



**COMMUNITY NEWS**  
**14 JULY 2024**  
**EIGHTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST**

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.  
Psalm 24:3-4



**Weekly Church Services**

**Nelligen:** 8am Holy Communion

**Batemans Bay**

**8.00am** Holy Communion

**10.00am** Holy Communion

**2.30pm** 2 EARFM Broadcast

**6.30pm** Soaking

**Thursday: 10am** Holy Communion

**Readings:**

Amos 7:7-14 (Page 748)

Psalm 85:8-13 (Page 473)

Ephesians 1:1-14 (Page 949)

Mark 6:14-29 (Page 817)

**Readings:**

**Monday:** Psalm 50:7-11; Matthew 10:34-11:1

**Tuesday:** Psalm 48:1-8; Matthew 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** Psalm 94:8-15; Matthew 11:25-27

**Thursday:** Psalm 102:18-22; Matthew 11:28-30

**Friday:** Psalm 32:1-6; Matthew 12:1-8

**Saturday:** Psalm 10:13-16; Matthew 12:14-21

**Sunday:** Psalm 89:21-38; Ephesians 2:11-22;  
Mark 6:30-34,53-56

Eternal God, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendour of creation and in the beauty of human life. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers, and to experience the joy of life in your presence; 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.

**NAIDOC:** An encouraging message on the theme of NAIDOC this year. Rev Michael Duckett, of Macarthur Indigenous Church, prepares a painting for NAIDOC each year. When he heard this year's theme was "Keep the Fire Burning!" He immediately thought of Paul's words to Timothy to "fan into flames the gift of God" (2 Tim. 1:6). He says: "Fan the flame in your church, in your community - the gift of God, the message of the good news of Jesus Christ to all people." You may like to watch a video of his words and artwork <https://vimeo.com/975961615>

**CHURCH UPGRADES:** The hotplate in the church kitchen has been replaced. Our solar power capacity has been increased and a battery installed. This will reduce our power costs and make us more resilient in emergencies. We anticipate some minor patching repair works in the church car park on either Monday or Tuesday. Please avoid using the car park on those days as best you can – park on the grass if you need to.

**PRAYER REQUESTS/THANKS:**

- Susan is the daughter of Elizabeth and Allan Dean. Susan is to have tests on her heart with possible open-heart surgery on Tuesday 16th July. The surgeon will be with her when she has the tests, and the surgical team will be on standby. Pray the tests will have good results and will avoid having open heart surgery. Please also pray for Elizabeth and Allan at this stressful time.
- Bert and Joan Dolstra thank their church family for all their prayers and wishes while Bert was in hospital. He is home and still recovering but going okay. Please continue to keep them both in prayer.

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

**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:** In recess for school holidays.

**Sunday 14 July**

**Traditional:** How Firm a Foundation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vZfzYSEGwk>

**Contemporary:** Give Us Clean Hands <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rv55qS7v2-c>

**Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup>For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for **adoption to sonship** through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in

accordance with the riches of God's grace<sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,<sup>9</sup> he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,<sup>10</sup> to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. <sup>11</sup>In him we were also chosen, made heirs, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,<sup>12</sup> in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,<sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

**Thoughts.** The Greek word for *adoption to sonship* is a legal term referring to having the full legal standing of an adopted male heir in Roman culture. In those unenlightened days male and female children had different legal rights – hear Paul is addressing all the church of Ephesus – and this is a radical statement - in Christ all receive the same status and inherit the same fruit of salvation. This is consistent with Paul's teaching elsewhere – there is no distinction between those who are in Christ – whose faith is in Jesus. This is significant in Ephesus where the relatively new church is bringing together Jews and Gentiles and slaves and free into one reconciled congregation - reconciliation is the product of the forgiveness each one of them finds in Jesus and with all things on heaven and earth being brought together as one, in unity, under Christ. We live in a fractured world, in a nation where the fractures between those of different race and culture are increasingly apparent and our secular leaders seem increasingly unable to lead us to reconciliation and a commonwealth purpose. It is significant, but sad, that we need to appoint an Antisemitism Envoy to advise on maintaining social-cohesion, significant and sad and tragic that we still have social and cultural dislocation sustaining poverty and bubbling out in hopelessness in many of our indigenous communities and a new generation of children without a clear vision for their future expressing this lack of purpose and direction in crime and mindless violence. We should not be surprised that as a nation we reap what we have sown; but Christ!! But Christ in his words to the Ephesians offers the one way of reconciliation that truly works – one in Christ. Stir up within you faith and fan into flame the gift of God that is within you by his Holy Spirit!

Bind us Together: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHJzD46-qU>

**Prayers.** Lord God, reveal your power and glory in our community.

Lord God, Bring us together as one. Reconciled with you and reconciled with each other. You made us in your likeness; You gave us your son, Jesus Christ. He has given us forgiveness from sin. Lord God, Bring us together as one. Different culture, but given new life in Jesus Christ; Together as one, your body, your church, your people. Lord God, Bring us together one. Reconciled, healed, forgiven, sharing you with others, as you have called us to do. In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one. Amen. Lord God, keep safe all who travel at this time, give rest to students and teachers everywhere. May all who come to the Bay for rest find your restoring grace and know the salvation that is in Christ Jesus.

**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:** There is a Redeemer [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C\\_YM\\_hYzcPo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C_YM_hYzcPo)

**Contemporary:** Mighty to Save <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-HLVnPjbSal>

**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:** Resumes next week. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oibli1rz7mw>



### Wallawani

We acknowledge God, who created heaven and earth and owns all things. We recognise that He gave the lands that we are on, to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. As the Ruler of this world, God has allowed people from all over the world to come to this land. We acknowledge the cultures of our First Peoples of this Great South Land of The Holy Spirit and are thankful for the community we share together now. We pay our respects to the Walbunja people and their Elders, both past, present and upcoming.

God of Holy Dreaming, Great Creator Spirit, from the dawn of creation you have given your children the good things of the Earth. You spoke and the gum tree grew. In the vast desert and dense forest, and in cities at the water's edge, Creation sings your praise. Your presence endures as the rock at the heart of our Land. When Jesus hung on the tree you heard the cries of all your people and became one with your wounded ones: the convicts, the hunted, the dispossessed.

The sunrise of your Son coloured the earth anew, and bathed it in glorious hope. In Jesus we have been reconciled to you, to each other and to your whole creation. Lead us on, Great Spirit, as we gather from the four corners of the earth; enable us to walk together in trust from the hurt and shame of the past into the full day which has dawned in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, When we see our footprints on this land, help us to remember to keep searching for the truth. When we see gum trees, help their roots and branches remind us to dig deep and reach high to bring justice. When we see eagles, help us to remember your power and depend on your love. When we think about how vast our land, the stars and the oceans are, help us to remember that you are a powerful God. When we think about God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit together – help us to remember that community is important. Help us to have your grace, your mercy and your peace, so that we can do our part in bringing truth, justice, love and hope to our country. **Amen**

**Aboriginal Our Father** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wl7PgGP9iNI>