



'My sheep hear my voice,' says the Lord. 'I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life.' *John 10:27-28*

Weekly Church Services

Batemans Bay

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Prayer and Praise

2.30pm 2 EARFM Broadcast

6.30pm Worship

Thursday: 10am Holy Communion

Readings:

Psalms 89:21-38 (Page 475)

Ephesians 2:11-22 (Page 950)

Mark 6:30-34,53-56 (Page 818)

Readings:

Monday: Psalm 50:20-24; Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday: Psalm 85:1-7; Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday: Psalm 71:1-6; Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday: Psalm 36:7-12; Matthew 13:10-17

Friday: Psalm 72:8-14; Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday: Psalm 84:1-9; Matthew 13:24-30

Sunday: Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21;

John 6:1-21

Eternal God, author of our life and end of our pilgrimage: guide us by your word and Spirit amid all the perils and temptations, that we may not wander from your way, but may run our course in safety until we come to our eternal rest in you; through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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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.

FUNERAL: The funeral for Heimo Petzl will be at the church at 11am on Friday 26 July followed by a wake in the church hall. If you can assist by bringing food or with set up and clean up please let Gayleane know.

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

OCC BOX UPDATE: Around 500 shoeboxes were packed and will be picked up to go to Sydney, these are made up of ones that have been packed from this area. Thank you to all those that have already donated boxes and those that have donated goods for boxes or bottles/cans. All helps.

BOTTLE TOP COLLECTION: An update from Stephanie: could **ONLY MILK BOTTLE** tops be collected please.

CHURCH UPGRADES: We still anticipate some minor patching repair works in the church car park.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Philippa Parsons is in Moruya hospital with pneumonia. Please pray for healing for her, and pray for her children as well.
- Susan Dean: her stress test was cancelled as she was in too much pain, she was sent home and she will have an angiogram in 4 weeks’ time, continue prayers for her. Please also pray for Elizabeth and Allan at this stressful time.
- Joy Williams: continue praying for Joy, she is still having walking/balance issues and medication issues. Please also pray for Rob.
- Eric Strachan: Please pray for Eric (partner of Glen Hancock 10am), who is battling prostate cancer, and at a recent scan was told it has spread to his bones. Please also pray for Glen.

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: Answers resume next week.

Sunday 21 July

"Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants."

Traditional: Have Faith in God My Heart <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBbrwRImEBk>

Contemporary: Cornerstone <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvLxZEU02ul>

Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22 . ¹Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)— ¹²remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in

Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. ¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Thoughts. Jesus is our cornerstone, the true reference on which our church is anchored and aligned. Satan continually seeks to distract us and take our lives out of alignment with Christ. He does this by emphasizing the law and "rules" concerning our worship and how we live. The law because it points to difference between us and the Jews and the rules because it points to difference in practice and preference within the body of Christ – Satan seeks disunity and enmity between believers. Paul tells us that Jesus has conquered all of this at the cross – he brings to together those who were far off (the gentiles) and those who were near (the Jews); the uncircumcision and the circumcision, into the one body, his body, and he does this by his spirit. Our power and purpose as a church is found in the person and redeeming purpose of Jesus – only in him are we truly one.

Prayers. Mighty God, ruler of all creation, give strength to our faith, that we may recognize your presence even when all around seems chaos and hope seems lost. Help us to take our eyes from the immediacy of this world's portrayal of truth and shift our focus to Jesus, our rock and cornerstone. Let us fasten our gaze on him and lead us to your eternal peace. Lord, we see the pain of the people caught in isolation and darkness who without you have no hope, no peace and no certainty. Answer their needs Lord, even when they deny your existence, reveal yourself to them in dreams and visions that they might find a real and true hope in the harshest of days. Inspire in us Lord a heart for them and an eye to see them as you do so that your word may come to them and set them free and bring back for them. Father, give to us a deep sense of the glory of God and a hunger to experience it in our own lives.

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: How Deep the Fathers Love <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A0CDqG5STPM>

Contemporary: His Glory My Good <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5nUTO4m9oA>

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 Ephesians 2: 11 – 22. What image does Paul provide of the church? How does Christ relate to the church?

We live in a time with an excessive emphasis on individualism and personal autonomy/identity – something that pulls us directly away from the ethos of this reading. What does it mean for you to live a life in Christ?

Reflect on your worship – is Jesus at the centre, the cornerstone?.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VLo8A_tZbq4

Our worship and praise are key ways we engage in the Kingdom of God. What does this reflection raise as important (or not) to you ?

By Faith <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9AGBiAV82k>

Christ Our Hope <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oibli1rz7mw>

Only a Holy God <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1GDph15Kell>

A recent Australian Prophecy received this week: It resonates with our reflection on worship and also has tones of NAIDOC flowing through it. It builds on similar themes over the past decade.

During a time of worship, I saw many angels coming down a stairway that stretched from heaven to earth. These angels had golden, translucent skin that glistened in the light. Under their arms, each angel carried a golden treasure chest.

As they descended the stairway, they reached land, and I knew immediately it was the shores of Australia. They stood on the edge of a sandy beach line and waves lapped at their bare feet.

As they touched the ground, they laid down their treasure chests and faced them outward toward the nations. These angels were positioned over every borderline of Australia.

Then I saw the worshippers of Australia come from all the regions of the land. They walked to the shores and stood in front of the treasure chests, facing inward so all they could see was the land of Australia.

The angels knelt down and opened the treasure chests. I thought I would see rubies and diamonds, but what surprised me was there were no precious jewels inside. When the angels opened these chests, a sonic boom of God's glory was unleashed that sent shockwaves across the land and to other nations. The waves responded by rising even higher, and the air was thick with the glory of the Lord.

The worshippers who were standing in front of these treasure chests opened their mouths, and this glory shockwave sound filled their mouths.

The sound that had been sent from heaven filled their bodies and mouths, and it was so full it could not be contained there. As quickly as their mouths were filled, it spilled out and poured over the nation. I saw the centre of Australia filled with the sound of Heaven, and it spread to every corner of the nation. Quite naturally and without effort, this sound reached every corner of the globe, yet the worshipers intention was on Australia. They were lovers for the melodies of the Lord for the land.

And I began to weep. I then heard the Lord say, "There is an ancient glory sound I wish to release and unleash that comes from Australia. It is a sound of worship like no other. And as the worshippers allow it to fill their mouths, their voices will become a CATALYST of AWAKENING that causes the land to shake. I will use my sound in their mouths to hit the nation at its core to cause a HOLY DISRUPTION OF GLORY.

And as they worship, they must keep their gaze fixed on what I (God) want to do in Australia. And as they become intentional in this, the unique roar of Australian worship will create shockwaves across the earth. The authentic expression they will release will AWAKEN the ancient sound of other lands.

"But this is also a warning," says the Lord. "Worshippers, position yourselves in a way that your unique melodies are not lost or hidden. For you will truly be a template for what I wish to release in other nations. Allow me to fill your mouth with Heaven's roar and allow your heart to be moved by what I want to do in your lands. Look inward and not outward. It is time for intentional songs and even indigenous and regional sounds to become a priority. Watch what I will do as you lean into this—you must pay attention!"