



Community News

07 July 2024

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

What deeds of power are being
done by his hands!



MARK 6:2

Weekly Church Services

Batemans Bay

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion

2.30pm 2 EARFM Broadcast

6.00pm Worship

Thursday: 10am Holy Communion

Readings:

Psalm 48 (Page 450)

2Corinthians 12:1-10 (Page 943)

Mark 6:1-13 (Page 817)

Readings:

Monday: Psalm 145:1-9; Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday: Psalm 115:1-11; Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday: Psalm 105:1-7; Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday: Psalm 80:1-2,14-19; Matthew 10:7-15

Friday: Psalm 51:6-12; Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday: Psalm 93; Matthew 10:24-33

Sunday: Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:1-14;

Mark 6:14-29

O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us than we are to seek them; and more willing to give than we desire or deserve: in our every need, grant us the first and best of all your gifts, the Spirit who makes us your children. **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.

CHURCH LUNCH: We had 43 for an excellent fellowship lunch on Sunday. Thank you to everybody who contributed food and supported the lunch..

SOLAR POWER UPGRADE: Our upgrade is underway with 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 that we are collecting during the night. This upgrade is funded by a grant obtained to facilitate our capacity to function as a safe haven in times of natural emergency.

MESSAGES:

- Vale Heimo Petzl. Prayers for Lorraine and family as they grieve.
- "I am now in remission after a three year battle with myeloma, which is wonderful news. Myeloma has left me with a couple of 'gifts' like balance issues and weariness, that I am working hard to live well with. I appreciate your prayers which have been a great comfort and support."
Thanks and Blessings
Keith Sutherland

GOOD MENTAL HEALTH ART CLASSES FOR WOMEN: In recess for school holidays, will resume 1st August.

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/>

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, 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 12: 1- 10. The Chosen film clip offers a reflection on what Paul is describing – discuss what is truly important in Paul's ministry (and ours)? Our ministry focus must be on Jesus and on a sustained and growing deeper relationship with God - i.e. on faith that is growing as a result of interacting with the Kingdom of God. Our trust in Jesus should not depend for its resilience and strength on what Jesus does or can do for us but on our knowledge and understanding of who Jesus is and what he can and will do. In the film clip Jesus clearly indicates to James that he can heal him at any time but also shows him that being healed is less likely to lead to a lasting faith than being the one who acting for God sees healing come through their ministry despite their own obvious inadequacies. This is true of all our ministry, not just healing. God enables and leads the ministry.

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? Many people, including Christians have a view of God that he exists to protect them from the troubles and challenges of this world, while others are afflicted, they should somehow be immune from life. The idea that the God who loves them might allow them to suffer is an anathema to

them. It invalidates their vision of an all-powerful God. However, not just in Job but elsewhere in the Bible (Paul in 2 Corinthians 12, Peter in Luke 22:31, Revelation 2:10) Satan is allowed to test the faithful. God has confidence in those being tested that the test will increase their faith and show that Satan lacks the power to destroy those in whom the spirit of God dwells. God also tests his people to help them grow in understanding of who he is and how to serve him - see most of the Old Testament prophets! I resonate with Paul, I cried out for years for God to heal my son, while at the same time Julie and I saw people we prayed for healed and also released into ministry, God heals who he heals! I have also had personal challenges that I have asked God often to remove but they remain and I am reminded it was by grace that I was saved (and that dramatically!!) and that grace has not been taken away, it remains and it is sufficient for me to do what God has called me to do. Weak and faint to rest yet God enables me to walk through each day and season with all that I need to accomplish what he calls me to – his grace is sufficient for me.

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? I was saved by grace, I cried out to God just before Communion was consecrated in response to a sentence from Matthew 11:28-30 and woke on the floor as the exit hymn began – they were singing Amazing Grace! I became a Christian right then – even if I did not at that point understand what that meant! I can always look back on that event with great assurance that God called me. However, one event like that would not have sustained me for 34 years, what has continually impacted me is in fact how, when I step out in faith when called to minister beyond my personal capability God always acts by grace and allows me to see his spirit moving in the lives of those you are praying for. Some people find the challenges of life overwhelm their understanding or expectations of God – Julie and I know people of whom this is true. The loss of one child might be endured but the loss of a second brings their faith undone – God it is your fault, you did not save my xxx. For others who have no faith life might be measured in very utilitarian terms – my value, the value of my child/ parent is only in what they can do - quality of life is measured in almost economic terms of outputs and then those who can never be, or those who can no longer be, productive are deemed to have no value, and are therefore expendable. God's grace is not sufficient for them because grace requires us to surrender our autonomy to God and then to trust him when we cannot see beyond the near future. Faith grows best in winter!

Sunday 30 June - with authority but by grace

Faith grows best in winter! It is in the starkness of the winter season that we often best see and understand the movement of God's hand of grace.

Traditional: Amazing Grace https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LF_55-PE-Pw

Contemporary: Amazing Grace My Chains <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jbe7OruLk8I>

Reading: Mark 6:6-13 Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. ⁷ Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits. ⁸ These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹ Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. ¹⁰ Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. ¹¹ And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them." ¹² They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³ They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

Reflection: My God is all I Need https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-fBeckPieds&list=OLAK5uy_n8D1aJSRckznhsFLiF-KkX0LO3ikHS1iM&index=3

Thoughts. We move from reflecting on the nature of our faith to applying it in ministry. Jesus has led them across the lake and back, he has calmed the storm, he has set the Gerasene man free from the demons that possessed him, he has healed the sick woman, and he has raised the dead girl - now he says to his 12 disciples, in my authority go forth and do likewise. They are sent ahead of Jesus to minister in his name, with his authority and his conferred power and he will follow. They go and they heal the sick, drive out demons and call people to repent because the kingdom of God has come near. They minister not in their own strength, or with their own particular gifts, nor dependent on what they own and can carry with them, but on God to provide for them from those they minister amongst, and the sign of God's provision are that the sick are healed, the demons flee, and strangers offer them hospitality. What might this look like for us, for you, today?

Prayers. Lord God, move in our community in your power and glory. Set captives free from demonic attack, heal our sick, restore our poor, rejected and broken-hearted. Provide for our ministry in this place and give us eyes to understand how you are in-deed providing. Bless and prosper the ministries of other churches in the Bay that they might grow stronger and your visible kingdom grow in this place. We thank you Lord for all who supported the Salvation Army Red Shield appeal and we pray for your continued abundance of food for the Food ministries at City Care, Cross Central and Southern Life. Pour forth your Spirit O Lord! God of all grace, keep safe all who travel at this time, give rest to students and teachers and draw all those who come to the Bay for rest into your restoring grace and salvation.

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: Great is Your Faithfulness <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTKlqmdfHSk>

Contemporary: I Will Trust <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GB9eXtwfAAg>

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: Will take a recess for two weeks for the school holidays. You might care to read and reflect on psalm 85 and use it to form prayers for our community, nation and church. **Pray for those who will visit Batemans Bay at this time.**