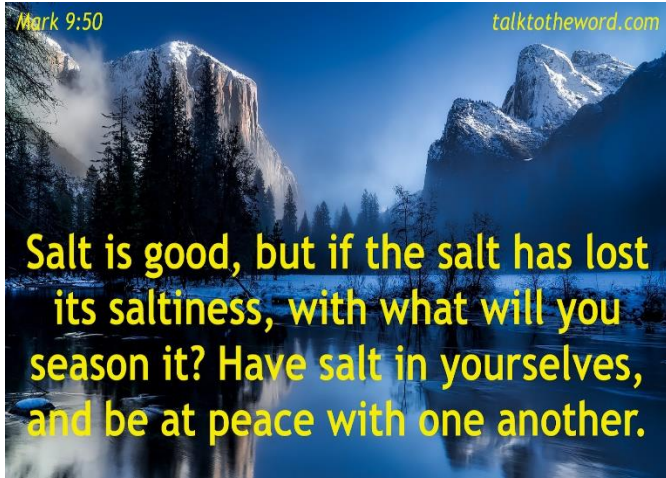




COMMUNITY NEWS
29 SEPTEMBER 2024
NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Weekly Church Services

Batemans Bay

9.00AM Holy Communion

2.30pm RESUMES 3 NOVEMBER

**6.30pm COMBINED SERVICE AT CROSS CENTRAL
NO NIGHT SERVICES DURING OCTOBER**

Thursday: 10am Holy Communion

Readings:

Esther 7:1-10;9:20-22 (Page 390)

Psalm 124 (Page 498)

James 5:12-20 (Page 983)

Mark 9:38-50 (Page 821)

Readings:

Monday: Psalm 17:1-7; Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday: Psalm 88:1-7; Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday: Psalm 88:8-15; Luke 9:57-62

Thursday: Psalm 27:9-17; Luke 10:1-12

Friday: Psalm 139:6-11; Luke 10:13-16

Saturday: Psalm 119:65-72; Luke 10:17-24

Sunday: Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4,2:5-12;

Mark 10:2-16

O God, your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: open our eyes to see those who are in need, and teach us to set no store by riches and earthly rewards, so that, in surrendering ourselves to serve you in your children, we may labour for the treasure that endures; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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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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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.

COMBINED SERVICE: Sunday 29th September 9am and Bishop Mark Short will be leading the Service. Please bring a plate of food to share for Morning Tea (not lunch). The Sunday night service is the Combined Churches service and will be at Cross Central 6.30pm.

STAMP & COIN FAIR: Saturday 12 October 2024 10am to 3.00pm at Batemans Bay Soldiers Club.

BSECET: Prayer meeting will be on Monday 7th October at 5.00pm in the hall. **Trivia Afternoon** Saturday 19th October at Olive Tree Church (Southlands) at 2pm. Tickets are available from Gayleane in the Office. Yvonne is knitting beanies for OCC boxes for next year and is after donations of 8 ply wool please.

OCC BOXES: Time to bring your boxes in please. Don’t forget postage for each box is \$12.50. The boxes will be blessed at Boomerang on Saturday 19th October so would like them before then.

LEAVE: Doug and Julie will be on leave for October. There will be no Radio broadcasts, no Sunday night services, no Glean, and no Bible Study in the newsletter while they are away. Rev Ann is locum 0423172203.

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, Dennis Hughes, Harold.

Bible Study Answers: Read James 5: 1 -20. Remembering the context of the early Jerusalem church that James is writing in and that he has been condemning the “rich” throughout his letter who do you think he means by the “rich”? What is the job (pre-occupation) of these rich? How do they kill Jesus? Applying James is complicated by who we think the rich are – it is not who James is talking about. For James the rich are the Sadducees and scribes who run the Temple and the Sanhedrin – the very ones who gave Jesus to Pilate to be killed. These rich see Jesus followers as heretics to be persecuted and are especially offended by James congregation welcoming Greek gentiles and feeding their widows. These rich are self-serving and are pre-occupied with defending their privilege and the income from the Temple. To them their liturgy, sacraments, worship and minute law keeping are more important than salvation and redemption through Jesus as Messiah – they see themselves as already important to God and Jesus is not the Messiah they want. Today we can also see these traits and religious spirits occur in the church of God.

How does James direct his congregation to live in response to the provocation/ presence of the rich? How should we speak? James says to stand firm in your suffering and do not grumble. Be an example of patience and live and speak clearly with integrity and not hypocrisy (let your yes be yes and your no be no!). Pray in all things .

Why is our patience important and how is this reflected in the church history and by the Old Testament stories? Our patience is important because we learn and exhibit patience as the spiritual fruit of adversity and we gain a deeper understanding of God and his faithfulness through our experiences. The Old Testament e.g. Job, Esther chapter 7, Daniel, Acts, Revelation and all of church history contains accounts of the world persecuting God's people, both Jews and Christians (and sadly of Christians also persecuting Jews), and this happens right until this very day e.g. holocaust, Jos in Nigeria, Sudan. The Evil one will always oppose us if we demonstrate our faith through action.

In the face of ever present suffering, sickness and sin what are we to do? Please read our long term prayer list (on page 2) and pray through it name by name - you do not need to know the person to pray for them. Wait briefly after each person's name is read and ask God what to pray? What happens?

We are to continually draw near to God and to pray. Prayer changes the atmosphere - we often sing "build your kingdom here, change the atmosphere - we pray!" The invitation now is to pray and see what God does.

Sunday 29 September

Confess your sins to one another, pray for one another that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

Traditional: Immortal Invisible <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4oGuGzCFEWI>

Contemporary: Ancient of Days [CityAlight ~ Ancient of Days \(Lyrics\) - YouTube](#)

Reading James 5: 1-10 ¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. ¹² Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple "Yes" or "No." Otherwise you will be condemned. ¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

Thoughts: Pray with confidence regardless, indeed often in spite of, your evident challenges. Do not let that which is visible and loudly challenging you to drain away your living hope. Instead draw near to God because God draws near to you and when you focus your attention on God and pray with confidence and clarity God can change your perspective of current challenges. None of us wants to be sick, but I am surprised by the number of times when I am mildly ill and pray how God shows me that the enforced break from routine activity is indeed a blessing that allows/ causes me to recalibrate priorities and tasks. Many amongst us are frail and some are carrying long term illness – James says that we (you are all elders in this church!! And it is not a term related to our age!) are to pray for the healing of our brothers and sisters – so do so. A good start point is our ever-growing parish prayer list.

Prayers: Pray for all the visitors to Batemans Bay and for teachers and students as they rest for the school holidays. May they all travel and play safely and may the beauty of our community and surrounds awake in them a hunger to know God. Keep our health, police and emergency workers safe at this time. Many amongst us are sick and in need of God's healing touch, just look at our long-term prayer list. James 5 calls us to pray for the sick with confidence. We thank you God for the healings received last week and continue to pray that you might heal each one of us. Continue to pray for the places of conflict around the world and for the places in which God's people are being actively persecuted that Christ's redeeming presence may be evident and draw these peoples out of conflict and into transforming peace.

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: [Before The Throne Of God Above - Sovereign Grace \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Contemporary: [Living Hope Phil Wickham Worship Video with lyrics \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

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: Is in recess while Doug is on leave, resuming 3 November. For your reflection across this time, read and reflect on the verses which catch your attention. Pray for the parish prayer list, each other and for whatever else God puts on your heart.

6 October: Psalm 26

13 October: Psalm 22

20 October: Psalm 104

27 October: Psalm 34

Healing Prayer

Lord Jesus, heal me.
Heal in me, whatever
You see needs healing.
Heal me in whatever might
separate me from You.
Heal my memory, heal my
heart, heal my emotions,
heal my spirit, heal my
body, heal my soul.
Lay Your hands gently
upon me and heal me
through Your love for me.
Amen.