



Weekly Church Services

Batemans Bay

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion

2.30pm 107.5 2EARFM

6.30pm Worship

Thursday: 10am Holy Communion

Readings:

Acts 6:1-8 (Page 889)

Psalm 29 (Page 438)

Romans 8:12-17 (Page 919)

John 3:1-17 (Page 863)

Readings:

Monday: Psalm 111; Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday: Psalm 98:1-4; Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday: Psalm 147:12-20; Mark 10:35-42

Thursday: Psalm 100; Mark 10:46-52

Friday: Psalm 96:9-13; Mark 11:11-26

Saturday: Psalm 63:1-8; Mark 11:27-33

Sunday: Psalm 139:1-6; 2Corinthians 4:5-12;
Mark 2:23-3:6

O blessed Trinity, in whom we know the Maker of all things, seen and unseen, the Saviour of all, both near and far: by your Spirit enable us to worship your divine majesty, that with all the company of heaven we may magnify your glorious name, saying, Holy, holy, holy. Glory to you, O Lord most high. **Amen.**

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CHURCH: The 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.

CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY: Are you interested in joining a new Bible Study looking at the Chosen Series? It will be on the first and third Thursday nights of each month, starting on 6th June. Call Doug on 0428907200 if interested.

BECET PRAYER MEETING: Monday 3 June at 5 pm in the Anglican Church hall.

GLEAN: Recommences on first Wednesday of June: 5 June 1.30pm in the Hall.

WELFARE CUPBOARD: Thank you to those that continue to give to our welfare cupboard. In need of the following please: tinned soups/stews; noodles; long life milk, cereal. We have enough pasta and rice.

OCC THANKS: Evelyn Bennett thanks all that brings in cans and bottles for Operation Christmas Child, please continue to bring them in.

ROADWORKS: There will be roadworks in Herarde Street for about three weeks while new pipes are being put in. The roads will be accessible, detour signs and traffic controllers will show the way, will be large vehicles and equipment, please use caution.

RED SHIELD APPEAL: This week is the Salvation Army Red Shield appeal - pray for them as they engage with our community and if you see them around the town please consider being generous.

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 and Jane Chapman, Amanda Lloyd, Matais Harpley, Alisha & Jess, Ken Griffiths, Lyn Hughes, Harold.

Bible Study: Read 1 Corinthians 13:14 and Matthew 28: 19-20. How do these verses describe and identify the concept of God as Trinity? The Trinity is not expressly identified and discussed in the bible, but it is implicit in Jesus teaching in John chapters 16 and 17. These two passages are the most explicit references in scripture to what we would classically see as a reference to the Trinity as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

These verses personify God as Trinity, what other ways do/ can we use in liturgy to identify the Trinity?

Why might this be a useful description? The Trinity is most often, especially traditionally referred to as persons, acknowledging Jesus obvious humanity and his teaching to refer to God as Abba (father) and himself as the son. Some modern liturgies (but not the Australian Anglican Prayer Book) replace the standard Father, Son and Holy Spirit with Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer – describing the personhood of God by the primary distinctive functions they perform. This formulation was used in the American Episcopal church as early as 1928 and intentionally de-personifies our identification of God. This was picked up in academic theological circles and used primarily to de-emphasize the Fatherhood of God – and the resultant understanding of Christians as children of God. God was to be understood (or not able to be understood) as numinous, mystery, unknowable. It also helped pastorally with people who had difficulties with their relationships with their fathers, or men in general and who projected the aberrant behaviour of those males up onto God. I do not find it a useful alternative as it largely describes God in functions aimed at serving humanity rather than as an intimate integrated relation of love expressed through spirit.

Read the Apostles Creed together: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

What are the distinctives in terms of function within the Trinity? The Father exercises power and creates. Jesus is the Son, born/incarnate in human form, risen from the dead (has conquered death), the judge. The Holy Spirit the agent/ means of God given life (Jesus birth, Jesus resurrection), the spirit that connects and binds together the saints.

How do you understand and experience the Trinitarian aspects of God within your faith? See 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11, Galatians 3: 26 -4: 7, 2 Thessalonians 2: 13 -17, 1 Peter 1:1-3. Both the Old and New Testament give evidence of the Trinity although it is most explicit and more developed in the New Testament. The complete vista of God's enduring presence and power can only be understood in the interwoven relationship of Father, Son and Spirit. God is Spirit and we experience God as spirit, but we only understand that experience through the visible and recorded actions of Jesus and his word and as Jesus tells us it is through him that we see and understand the nature of God as Father and creator. My personal experience mirrors that of Isaiah – meeting the Father in way that just overwhelms the self with revelation of how far short of righteousness I was and yet the deep sense of being called for a purpose, meeting Jesus and understanding real brokenness and the cost of my brokenness to Jesus – he carried it and he redeemed it and gave me his eyes of compassion and love, and the Spirit who is there every day and in every circumstances to bring peace, to provide words and to comfort and encourage in all circumstances.

Sunday 26 May – Trinity

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.

Traditional: Holy Holy Holy https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzM9P_Gqw-s

Contemporary: This I Believe [Hillsong Worship - This I Believe \(The Creed\) \(Lyrics\) \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzM9P_Gqw-s)

Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-8 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. ⁵"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Thoughts. Any power encounter with God i.e. where we experience the immanent presence of the glory of God changes our perspective of ourselves and reveals to us our human frailties and inadequacies for the things that God calls us to. The good news is that God has redeemed us in Christ Jesus and sin is atoned for by his death and resurrection. We can enter into the Holy places because Christ goes before us to prepare the way and to present us to the God Almighty that Isaiah knew. That God still calls us to go for him and to speak for him - but he gives us His Holy Spirit to enable us to do this – to go and to be his witnesses in all the world! Has God sent you to Batemans Bay to be an agent that reveals his light in this place? Where are you sent to?

Prayers. Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of love, joy, and peace in our lives and for our community. God whose glory is in the heavens, fill this house and illuminate our hearts so that we may pray with one heart and one mind as you so direct us:

Lord, have mercy on us. **Christ, have mercy on us.** Lord, have mercy on us.

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and forever.

We pray for God's Holy Spirit to move in this world: **Come Holy Spirit and** *Pause, think and pray as you are led.*

We pray for God's Holy Spirit to move in our nation: **Come Holy Spirit and**

We pray for God's Holy Spirit to move in our community: **Come Holy Spirit and**

We pray for all who are unwell or in need of prayer: **Come Holy Spirit and**

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: Eternal Father <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDjwUzUnNpU>

Contemporary: Agnus Dei <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJ3w6wGaStk>

Blessing God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and hope and love, defend you on every side and guide you in all truth and peace, 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 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12. What has God directed that Paul bases his call to the Corinthians on in this passage? Why and how has God made his light to shine in us?

Think of the image of carrying God's light in jars of clay – how might this apply to your life and circumstances?

How do you (or not) relate to Paul's description of what it is to carry Jesus with you? What enables the world to see this light shining?

Reflection: Think back to our Lenten study on prayer and the image of the Japanese Kintsugi bowl.



This week is National Volunteers week and we thank and bless all who serve at Church and/or in the community.