert
Wednesday	6.30pm, Church Hall	Dennis Hughes/ Doug Newman
Thursday	11.30am, Church Hall	Doug and Julie Newman
Thursday	6.30pm John and Yvonne Hoggans Surfside	Doug and Julie Newman



**Parish Lenten Study.** The book, "God On Mute: Engaging the Silence of Unanswered Prayer" by Pete Greig, on which the study is based is a great read, you do not need a copy to be a part of the weekly Study Groups. I encourage Leaders to have a copy. It is expensive (\$35+), but also contains a 40 Day devotional at the back.

Hello Parishioners, those of you wanting a daily LENT Study along the lines of our group study please use this link. Shalom Bp Ian

Join me in reading God on Mute: <https://www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/35940>

**WORLD PRAYER DAY:** "I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love" Ephesians 4:1-3. 1st March at the Uniting Church at 10am.

**REQUEST:** Lorraine Petzl (from 10am congregation) is looking for anyone who has some spare ¼ inch ribbon? She puts them on small teddy bears that she makes for OCC boxes. Please drop off to the church office and we will pass onto Lorraine.

**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, Jane & Amanda Lloyd.

**Bible Study:** I trust you found the Lectio Divina reflection on psalm 51 stimulating. Answers to first Lent Study next week.

**Sunday 18 February – Lent 1**

**Traditional:** On Jordans Banks <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plr21lLgFpg>

**Contemporary:** Come Now is the Time <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvLajUBOUfE>

**Reading: Psalm 51.** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup>Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. <sup>4</sup>Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. <sup>5</sup>Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. <sup>6</sup>Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. <sup>7</sup>Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. <sup>10</sup>Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. <sup>11</sup>Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation and renew a right spirit within me.

**Song:** Create in me [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vD847UcRbL4&ab\\_channel=GIANNI1846](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vD847UcRbL4&ab_channel=GIANNI1846).

**Thoughts.** Lent is a season of change. We move into autumn in the natural and spiritually into a time of self-reflection, seeking change, looking for new life and we approach God with expectation. Drawing nearer to God shines a light upon our heart and we are drawn to the psalm – create in me a clean heart - renew us Lord we pray. We want fresh joy, we want to marvel again at your gift of life to us and to be reminded that we are loved beyond price. Wash us whiter than snow.

**Prayers:** Lord in this Lent take us deep, deeper into you and your mystery of faith. Lead us into uncomfortable places, through the silence to the cross, and on into the light of your risen son. Spirit lead us where our trust is without borders, let us walk upon the waters wherever You would call us. Take us deeper than our feet could ever wander and our faith will be made stronger in the presence of our Saviour.

**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 People <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9j07fbld3uY>

**Contemporary:** Oceans <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GGFb6LcX3U>

**Blessing:** Jesus Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Shalom**

**Bible Study:** Read Luke 18: 9-14 and watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFk6QLQUmmc>

**Which of the Tax Collector and the Pharisee do you relate to? Is it harsh how Jesus portrays the Pharisee? Why is the Tax collectors prayer considered righteous?**

Welcome to session 1 of the Unanswered Prayer study! Over the next five sessions we're going to process some of the painful and disappointing things we've probably all experienced as Christians – which we're not always good at sharing. Remember it is a sign of faith, not doubt, to wrestle with unanswered prayer. We need to talk about unanswered prayer for three reasons:

**Emotionally** – most of us have pain we need to process.

**Intellectually** – we may also have questions we need answered.

**Culturally** – sadly the church can be less honest than the Bible about unanswered prayer.

'Grace grows best in winter' (Samuel Rutherford) - Harsh winters are often the seasons in which we mature and become more fruitful. **When have you experienced a 'winter season' in your relationship with God?**

**How did it affect your faith?**

"Faith says, 'Even though I don't understand you right now, God, I love you. I believe your heart for me is good.'" (Bob Sorge) **What, practically, do you think is needed for persevering in faith and prayer through the 'winter seasons' of life?**

A prayer by Ignatius of Loyola: *O Christ Jesus, when all is darkness and we feel our weakness and helplessness, give us the sense of Your presence, Your love, and Your strength. Help us to have perfect trust in Your protecting love and strengthening power, so that nothing may frighten or worry us, for, living close to You, we shall see Your hand, Your purpose, Your will through all things. Amen*

**Reflection:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PROBQZ947dg>

John 3:16: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Did you know the Bible doesn't just say, "God loves you?" Now don't let me confuse you, it does say God loves us many times, but each time it does, it shows us that God loved us so much he didn't just say I love you with a valentine, he showed he loved us by sending His Son!

