



Weekly Church Services

Batemans Bay

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion

2.30pm 2 EARFM Broadcast

6.30pm Worship

Thursday: 10am Holy Communion

Readings:

Psalm 111 (Page 490)

Ephesians 5:11-21 (Page 951)

John 6:51-58 (Page 868)

Readings:

Monday: Psalm 78:55-70; Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday: Psalm 36:1-6; Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday: Psalm 23; Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday: Psalm 51:10-17; Matthew 22:1-14

Friday: Psalm 107:1-9; Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday: Psalm 85:8-13; Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday: Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20;
John 6:56-69

Ever living God, your Son, Jesus Christ, gave himself as living bread for the life of the world: give us such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with 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.

BCA: John Hoggan advised that Julia Creek (where the Owen family Minister) will be on Back Roads on ABC next Tuesday (20th) at 8pm.

GOOD MENTAL HEALTH ART CLASSES FOR WOMEN: Thursday 22nd August, 12.30 to 2.30.

WWW.GOD: Wednesday Weekly Worship each Wednesday in church from 5.00pm – 6.30pm. A time to innovate for our worship. Bring along your creativity, instruments, voice, art pads, flags and sit together in God's presence and see what the Father is saying to his children and what he might raise up in our midst as we seek to explore his call to worship. For more contact Belinda 0434102480.

CONSECRATION: The Venerable Vanessa Bennett will be consecrated as a Bishop at St Saviours Cathedral next Saturday 24 August at 11am. Vanessa will be our new Assistant Bishop in the Diocese. Please pray for her at his important time.

SCRIPTURE UNION: National Prayer Day – Wednesday 4th September. You can join in the live stream - https://brushfire.com/sua/prayconnectonline24/581885?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=SU+Australia+National+Prayer+Day+Regos+Open&utm_content=SU+Australia+National+Prayer+Day+Regos+Open_1913977&utm_term=https%3a%2f%2fbrushfire.com%2fsua%2fprayconnectonline24%2f581885 by registering here and details will be sent to you. If you don’t want to or can’t participate then please keep praying for SU and the SRE Teachers.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Invites you to Springtime Serenades on Saturday 7th September at 2pm at the Salvation Army. \$10 per person (pay at the door). This is a fundraiser to help with shipping costs of the Shoeboxes. Includes Afternoon Tea and Lucky Door Prize. For further information contact Evelyn Bennett on 0413044336 or see Gayleane. Anyone who would like to donate a plate of food for the afternoon tea would be appreciated. Also need a rough idea of numbers for catering so if attending please advise Evelyn or Gayleane. Thank you.

Vietnam Veterans Day this Sunday: God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks today for the peace and security we enjoy. We remember those who in time of war faithfully served their country. We pray for their families, and for ourselves whose freedom was won at such a cost. Make us a people zealous for peace, and hasten the day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither learn war any more. This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world: Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**



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 John 6: 51 – 58 Read the passage – what verse or phrase catches your attention. See what God is revealing to you as a group. What do you think John intended his audience to hear from Jesus words? What is your feeling and response to this passage? The invitation to eat Jesus and drink his blood does not surprise us as we take it as a metaphor and celebrate it as a ritual, the Eucharist, done as Jesus will say later in John's gospel in remembrance of him and his death and resurrection. Those who heard Jesus words did not have a post Calvary understanding – they had to take these words literally and try to make sense of them. John's audience also does not have a developed theology of the cross – they too are trying to work out what this means. For the initial Jewish audience, the words are especially confronting as they avoid blood at all costs – blood is the life force of an animal and contact with blood, especially human blood makes you unclean. Being unclean separates you from all society and family. See Leviticus 3:17, 7:26 -27, 15:19 & 27 (see Mark 5:25) and all of Leviticus 17 – if you eat meat with blood in it you are unclean. The prohibition on blood under the law adds a dimension to Jesus death and the commands of the last supper that we do not fully understand – what Jesus asks of his disciples is truly shocking and yet this is his ongoing call to us to enter completely into his life, and find our life in and through his death and rising up.

Sunday 18 August

Eat, Drink, remember and give thanks!

Traditional: I am the Bread <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vrCN2sJpfvY>

Contemporary: Build Your Kingdom Here [Build Your Kingdom Here - Rend Collective Experiment \(youtube.com\)](#)

Reading John 6: 51 – 58 . ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." ⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³ Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

Reflection: There is Power <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3uk7Xo6Pjf4>

Thoughts: The path to abundant life is through death, death to self and self-satisfaction. We are called to enter wholly into the life of Jesus and find our purpose in and through his call to life in his body, his church, amongst our brothers and sisters. The invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood is not a literal invitation, nor is it, as much as it seems and invitation to the Communion rite, but rather it is our invitation to profit from the death of Jesus our thirst for true life will be quenched by Christ's death as evidenced by the shedding of his blood. We may not understand the mystery of how this avails for us, but it does. Through faith we "eat and drink" of Christ at Communion and we do this as Christ directs in remembrance of him and by his Spirit he raises us up and gives us life.

Prayers. Pray for the consecration on Saturday 24 August of Rev Vanessa Bennett as our next assistant Bishop and for Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) as they raise money to sustain their mission with their Father's Day Fuel appeal. This Sunday is Vietnam Veterans Day, pray for them as they gather to remember, give thanks for their service and ask God to be with each one bringing healing of mind, body and soul and Christ's presence. Father we bring before you all our hopes, fears, groaning and thoughts from deep within our hearts, hear our prayers. Hear us when we call out for friend, for neighbour and for self. Give us inspiration to plead for others round the world and our nation, draw their needs to our attention and their lives into Christ. Be in the dark places shining as hope and in the light places encouraging your people to grow in faith, to worship you in Spirit and truth and to turn their vision outward to see your hand at work in the community, the nation and the world. Grant that we may see in Jesus the fulfilment of all our need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on the true and living bread that you have given us in Jesus Christ. Let no fears of this world keep us from reflecting Christ's generosity. Lord let us to be a blessing and to boldly proclaim your blessing to our families and our community.

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: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise [Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise \(Tune: St Denio - 4vv\) \[with lyrics for congregations\] \(youtube.com\)](#)

Contemporary: All Glory Be to Christ [All Glory Be to Christ - Official Music Video \(youtube.com\)](#)

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 6: 10 -20. Paul chooses to conclude Ephesians with a call to arms. **Do you see your faith as involving you in a cosmic struggle? If not then how do you interpret verse 12? What is your struggle against, what is your struggle in support of? What is your perspective of the battle?**

What according to this passage is our primary "operational measure of success" in this conflict. What does God equip us with to achieve this success? How does each component of the armour contribute to our defence?

Note most of the armour is defensive – what elements are offensive and how are we to employ them? Why are they important and effective?

What limits of authority do you have when engaging in spiritual warfare?