



COMMUNITY NEWS

01 September 2024

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

JAMES

1:17



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:

Psalms 45:1-9 (Page 449)

James 1:1-27 (Page 980)

Mark 7:1-23 (Page 818)

Readings:

Monday: Psalm 119:97-104; Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday: Psalm 145:8-14; Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday: Psalm 33:13-21; Luke 4:38-44

Thursday: Psalm 24:1-6; Luke 5:1-11

Friday: Psalm 37:3-7; Luke 5:33-39

Saturday: Psalm 145:13-21; Luke 6:1-5

Sunday: Psalm 125; James 2:1-17;

Mark 7:24-37

Cleanse our consciences, O Lord, and enlighten our hearts through the daily presence of your Son Jesus Christ, that when he comes in glory to be our judge we may be found undefiled and acceptable in his sight; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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DIRECT DEPOSIT:

Anglican Investment & Development Fund. BSB: 702389 Account: 05202562 Ref: AnglicanBBay2562

CHURCH: The office is open Wednesday and Thursday 9am to 1pm, and Friday 9am to 3pm.

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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.

BCA: Time to bring your BCA boxes in, leave in Office for Robin to collect please.

GLEAN: Wednesday 4 September 1.30pm in the hall

LADIES MORNING TEA: Maloney’s Beach Café Monday 2 September at 10.30am

SYNOD: Pray for Synod next weekend. Helen Barbic, John and Yvonne Hoggan and Doug will attend.

GOOD MENTAL HEALTH ART CLASSES FOR WOMEN: Thursday 5 September, 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.

MAF: Mission Aviation Fellowship have a Father’s Day (1 September) mission focus on funding their aviation fuel costs. If this catches your attention please pick up one of the “fuel can” cards in the foyer.

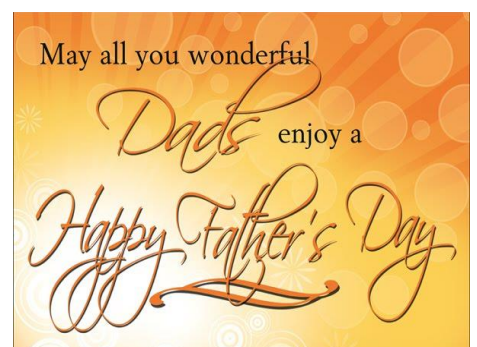
TUTOR NEEDED: A friend of Marg Rootes has a daughter aged 16 in Year 11 who is struggling with HSC introduction to English and Math. Will pay for tutoring and is willing to travel to the Tutor’s home. Please let Marg Rootes on 0409 044 823 or on 02 4472 5047.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Invites you to Springtime Serenades on Saturday 7 September at 2pm at the Salvation Army. \$10 per person (pay at the door). This is to help with shipping costs of the Shoeboxes. Includes Afternoon Tea and Lucky Door Prize. Contact Evelyn Bennett on 0413044336 or see Gayleane.

BBECET: Prayer Meeting: Monday 2 September at 5pm in the Hall. **A date for your diaries:** Trivia Afternoon Saturday 19th October at Olive Tree Church (Southlands) at 2pm. Start studying now, we still have plenty of room for improvement. It is always a good fun afternoon (even if you come last), and supports a good cause. Tickets will be available from Gayleane in the Office.

CELEBRATIONS:

- Happy blessed 80th birthday to Keith Sutherland.
- To all the Fathers, Grandfathers, and Great Grandfathers wishing you a blessed Father’s Day.



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: James 1: 1 -27. Across the next 5 weeks we will look at the book of James. **Who is the book addressed to? How does James address his readers to identify with them?** James (the brother of Jesus) heads to the church in Jerusalem. This church is the earliest church and is largely formed of Jewish believers. This church was scattered by the persecutions orchestrated by Saul after Stephens death. James writes to the Jews who had become Christians but many of whom now lived outside of Jerusalem in the wider Roman world. These Jews are referred to as the diaspora (literally meaning the dispersed ones). James identifies them as the twelve tribes (of Israel) scattered among the nations.

What context/ conditions does James consider the church/people are living in? Why might this be so? How does he use this to encourage them? What leads to joy? James writes to a church that has been scattered and faces trials, persecution and temptation to conform to the world to make life easier. The times they live in test them personally and collectively and builds their faith and perseverance. He reminds them that they are chosen by God as his first-fruits and that every good thing comes from God. He concludes that our experience through times of trial and testing can lead to joy because it strengthens our faith and increases our wisdom and maturity.

How are they blessed? How are they to live in response to God's word and wisdom? What does God expect of the truly religious? They are blessed by having the teaching and example of Jesu, the perfect Law and the word that gives freedom. If we do not forget what we have been taught/ heard from the word of God/ teaching of Jesus and we apply that teaching to our moral lives and our actions in relationship to others, especially those who are vulnerable, then we will be blessed and live the life of response that God seeks of us. God expects of godly behaviour of us, ask yourself What Would Jesus Do?.

Sunday 1 September

Have a blessed Father's day, remember that you are a beloved child of the most high God!

Traditional: How Sweet [How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds \(Tune: St Peter - 6vv\) \[with lyrics for congregations\] \(youtube.com\)](#)

Contemporary: [Goodness Of God \(Lyrics\) ~ Bethel Music \(youtube.com\)](#)

Reading James 1: 16 -27. ¹⁶Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first-fruits of all he created. ¹⁹My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. ²¹Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. ²²Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do. ²⁶Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Thoughts: The first chapter of James introduces a lot of themes that James will develop as the book unfolds. It commences with a call to persevere in the face of test and trial and later a call to live a moral life by ridding ourselves of un-Godly habits. These things are good but the core of the message for today is that all we have, all that is good in our lives, is not there because we earned it or because we deserve it but rather it is ours as a grace, a gift of God, the God who gave us new life and who now calls us to live as evidence of that new life – to be evident first-fruits to those amongst whom we live. We are to humbly accept the word that God has planted in us and are to live our lives according to that word – live like Christ would live.

Prayers: Persevere in prayer fully expecting God to move and to answer. Look with eyes and listen with ears that are expectant, you may not anticipate exactly what God will do but you will be able to see it when it happens and respond with your thanks. : Lord, hear our prayers and so bring them to pass as is best for us and those we cry out for. We pray for the Synod meeting this weekend in Goulburn, may you direct its deliberations and protect it from all Satan's work of deception and misdirection. Help it to come to a clarity and common mind on all matters eternal and to foster hope and build unity of mission and purpose in the Diocese. Continue to pray for Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) as they raise money to sustain their mission with their Father's Day Fuel appeal and also for BCA and the Owens family serving in Cloncurry. Give thanks for the completion of this season of the Women's Art classes and for the fellowship developed through them and those drawn closer to Christ. Encourage the fathers amongst us and bless our fathers this day.

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: Master speak [Master, Speak! Thy Servant Heareth \(Tune: Ottawa - 4vv\) \[with lyrics for congregations\] \(youtube.com\)](#)

Contemporary: [My Worth Is Not In What I Own. with lyrics by Fernando Ortega, Keith and Kristyn Getty \(youtube.com\)](#)

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 James 2: 1 -26. Why should Christians not show favouritism? How have you seen favouritism exhibited in church and what effect can it have? Why should Christians show mercy?

As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead. Faith by itself, if not accompanied by works, is dead? Do these two verses imply that James believes that we are not saved (i.e. have spiritual life) by faith alone and therefore also require some human activity (work) to be justified before God? If not, then what point do you think James is making in verses 14 -26 and how might that apply to the modern church?