



Weekly Church Services

Batemans Bay

10.00am Combined service and lunch

2.30pm 2 EARFM Broadcast

6.00pm Combined Service Baptist Church

Thursday: 10am Holy Communion

Readings:

Psalm 130 (Page 500)

2Corinthians 8:1-15 (Page 941)

Mark 5:21-43 (Page 816)

Readings:

Monday: Psalm 50:16-24; Matthew 8:18-22

Tuesday: Psalm 5:1-7; Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday: Psalm 50:7-11; Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday: Psalm 19:7-14; Matthew 9:1-8

Friday: Psalm 119:33-40; Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday: Psalm 85:8-13; Matthew 9:14-17

Sunday: Psalm 48; 2Corinthians 12:2-10;

Mark 6:1-13

O Christ for whom we search, our help when help has failed: give us courage to expose our need and ask to be made whole, that, being touched by you, we may be raised to new life in the power of your name. **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.

FAREWELL’S: We wish them best wishes and blessings on their moves.

- Garry and Vere Gray have moved to the Port Macquarie area.
- Chris and Wendy Berger are moving to Canberra.

BECET PRAYER MEETING: will be held on Monday 1st July at 5 pm in the Anglican Church hall.

GOOD MENTAL HEALTH ART CLASSES FOR WOMEN: Thursday 04th July 12.30pm to 2.30pm in the Anglican Church Hall. Contact Ruth Halverson for information.

BAY THEATRE PLAYERS PRODUCTION: From 26th June to 7th 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.

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.

COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE: On Sunday 30 June with a 6.00pm supper before a 6.30pm start at the Baptist Church. No evening service at Anglican church.

CHURCH WEBSITE: “Have you checked out our church website? Each week, our church newsletter and the latest sermon is available. Each month the Diocese Anglican newsletter can be read while at different times of the year, you can catch up with the latest newsletter from the Owens, our mission family in Cloncurry Queensland. There is plenty of other interesting information about the ministry in our parish and the other churches in our area. Take a look – you will enjoy it!” <https://anglicanchurchbbay.org.au/>

SOLAR POWER UPGRADE: On Wednesday and Thursday 3-4 July we will be having more solar panels installed on the roof of the church hall and a solar battery fitted that will extend our ability to use the solar power we are collecting. This upgrade is funded by a grant obtained to facilitate our capacity to function as a safe haven in times of natural emergency. It has the added benefit of reducing our electricity bills. This work should not significantly impact on any use of the church or hall during that time.

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: 2 Corinthians 8: 1- 15. How are the Macedonian churches described and what does God’s grace allow them to do? What example are they to the church in Corinth? The Macedonian churches (Phillipi, Thessalonica and Berea) are in a comparatively very poor area of Greece and are described by Paul as being in extreme poverty i.e. with little financial resource. They are the first churches established by Paul in Europe. They are being persecuted but they have great faith and joy in the gospel and this has manifested itself in a spirit of generosity and wanting to bless others. Paul also mentions the Macedonians collection in Romans 15:26 and also read 2 Corinthians 9. This generosity comes from the grace that the Macedonians have experienced from God and they want to share that with others. The church in Corinth is comparatively

rich, it is in a much richer city, but it lacks the experience of grace, of being completely reliant on God for his provision not just spiritually but materially as well. The Macedonians challenge the self-sufficiency and comfort of Corinth.

What does Paul say of the churches giving and how is Jesus used as a motivation for the Corinthians giving?

Paul is saying that is not about their capacity to give/ the quantity that the churches are giving but about their motivation to give and their trust in God to give more than they can afford/ It is about the Macedonians following Christ's example of self-giving that is expressed in grace to us. The Macedonian church is poor and being persecuted, the church in Jerusalem (for whom Paul is organizing the collection) is also being persecuted – it has been forced out of the temple and fellowship the those remaining in Judaism - and this has split families and made the new Christians effectively “unclean” - they have not only lost family they will have lost the community they lived and worked in. The Macedonians are responding in empathy and with understanding that the Corinthians do not exhibit. Paul is pointing to the shared experience of Christ and the Cross to explain giving in the Kingdom of God to the Corinthians.

Reflect on the interplay that Paul uses between grace and generosity. How do you think grace and generosity might act together in the Kingdom of God?

Grace is evidence of and also a measure of God's generosity to us, flowing vertically from God to humanity – grace is a gift from God's abundant love that we do not deserve but which we receive anyway. Generosity is a human to human i.e. a horizontal flow expressing our love for a brother or sister. How we give often reflects how we have previously received and particularly our experience of undeserved favour, grace, from God. Grace flows from God to us and is extended by us as generosity to one another.

What is Paul's expectation of churches giving in terms of giving? That ultimately the motivation for giving and their trust is what they give comes not from the law but from a deep sense of what they themselves have received from God and an acknowledgement that all they indeed have has been provided by God to them.

Sunday 30 June

Your faith has made you well, go in peace!

Traditional: All Hail <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tmxCpX28-Gc>

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

Reading: Mark 5:21-34 ²¹ When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. ²² Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³ He pleaded earnestly with him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.” ²⁴ So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. ²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” ²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. ³⁰ At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹ “You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’ ” ³² But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. ³³ Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.

Reflection: Jesus Heals the Woman (6 minutes) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pYEmdFyWBq8>

Thoughts. Our past few weeks have been parables on what faith looks like and now we are seeing the stories (the testimonies embedded in the gospel) that affirm and give example to Jesus teaching. In the Old Testament under the Law when something “clean” comes into contact with something “unclean” it also becomes unclean and needs to be ritually cleansed – this is still true with in Judaism today. The Law can only show us what is wrong

and needs to be fixed – it cannot fix it or redeem or heal. Note when Jesus who is “clean” comes into contact with something “unclean” he does not become unclean himself but rather God’s restorative power flows from him and makes that which was unclean clean again - we see this most graphically on the cross where it is described in terms of guilt and innocence, righteousness and sin. We are all restored at the cross if we have faith in Jesus as Lord and saviour. Our faith sets us free. The restoration of the woman is much, much more than just a healing story. Becoming clean again allows her to participate fully in her community and most importantly she can attend the synagogue again and be able to worship – we can worship anywhere her community could only be with God in the temple and the synagogue.

Prayers. Almighty God, our Lord and our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid: save your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and raise us to new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. We ask God to bless our local community of Batemans Bay. We have not stopped giving thanks for them, remembering them in our prayers. We keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give to Batemans Bay (*your local community*) his Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that they may know him better. We pray that the eyes of their hearts may be enlightened in order that they may know the hope to which God calls them, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for those who will believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under Christ’s feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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: Yet not I

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zundjUFazfg&list=RDEmneBVV3ubqkrV1mzwMJs8vg&start_radio=1

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 12: 1- 10 (and optionally watch this scene from the Chosen concerning Jesus sending out James with the disciples on mission in Matthew 10)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZDvcEkjthA> .

The film clip offers a reflection on what Paul is describing – discuss what is truly important in Paul’s ministry (and ours)?

How does Paul’s experience of unanswered prayer impact you and your experience of God’s love? Read Job 2: 6-10 - many Christians struggle with the idea of God allowing Satan to test (or sift) their faith – how do you respond to this idea?

What grace have you experienced from God, how has it enabled your faith journey and has it proved sufficient for you? Are there people you know for whom it has not been enough and why do you think this might be so?