

**What did Jesus teach?  
“brother” and “sister”  
are not titles we wear!**



**They are descriptions of who we are!**

Mark 3:34, 35

And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God is my brother and my sister and mother.”

### Weekly Church Services

**Nelligen**

**8.00am** Holy Communion

**Batemans Bay**

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**10.00am** Holy Communion

**2.30pm** 107.5 2EARFM

**6.30pm** Soaking

**Thursday: 10am** Holy Communion

**Readings:**

Psalm 138 (Page 503)

2Corinthians 4:13-5:5 (Page 939)

Mark 3:20-35 (Page 814)

#### Readings:

**Monday:** Psalm 121; Matthew 5:1-12

**Tuesday:** Psalm 4; Matthew 5:13-16

**Wednesday:** Psalm 16:1-6; Matthew 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Psalm 65:9-13; Matthew 5:20-26

**Friday:** Psalm 27:7-14; Matthew 5:27-32

**Saturday:** Psalm 16:5-11; Matthew 5:33-37

**Sunday:** Psalm 20; 2Corinthians 5:6-17;

Mark 4:26-44

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; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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**ANGLICAN NEWS:**

**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.

**PRAYER POINTS:**

- \$1540 was raised at the BBECET Supporters Lunch in May, we give thanks for that.
- An opportunity has been given to provide a Chaplain/Student Welfare Worker for Bay High. Pray for the right person for this important role.
- MAF: Missionary Aviation Fellowship serving in northern Australia , PNG and the Pacific Islands; give thanks for their role in providing safe access to remote areas and pray for God’s provision for their annual fuel budget.
- We give thanks that Simon and Angela Owen have been in Cloncurry for two years.
  - Pray that Angela’s ministry to women grows and works in those she is discipling, and that a women’s Bible study will begin in Term 3.
  - Pray for the preparation and commencement of our monthly youth group and for all youth involved.
  - Pray for those in the community that are grieving, spiritually lost, and need physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual healing. Pray that their church would be equipped to pastorally care for these people.
  - Pray for God to keep sustaining and refreshing Simon and Angela in the own faith and walk with the Lord. Pray for God’s protection from the evil one over them as a family.
- Pray for SRE.
  - For the teachers, the students and the families of the schools.
  - Pray that families of non-scripture children see that children need SRE and choose to opt in rather than opt out.
  - For our hard working SRE teachers, that are facing challenges with children; and keeping faith, hope, and love as their major focuses.
- As the weather is now in winter, pray for people to stay well from winter ailments. Also pray that with increased rain flooding doesn’t occur.
- Thanks for all those that have donated to our welfare cupboard.

**CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY:** Commencing first and third Thursday nights of each month at the Hoggans in Surfside 6-8pm. All welcome

**MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

“The Way, My Way”, a good movie that is currently showing in Batemans Bay. While not necessarily a Christian movie it does have Christian values and makes you think. This is the trailer for it: <https://youtu.be/eIYrEBQhLEQ> The times for it are: <https://perrystreetcinemas.com.au/movies/the-way-my-way>

Dennis Hughes recommended a movie, which is on You Tube, called “I Believe” - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1USWVZjTRw8> and Gayleane has watched it. It is very relevant to scripture at the moment and goes for about an hour and a half.

**GOOD MENTAL HEALTH ART CLASSES FOR WOMEN:** Thursday 13<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 are places available. There is a prayer list for people to allocate a time to pray for the women and team. Contact Chris Andison 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 4: 13 – 18. Why does Paul speak? Why do we testify/speak?**

Paul speaks because he is responding to God’s enduring love for him- a love that equips and sustains him and empowers his testimony. In verse 13 he is quoting psalm 116:10 - but the whole psalm is relevant to Paul’s circumstances and you might want to read it too. He has experienced God’s glory and blessing and he testifies to it so that the Corinthians can also have confidence in God’s presence, provision and future hope. We speak for the same reason – God has given us a testimony to encourage others and give them hope.

**Do not lose heart! Reflect personally on verses 16 -18. What does it mean to be renewed day by day and what helps you to do this?** Ministry is a calling not a job and if it is Holy Spirit led it is never without spiritual opposition. This manifests in numerous ways but they also seek to undermine our confidence and make us question our hope and trust in God – to quote Genesis 3:1 Did God really say that (or promise that)? Satan continually shows us the world in chaos and suggests that God is incapable of changing our condition or perhaps just indifferent to our circumstances. Our task, like the psalmist, is to remember and reflect on God’s love for us, and for the others, and to testify with confidence to what God has done and therefore what God can do – we are purveyors of eternal hope and we must therefore live as if we believe in that hope. To achieve this we must feed ourselves daily on God’s word and connect with him by prayer that we may be continually filled (renewed) by the Holy Spirit.

**What do you see as opportunities for faith to grow and where do you see God working.** There are always opportunities for faith to grow – no one is too old to experience a greater depth of faith and wisdom and to be able to articulate that increased depth of faith to those around them. I am not by nature a visual person i.e. I generally don’t get a lot of inspiration from pictures but I am able to see in Julie’s banner a connection between Exodus and Pentecost that I had not previously thought of – this sent me back to read the relevant texts and there it was in my preferred black and white – God is always bring revelation to our study of the word.

**Sunday 9 June – In what we hope**

Fix your eyes on what is not seen.

**Traditional:** Master Speak <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=raPjHiezEhw>

**Contemporary:** Garment of Praise <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T6cNIHUhTqY>

**Reading: 2 Corinthians 4: 13-18.** <sup>13</sup> It is written: “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, <sup>14</sup> because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. <sup>15</sup> All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. <sup>16</sup> Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

**Thoughts.** Paul continues his call to trust and testify to God's goodness and provision even in the face of affliction and spiritual opposition. In verse 13 he quotes psalm 116: 10 – the whole of the psalm reflects the theme of God's faithful protection of the psalmist – I loved the Lord because he has heard me and saved me. Paul is saying that his circumstances are response are like that of the psalmist and he is calling the Corinthians to the same thought – it is out of what we believe, of what have understood and experienced of God's love for us that we speak to others – we point not to ourselves but to what God has done for us and the promise inherent in our testimony of what he can do for you (the other that hears the testimony). Paul continues the clay pots theme of outward/ bodily fragility but again argues that it not our strength that is our witness, but that God glory is revealed paradoxically most through our intrinsic weakness. He encourages us again not to get distracted by the very evident turmoil and chaos around us but to place our hope in things eternal – unseen by our eyes but promised and real – the coming glory of God. This glory even far outweighs that which we currently carry and reflect, by the Holy Spirit, in our earthly jars of clay.

**We believe in one God, who made and loves all that is. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was born, lived, died and rose again, and is coming again to call all to account. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who calls, equips and sends out God's people, and brings all things to their true end.**

*This is our faith, the faith of the Church. We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**Prayers.** Gracious Father, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 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. Father we thank you for all who serve and care for us and at this difficult time 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 the peace for each day. We pray that the conflict in Ukraine and Gaza will cease soon restoring people to their families and that those caught up in it will find a real experience of God's Holy Spirit revealing Jesus to them and renewing life amongst them.

We pray: Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens, **Let your glory cover the earth.**

Keep our nation under your care, **and guide us in justice and truth.** Let your way be known on earth, **your saving power among all nations.** Send out your light and your truth **that we may tell of your saving works.** Give peace in our time, O Lord, **for you are our help and strength.** Create in us clean hearts, O God. **Renew us by your Holy Spirit.** Hear our prayers, O Lord, **for we put our trust in you.**

**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:** Trust and obey <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fiw9lKa8SbY>

**Contemporary:** This is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cgsbaBlaoVc>

**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 2 Corinthians 5: 5 – 19. What guarantees our ministry? Why?**

**How are we to live? Where will we all end up standing? What does this mean for you?**

**What is the main ministry that God has given to each one of us and what compels us to this ministry?**