



Weekly Church Services

Nelligen: 8am Holy Communion

Batemans Bay

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion

2.30pm **NO BROADCAST**

6.30pm Soaking

Thursday: 10am Holy Communion

Readings:

Isaiah 35: 4-7 (Page 578)

Psalms 146 (Page 507)

James 2:1-26 (Page 981)

Mark 7:24-37 (Page 819)

Readings:

Monday: Psalm 5:3-7; Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday: Psalm 149; Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday: Psalm 45:10-15; Luke 6:20-26

Thursday: Psalm 139:13-18; Luke 6:27-38

Friday: Psalm 84:1-7; Luke 6:39-42

Saturday: Psalm 116:11-18; Luke 6:43-49

Sunday: Psalm 19; James 3:1-18;

Mark 8:27-38

Almighty and everlasting God, increase our faith, hope, and love, and, that we may receive all you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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DIRECT DEPOSIT:

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

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

SYNOD: Pray for Synod. Helen Barbic, John and Yvonne Hoggan, and Doug will attend. Rev Ann Burt will be taking the Nelligen and 10am Services and Rev Lance McCallum will be taking the 8am Service. We thank them for leading us.

LEAVE: Gayleane will be on leave from Monday 09th September to Sunday 22nd September.

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.

BBECET: 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 the Office.

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 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? We should not show favouritism because we usually default to favouring people like ourselves or the rich (those who can return our favours) and this ignores God’s call to care for (favour) the widows and orphans. James identifies the rich as the ruling Jerusalem elite (the Sadducees and the High Priests) – he does this in James 5:1-6 and he does this in the context of these rich having stoned Stephen for feeding the widows and preaching the gospel effectively to the poor – the poor were being drawn away from the Temple and into the Christian church. Christians are called to be merciful because we ourselves have been mercy by God and we are to live that out by loving our neighbours as ourselves – this is our living witness. I have seen favouritism expressed in church but generally it is not direct and overt so much as unthinking human preferences to relate to the people most like us and therefore to marginalise or ignore those on the fringes because they are often emotionally and spiritually hard work to relate with and need help to be raised up and equipped to minister. However, these are the very people who have access to the broken and hurting people outside the kingdom that God wants to reach – and they have the testimony and empathy to reach the people you cannot.

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? We face a challenge when we read this because we are generally thinking of Paul's teaching in Romans and elsewhere that argues strongly that we are saved by faith alone and this by the grace of God - a position brought to prominence by Martin Luther in the Reformation and these words of James seem to clearly contradict this understanding derived from Romans (see Romans 3:28). Paul and James write to very different audiences and contexts and therefore have different emphases in their arguments, but they are not essentially contradictory. The emphasis in James does not direct that deeds (or as Paul would use "works" with which he refers to obedience to the laws of Judaism, especially the food laws) are necessary to salvation. James argues that faith requires more than mere assertion of an idea (i.e. belief) in God. James notes that the demons have an active (and accurate) belief in God – they know and fear God, but this does not lead to their salvation. James is also very much speaking of the faith of the Jerusalem elite, the Sadducees that are persecuting his church and saying that their belief in God and the Temple and their obedience to the Law cannot save them - the Law that can save is the "Royal" Law instituted by Jesus to love your neighbour as yourself and this is predicated on the first part of that Law which is to Love God with all your heart, mind, body and soul. For James (as evidenced by the example of Abraham and Rahab) saving faith has consequences and those consequences are a life lived in service of the gospel (think of the example of Stephen). The modern church faces to equal but opposite challenges, we can tend to believe that a simple mental assertion of faith (or perhaps a child baptism) is all that is required for salvation and not allow the Holy Spirit to transform and conform our lives to a gospel way of life **or** we can so believe in the efficacy of the love of God that we can deny the need for salvation at all – a good God will save everybody regardless of what they do because all people are intrinsically good. This view tends to emphasise that the important distinction of a Christian and how we know them is by the good works, usually of social justice, that they do. Both of these descriptions characterise the extremes of the different ideas of faith – and in reality we have a spectrum of belief and behaviour between these extremes.

Sunday 8 September

Traditional: [O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing \(Hymn with words and music\) - Charles Wesley \(youtube.com\)](#)

Contemporary: His Glory <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4yQ42RU3Nh8>

Reading James 2: 8, 14 -19. ⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbour as yourself," you are doing right. ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

Thoughts: James tells us that saving faith changes us – it transforms us towards the nature of Christ. The love of God which we experience in Christ compels us to act out of our faith and to have deeds that are a witness to the reality of our faith. If our faith is not in our heart and not transforming our nature then James says our faith is dead.

Prayers: Give thanks for the completion of this season of the Women's Art classes and for the fellowship developed through them and for those drawn closer to Christ. Pray for follow-on fellowship activities. Pray for the Synod meeting this weekend in Goulburn, direct its deliberations, bring it to clarity and increased unity of mission and protect it from all Satan's work of misdirection and confusion. Pray for High School and College year 12 students and their teachers and parents as they focus on end of year exams. Pray for NSW Local Government elections that candidates with godly intentions are raised up.

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: [To God Be the Glory \(Tune: To God Be the Glory - 4vv\) \[with lyrics for congregations\] \(youtube.com\)](#)

Contemporary: [All Glory Be To Christ - Kings Kaleidoscope \(youtube.com\)](#)

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 3: 1 -12. This reading is about power and control and the application of power in our lives. What motivates us and why is this important? How are we judged?

When you read the metaphor of the tongue in comparison to the body how does this resonate with you, personally and as a church body?

How can we tame the tongue? How can we use the tongue for the Kingdom?

Spring Prayer: Lord, Here we are at the beginning of Spring, and as we reminisce about Winter's highs and lows we give thanks that most of us got through it. I pray that as the weather warms up and the season of newness is upon us that we are ready to be refreshed and renewed for the times ahead. I pray for the warmer days and high winds that we are currently experiencing to pass with nothing more than an annoying occurrence, and those that are anxious about the conditions be at peace. May each of us see this new season as hope, joy, and love. **Amen.**

