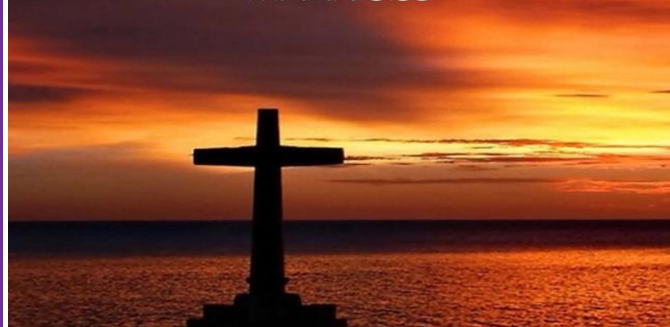




**COMMUNITY NEWS**  
**15 SEPTEMBER 2024**  
**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST**

**FOR WHOEVER DESIRES TO SAVE  
HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT, BUT  
WHOEVER LOSES HIS LIFE FOR  
MY SAKE AND THE GOSPEL'S  
WILL SAVE IT.  
MARK 8:35**



**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 19 (Page 433)

James 3:1-18 (Page 981)

Mark 8:27-38 (Page 820)

**Readings:**

**Monday:** Psalm 40:6-11; Luke 7:1-10

**Tuesday:** Psalm 100; Luke 7:11-17

**Wednesday:** Psalm 33:1-5; Luke 7:31-35

**Thursday:** Psalm 118:14-19; Luke 7:36-50

**Friday:** Psalm 17:6-13; Luke 8:1-3

**Saturday:** Psalm 56:8-12; Luke 8:4-15

**Sunday:** Psalm 1; James 4:1-17;

Mark 9:30-37

God of Mercy, help us to forgive as you have forgiven us, to trust you, even when hope is failing, and to take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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**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.

**BISHOPS VISIT:** Bishop Mark will visit the parish on **Sunday 29 September**. There will be a combined service at **9am** followed by an early lunch at a local club. If you would like to come to the lunch please let the office know for booking numbers.

**LEAVE:** Gayleane on leave until Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

**BSEC TRIVIA AFTERNOON:** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October at Olive Tree (Southlands) Church at 2pm. Tickets will be available from Gayleane in the Office.

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

**WWW.GOD: Wednesday Weekly Worship** each Wednesday in church from 5.00pm – 6.30pm. All welcome to explore God’s call to worship. For more contact Belinda 0434102480.

**PARISH CAR:** The Parish car is turning 150,000 Km and we are changing it over for a new car which should arrive in the next few weeks.

**SYNOD:** John, Yvonne, Helen and Doug attended Synod last weekend. Helen Barbic has been attending Synod, in various Diocese, since 1973. This was her last Synod and she will not be offering for election when it is due next year. We thank her and Liz Maidla for their many years of faithful service as our Synod representatives. Synod was purposeful and busy. A copy of the Presidents address is on our web site if you want to read that, or ask Helen who has a hard copy available. The Synod considered a number of issues, many a bit Canberra centric, however, issues affecting us all included approving a Diocesan Climate Change Management Plan (CCMP); establishing a working commission to continue to review and to seek to ensure that a representative number of women priests achieve senior leadership roles in the Diocese; and to encourage participation in the **Hope 25** outreach initiative for Easter – Pentecost 2025. The opportunity/ idea that the Diocese might re-imagine and re-introduce **Cursillo** was also mooted at Synod. Extensive discussions and developments occurred around Diocesan **Safe Ministry** process and practice, most flowing from General Synod and changes to relevant government legislation. A 20 point resolution was passed – and a Diocesan Task Force is being raised to review how best to simplify, improve and implement the evolving processes. **CCMP:** this requires the Diocese to plan and measure performance to reduce carbon emissions to meet a net-zero in 2040 target that the national Anglican church has agreed to. This has significant impact in the Diocesan office and parishes are encouraged to participate by identifying and planning logically to reduce and manage their carbon footprint e.g. looking to instal solar panels and batteries. The parish is already working on this through our participation in the Eurobodalla Safe Haven plan through which we have obtained and installed the solar power to the hall and church. **Women in Ministry:** The number of women clergy in active ministry, and in particular in senior leadership roles (e.g. archdeacons) in the Diocese has plummeted since COVID. The reasons for this are varied, but underlying them is the fact that the Diocese is no longer raising up, training and ordaining enough women as priests to sustain the numbers needed to progress to senior positions (it might be noted we are also not raising up sufficient local men to ministry either – but this is a less urgent issue). The commission will be episcopally led and is established for 5 years. If you would like to read the related report please ask Doug for a copy. **Hope 25** is a project being undertaken by all 23 Diocese of the Anglican Church in Australia and encourages each parish to plan and conduct activities between Easter and Pentecost 2025 to attract people from outside the parish to come and hear the gospel.

We will be looking at several initiatives for this in 2025. **Cursillo:** At the direction of Bishop Mark, Doug is looking to gauge interest across the Diocese for the re-introduction of Cursillo to the Diocese, albeit in a shorter, simpler modified form. This is being discussed with the Cursillo National Secretariat. See attached notice issued at Synod for details. **Safe Ministry:** This will flow through to the parish in 2025 and will result in more documentation and training being required. The parish has reached out to the Diocesan Safe Ministry team to schedule refresher training on the coast (we will host and many of us will be due for retraining by then) for April – May 2025.

**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 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?** The mouth is an outward sign or manifestation of our inwards character – unchecked and unfiltered it reflects what is really in our hearts, who we are when the world cannot see us (see Matthew 12:33 - 37, Luke 6:43-45). Our speech reflects our fruit and we are judged (by the world) for our fruit! Jesus is more forgiving than the world (Matthew 12:

32) but James reminds us that it is not right that we praise God with our tongue (**love the Lord your God**) and then with the same tongue curse our brothers and sisters (**and love your neighbour as yourself!**) We who profess faith, and therefore have a calling to share our faith, and some to teach the faith, will be judged more strictly because in giving us the power and authority to teach in his name God has also given us the opportunity to cause great harm by what we say – we are therefore to be careful with what we say and with how we say it. There is no place for sarcasm in our speech because it is easily misunderstood and can cause great pain – and sarcasm and cynicism are two of the worlds preferred methods of tearing others down.

**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?** The tongue is small but powerful, able of great good (teaching and encouragement) and great evil (e.g. compare Hitlers Nuremberg address to Churchills On the Beaches speech – both are powerful oratory). I have been built up by oral praise, one of my love languages are words of affirmation so I know the power of words. I have also seen people in church torn down by thoughtless words e.g. someone told not to read the Bible in services because they had dyslexia (they are now a chaplain).

**How can we tame the tongue? How can we use the tongue for the Kingdom?** We tame the tongue by changing our inner nature – i.e. growing in holiness so that our fruit is more peace, joy, mercy, compassion and encouragement rather than criticism and envy (verse 16 -17). We tame the tongue by consciously listening and thinking before we speak - and speaking to intentionally raise others up and bring peace.

### **Sunday 15 September**

Those who seek to save their lives will lose them, but those who will give up their lives for Christ and the gospel will live.

**Traditional:** What a Friend [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2skxuowcaY&ab\\_channel=ChetValleyChurches](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2skxuowcaY&ab_channel=ChetValleyChurches)

**Contemporary:** [Open the eyes of my heart Lord - Michael W. Smith \(youtube.com\)](#)

**Reading James 2: 1-10** Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. <sup>2</sup>We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. <sup>3</sup>When we put bits into the mouths of

horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. <sup>4</sup>Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. <sup>5</sup>Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. <sup>6</sup>The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup>but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. <sup>10</sup>Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

**Thoughts:** This should not be! The tongue that praises God and acknowledges God's sovereignty should not in the next breath be cursing and arguing with Christian brothers and sisters; indeed it should not be cursing or speaking evilly to anyone. Jesus tells us that it is not what we eat that defiles us but what we manifest out of our inner being that defiles, that which we are motivated to say and do that does not reflect the nature of God growing and living within us. Jesus links this to our obedience to the two great commandments. James is speaking to the same idea, the tongue that genuinely praises God should be reflecting an inner transformed nature that worships God and is grateful for his grace, such a tongue reflects our godliness and encourages and builds up rather than belittles and tears down. Such a tongue reflects bitterness, envy, pride, jealousy and anger – it comes from our remaining hurts not from our healing or redemption and Satan uses it to disrupt, deceive and disunite us. We have two ears and one tongue – listen twice before speaking, pray before difficult conversations that Christ would guard your tongue and that what you say will build up and strengthen relationships.

**Prayers:** Pray for High School and College year 12 students and their teachers and parents as they focus on end of year exams. Pray that those elected in the NSW Local Government elections will lead us with integrity and for the common good of our community. Give them courage to tackle the challenges that we face in providing housing and ongoing regular employment for our young people and families. Pray that we, with all your people in this area might continue to grow in holiness

**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:** Amazing Grace [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LF\\_55-PE-Pw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LF_55-PE-Pw)

**Contemporary:** [Amazing Grace \(My Chains are Gone\) - Chris Tomlin \(with lyrics\) - YouTube](#)

**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 4: 1 -17.** This chapter continues the idea of speaking but elevates us from interpersonal relationships to reflect on the cosmic struggle of the world in which we live. **James uses a metaphor of marriage for our relationship with God; what does he mean by friendship with the world and why might this be a root cause of fighting and war?**

**What does it mean to be a friend of God instead? What does it require of our minds?**

**What is the double promise (enjoiner) in this passage? How does the tongue help us resist the devil, what else is required? Hint: 1 Peter 5: 8-9. Ephesians 6: 11-18. What brings us near to God?**

**Reflection:** The battle and the Blessing – New from City Alight  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=solHPv3DRe8>