



### 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:

Psalm 20 (Page 433)

2Corinthians 5:6-17 (Page 939)

Mark 4:26-44 (Page 815)

#### Readings:

**Monday:** Psalm 5:1-6; Matthew 5:3-42

**Tuesday:** Psalm 51:10-14; Matthew 5:43-48

**Wednesday:** Psalm 31:21-27; Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

**Thursday:** Psalm 97:1-9; Matthew 6:7-15

**Friday:** Psalm 132:10-18; Matthew 6:19-23

**Saturday:** Psalm 89:1-4; Matthew 6:24-34

**Sunday:** Psalm 133; 2Corinthians 6:1-13;

Mark 4:35-41

Almighty God, Without you we are unable to please you: mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

**GOOD MENTAL HEALTH ART CLASSES FOR WOMEN:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 12.30pm to 2.30pm in the Anglican Church Hall. Contact Ruth Halverston for information.

**KAIROS OUTSIDE:** Bringing hope to women impacted by the imprisonment of a family member or friend, 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June in Nowra. There is a prayer list for people to allocate a time to pray for the women and team. Contact Chris Anderson for further information.

**BAY THEATRE PLAYERS PRODUCTION:** From 26<sup>th</sup> June to 7<sup>th</sup> July Bay Players are presenting the production War Crimes. Anjelica Ward is in the production so please all go and purchase a ticket to support her and the amazing young cast. Tickets are available at trybooking.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL VOLUNTEERS:** Can you assist as a volunteer with the Vinnies team helping clients apply for assistance? For details speak to Robin Hay.

**COMBINED SERVICE:** On Sunday 30 June we will have a single Combined service **at 10am** and that will move straight to a “bring and share” fellowship lunch from 11.30am in the church hall. All are welcome, friends and partners are welcome to come just to lunch as well if they would prefer. If you are able to bring a plate to share or will be bringing guests please let Gayleane know what you plan to bring.

**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 2 Corinthians 5: 5 – 19. What guarantees our ministry? Why?** God has given us his Holy Spirit as a deposit, a guarantee of what is to come for us – and as an enabler of the ministry that we will have the calling and opportunity to do. God guarantees our ministry because it is not really ours but actually God’s gracious invitation to join with him in expressing his love and grace to this world. We partner with God led by the Holy Spirit and in doing so we gain greater understanding and appreciation of what Christ has already done for us and how deeply we are loved.

**How are we to live? Where will we all end up standing? What does this mean for you?** We are to live confident lives, confident in God and seeking to please him in all that we do. We are to live by faith and not by sight. We are not to let the storms and trials of life distract us from the presence of Jesus with us and his concerns for the salvation and recreation of the world. We are to live with an eternal mindset – to play a long game in life knowing what is ultimately of value and what is transitory or illusionary in this moment. Eventually we all will stand before the judgement seat of God. We can stand there with confidence because Christ himself provides our righteousness and assurance - but knowing that we will have to stand there also motivates us to share the good news of Christ’s redeeming love with our family, friends and neighbours so that on that day they do not stand alone.

**What is the main ministry that God has given to each one of us and what compels us to this ministry?** The great love of God for us compels us to minister – we know that Jesus died for us, each one of us, and we know that in his resurrection we also are to be raised to life and made a new creation – fully restored to a pre-sin condition. This new has come in Christ, we are reconciled to Christ and through Christ to God. God

has given us the primary ministry of reconciliation - we are to be Christ's ambassadors carrying God's invitation and appeal, the message of reconciliation to all who will listen. Note – we are not responsible for their response to God, we simply deliver the invitation and love them as Christ would but it is to God and an awareness of God through the Holy Spirit that people respond. We sow the seeds of faith but we cannot make them grow in another person. Each one comes alone to the throne.

### **Sunday 16 June – HAVE FAITH**

We live by faith and not by sight.

**Traditional:** Fairest Lord Jesus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DY7HjUxGS6U>

**Contemporary:** By Faith <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnr3ZITKZSk>

**Reading: Mark 4: 30-41.** <sup>30</sup> Again Jesus said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. <sup>32</sup> Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade." <sup>33</sup> With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. <sup>34</sup> He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything. <sup>35</sup> That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." <sup>36</sup> Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. <sup>37</sup> A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. <sup>38</sup> Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" <sup>39</sup> He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. <sup>40</sup> He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" <sup>41</sup> They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

**Thoughts.** God invites us to live in the Kingdom of God, resident there in the nascent new creation but also present in this present reality. The Kingdom is proclaimed and has broken into the world – we are called to walk by faith not by sight – we are to fix our eyes on Jesus and not be distracted by the ever-threatening storm and vicissitudes of life. Jesus is with the disciples in the boat – he has already told them that he has ministry to do – and that they do as well – and therefore this cannot be a life ending event because there is yet work to be done. It is a little more challenging for us, but we are reminded that the Holy Spirit is with us at all times and in all things and the Holy Spirit never sleeps. Put your hope, faith and trust in God and look to see what he will do in this season. Remember that while we have a ministry of testifying to God's love and redeeming reconciling power it is God, by the Holy Spirit, who redeems and makes each person a new creation in Christ Jesus. Our task is to declare and proclaim, to sow seed and to rejoice at the harvest but it is God who germinates and nurtures the growth. God draws people to himself, and our task is to welcome and love the people he brings to us. Each new person who walks into church is an opportunity for you to practice grace.

**Prayers.** Almighty God, give us such a vision of your purpose, and such an assurance of your love and power, that we may ever hold fast the hope which is in Jesus Christ our Lord. Let our faith be as much as a mustard seed and our trust completely in Jesus, the one who calms the storm with a single sharp command. We acknowledge that our Lord is God and give him thanks and praise in all things and all times. We declare that the Kingdom of God is present and pray that it advance and be recognised in this city. Lord raise up a new generation to pray for Batemans Bay and serve you in this place. Lord, Be present to and comfort those that are lonely, be present to and strengthen those that are weak and tempted, be present to and encourage those who are anxious, afraid or depressed not to fear the darkness because they see your light, be present to and heal those who are broken in body and mind, be present to and speak to your people in word, dreams and visions that we might become bold to proclaim your love and saving grace in this town, this state and this nation.

Father we thank you for all who serve and care for us particularly our medical, emergency, ambulance, and police forces and for our schools, teachers, Scripture teachers, chaplains and students. Keep them safe in all they do and give them patience, resilience and your peace for each day.

**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:** Because He Lives <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FGYW2gqp658>

**Contemporary:** Living Hope <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f2FGfQ4TjUM>

**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: What are the characteristics of the Kingdom of God? Do a New Testament word search on Kingdom of God and note how Jesus describes it – this is where we are called to live!. Here are some of the relevant verses:**

Matthew 12:8, 19:24, 21:31, 21:43. Mark 1:15, 4:11 – 33, Mark 9:1, Mark 10:14 - 25, Luke 4:43, Luke 9:60-62, 13:18-30, 17:20 – 37, John 3:3- 5.

**Out of what you listed what most caught your attention? Share those verses with each other. Why does it catch your attention?**