

The Tidings

Weekly Pew Bulletin

4th October 2020—Pentecost 18/St Francis Day



Anglican Parish of
WaterlooBay

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21.33-46

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.”

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Our Vision: To know Jesus Christ and to make Him known

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP— PENTECOST 18/ST FRANCIS DAY

St George's 7.15am: Rev Bill Guttormsen with Gordon preaching

*** 9am on Zoom:** Rev John Bretz with Gordon preaching

St James 9.30am: Rev Neville Knott

Readings: Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;
Philippians 3; *Matthew 21.33-46

SENTENCE

Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, let us press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3.13b–14

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus was the stone rejected by the builders,
and, by your doing,
he has been made the chief cornerstone:
grant that, by the power of his Spirit working in us,
we may become living stones
built up into your dwelling place,
a temple holy and acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PSALM 19

The heavens declare the glory of God:

and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;

One day tells it to another:

and night to night communicates knowledge.

There is no speech or language:

nor are their voices heard;

Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:

and their words to the ends of the earth.

There he has pitched a tent for the sun:
which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,
and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.

**Its rising is at one end of the heavens,
and its circuit to their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.

**The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure,
and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:
the judgements of the Lord are unchanging,
and righteous every one.

**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold:
sweeter also than honey,
than the honey that drips from the comb.**

Moreover, by them is your servant taught:
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can know their own unwitting sins?:
O cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,
lest they get the mastery over me:
so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.

**May the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight:
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Generous God,
whose hand is open to fill all things living with plenteousness:
make us ever thankful for your goodness,
and grant that we,
remembering the account that we must one day give,
may be faithful stewards of your bounty;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP—PENTECOST 19

St George's 7.15am: Rev Jim Cosgrove

*** 9am on Zoom:** Rev Jim Cosgrove

St James 9.30am: Rev Scott Gunthorpe

Readings: Exodus 32.1-14; Psalm 106.1-6, 106.20-24;
Philippians 4; * Matthew 22.1-14

PRAY DAILY

- **Pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania:** †Maimbo Mndolwa – Archbishop of Tanzania & Bishop of Tanga
 - **The Diocese of Bathurst:** †Mark Calder; Clergy and People
 - **The Parish of Bundaberg:** Keith Dean-Jones, Danni Clarke, Norman Wagstaff
 - **Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital:** Carol O'Ryan, Judy Shepherd & Volunteers
 - **Canterbury College, Waterford:** Principal – Daniel Walker; Chaplain – Nia Viviani; Chair of College Council – Jeff Thomas; members of College Council; staff & students
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GOSPEL REFLECTION AND QUESTIONS

Over the last few weeks, we've shifted the setting in our gospel: from "on the way" to in Jerusalem. Because this is early fall and not Holy Week, we've skipped over the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, but it is essential when approaching this passage that we know that where we are in the arc of Matthew's gospel. Jesus' teachings here are charged with the same intensity and danger that surround that week of triumph and betrayal—he is preaching directly to the Pharisees, chief priests, and other temple elites who, in the same chapter, he cursed for turning the Temple into a den of robbers.

Jesus presents here a parable to the elites, asking them: what would you do if you were disrespected in such a way? Then he flips the tables on them, saying, "What do you think God will do when disrespected in such a way?" This is a useful rhetorical tool, a tool that makes the chief priests and Pharisees see themselves in an

unforgiving light. After all, throughout the Hebrew Bible—throughout the history of all religions—religious elites have often become threatened by the voices of true prophets, prophets who speak about justice, mercy, and peace. These things tend to threaten the religious establishment that has become so good at claiming to speak for God.

The struggle, of course, with this text is: Do we believe that God acts retributively against those who fail to follow? To get into the technicalities here, Jesus does not necessarily claim that God will put them to a miserable death: he only asks them what they would do. He does say that the cornerstone, rejected by those who could not see its value, will be a weight too heavy to bear for those who could not see its worth. Perhaps that is the point for us as well: if following Jesus' way of love seems too heavy a burden to bear now, what will it feel like to bear when wealth, power, and prestige are stripped away and we are met with the reign of God?

- What aspects of the way of Jesus feel especially hard to bear these days? What small practices can you build in your life to create a way for these things to take root and grow?
- Where have you seen the voice of God rejected in your context today? What do you think the consequences will be for the community as a whole because of that rejection?

SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

Confidence in the face of uncertainty

By [Olivia Gabauer](#) and [Taya Kesby](#)

Main readings: [Exodus 20.1–4, 7–9, 12–20](#); [Psalm 19](#); [Philippians 3](#) or [3.4b–14](#); [Matthew 21.33–46](#) [[Isaiah 5.1-7](#); [Psalm 80.7-15](#)]

Supplementary Readings: [Psalm 118.19-29](#); [Matthew 20.17-28](#); [Exodus 22.21-22.9](#); [Psalm 80.7-15](#); [Romans 16.1-16](#)

“Christ Jesus has made me his own.” ([Philippians 3.12](#))

Throughout the COVID-19 period, especially in the face of uncertainty regarding the health of our loved ones, we have learnt to have faith. We have confidence that God's love and protection over us are unwavering.

Because Christ has made us his own, we know that God's love carries us through the hardship and despair of the unknown future, especially as Year 12 students wondering what the world holds for us after we graduate. God's love and desire to know us better also inspire us to love those around us and connect with one another as Jesus would have, however distant we may be.

Paul discussed his confidence in a loving relationship with Jesus Christ, which he put at the centre of his life. He joyfully acknowledged the loss of all other things for the immensity of their relationship. Before Paul became a Christian he believed that his 'religious' achievements were the measures of his success, all in the effort to please God. However, as Paul came to realise, the greatness of God was much more powerful and sacred. You can win in life and have success and wealth, but God's only desire is that we live our lives on earth to the fullest, with compassion for our neighbours and loving those who feel unloved, as well as living righteously in God's name.

Our God does not measure us by the success that we obtain, but rather wants us to have confidence and trust in Jesus, which cannot be quantified.

Olivia Gabauer and Taya Kesby, from St Aidan's Anglican Girls School, wrote this Sunday Devotion with the support of college chaplain The Rev'd Gillian Moses.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care: If you need assistance, or know of anyone who does, please contact Lyn Kay on 3207 5048.

Parish Prayer Chain: Please contact the office with your prayer chain requests.

PRAYERS

Pray that we will be an invitational, welcoming and caring church.
Pray that all members will be embraced in our family groups and small groups.

Pray that we will faithfully nurture all who come in the faith of Jesus Christ so that all who are baptised will join us in the mission.

Parish families Scheiwe family; Schroder family; Shaw

Birthdays Tamsin Hodgess Margaret Baker
Alison Condon

Anniversaries Melissa and Jaevis Chen

In memoriams Arthur Chancellor 1993

In our Prayers Karen Anderson Helen Christine Flegg
Sone Homsavath John Jenkins Tom Jordan
Bob Kachel Ann Watkinson Carmelina Sottile
Nigel Sparrow Melissa Kirsty and family
Brian Bannon

PRAYERS:

Almighty God, we pray for all our Churches – of all denominations – and we pray You will watch over us and guide us slowly and safely back to a relatively normal life as the Pandemic appears to be reducing here in Australia. Thank You, Father, for all the guidance we have received from our government and medical personnel and please hear our prayers to support all ministers of Christian faith as they guide and watch over their parishioners.

We also pray for those among our communities who are coping with challenging periods in their lives – and please watch over and protect young people and their teachers who are returning from school holidays.

Thank You for the love and guidance You give us every day – and thank You for the prayers You have answered. Amen





A ministry of the Anglican parishes of Wynnum, Manly, Waterloo Bay, & East Redland

WEEKLY PARISH UPDATE – 4TH OCTOBER 2020

COORDINATORS COMMENTS:

A lot has been happening behind the scenes. At last we're about to get back on the water again (under Covid Safe conditions) with young people from CREATE and BABI, and have been contacted by a couple of other groups working with at-risk youth who are keen to go sailing and kayaking with us. We've recently applied for a small Federal Government grant through Volunteering Qld for training & equipment storage (we won't know till Dec. if successful). We're very close to being able to build a new shed at St Peter's Wynnum to store our Kayak Trailer and other equipment.

Our Annual Thanksgiving Service (14th Anniversary) is going ahead as a Zoom event, hosted by Waterloo Bay Parish.

MEETING NOTICE: Tue 6 Oct – 7pm – either at St George's Birkdale or by Zoom (Volunteers and Committee members watch your email for details.)

EVENTS & DATE CLAIMERS:

Sun 11 Oct – Annual Thanksgiving Service – 5pm (on-line event on Zoom)

Sat 17 Oct – Public (Open) Sailing & Kayaking – Cleveland (waiting list)

Wed 28 Oct – Private (Closed) Sailing for BABI Get Set For Work

Sat 14 Nov – Private (Closed) Sailing & Kayaking for CREATE Foundation

Contact us by emailing sailsatbayside@gmail.com or **phoning 3137 0000**.

PRAYER:

- Please pray for our event participants, that they can have fun and appreciate God's love for them.
- Pray for preparations for our upcoming events, especially the private events.
- Give thanks for all those working behind the scenes making it possible for our ministry to continue and flourish.

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YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILIES

HOLIDAY TIME

Hi Everyone! I hope you are all enjoying some quality downtime with each other over these holidays and the covid restrictions aren't affecting you too much. Whether you are staying at home, having days out at the beach or have gone away for a few days, it would be great to hear from you. Send us a pic or two of your adventures, so we can post them in next weeks Tidings edition.



Here's a pic of Abbey & Zeke taking a break from recording your Kids Talk for Sunday Zoom @ 9am. They would love to see you 🎁

Can you guess why they are using veggies and flowers for their Bible message? If you email your answer to me before Sunday, the best guess will

receive a prize! 🎁 A clue is in the seed packets 🤔

Happy guessing...see you on Zoom! Email: lynchlf@bigpond.com

Youth will recommence in the 2nd week of Term 4, with Mainly Music getting a head start in week 1.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

If you would like to put a smile on a little child's face this Christmas you could either donate basic toiletry items and small gifts or collect your own shoebox and leaflet from the following pick up points and fill your own.

VENUE	DAY	TIME
St George's	Sunday	7-10:30am
St James'	Sunday	9:30-10:30am
St George's hall	Mon and Tuesday	9:30-11:30am
Office	Tuesday – Friday	9-12:30
St George's hall	Friday	4-8pm

For further information, particularly for the appropriate shoebox items see <https://www.samaritanpurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/gift-suggestions/> ♡ Thank you for your generosity ♡

FAMILY CONNECT TIME

We thought it would be great to hang out together after Church & have Morning Tea! BYO bbq/picnic/snacks/drinks/rugs/chair...& a new friend!

DATE	TIME	VENUE
11th Oct	10:30am-12:30pm	Wellington Point Bay (turn left at the entrance – meet at the park)
1st Nov	10:30am-12:30pm	Underwood Park, Priestdale (meet near the Labyrinth)
6th Dec	6pm	St George's - Christingle

Any venue suggestions please let me know on lynchlif@bigpond.com /0449564930 / FB: Lorraine Anne Lynch

APWB EVENTS

Sun 4 th Oct	Cursillo St George's 3pm
Fri 9 th Oct	Pie Drive collection 4 – 6pm
Sat 11 th Oct	Family Connect – Wellington Point Bay 10:30am-12:30pm
Sun 31 st Oct	Market Day stall – St George's
Sun 1 st Nov	Family Connect - Underwood Park 10:30am-12:30pm Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal packing day St George's hall 1 – 4pm
Sun 6 th Dec	Family Connect – Christingle – St George's

GENERAL NOTICES

TASTE SENSATIONS PIE DRIVE

The Parish Pie Drive fundraiser collection is on Friday 9th October 4 – 6pm. If you have any queries, please contact Laura Farrow on 0404 834 272.



CURSILLO GATHERING

Sunday 4 October, 3pm St George Hall Come along and share afternoon tea before our Gathering. Contact: Ann Martin-Victor



BCA THANKS

BCA and the field staff and their families throughout northern NSW and Qld give thanks for your prayers, offering and support. \$1117 was collected in the August-September boxes. This is a wonderful contribution in these times of hardship and economic stress. Thank you and blessings, Yvonne

GENERAL NOTICES

ONLINE SERVICE

Sunday on Zoom: 9am

IN-PERSON SERVICES

St George's Church: *Cnr Thorne Road & Victor St, Birkdale*

Sunday Service: 7:15am

Wednesday service: 8.30am

St James' Church: *Station Street, Wellington Point*

Sunday Service: 9:30am

Limited spaces: If you have not yet registered your interest to attend either of the Sunday in-person services, please call the office or complete the registration form online.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED THEIR INTEREST, IF FOR ANY REASON YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND COULD YOU PLEASE LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE CAN TRY TO ALLOCATE THE PLACE TO OTHERS. THANK YOU.

All volunteers will be required to complete a volunteer induction form.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION HOME GROUP

Sessions held each week, 3 optional times to choose from:

Monday 1pm – 2.15pm

Wednesday 7.45am – 9am

Saturday 8.15 – 9.30am

Enquiries to Gill Moloney 0409 580 448.

MARKET DAY - OCTOBER 31

Volunteers needed to make, bake, collect and set up/pull down.

Stalls so far include:

- Cakes/Sweets – Laura Farrow
- Books – Carole & Sarah Evans
- Unique gifts – Gay Clark
- BBQ – Steve Law

Convenors still required for:

- Jumble
- Toys
- Gardening Gear
- + Plants
- Men's Stuff
- Crafty Corner

Do you have a suggestion for a great stall? Please let us know.

Please contact Marg Carr 0408780587.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

MINISTER: Rev'd Scott Gunthorpe

Mob: 0431 494 012

Email: scott.gunthorpe@anglicanchurchsq.org.au

Day off: Friday

Café Ministry— contact Scott to meet

Wed 10.00am

PARISH OFFICE: Glenda Blanch (Administration Officer) Ph: 3822 1110

Located at the back of St George's church hall

Office Hours:

Cnr Victor St & Thorne Road, Birkdale

9am-12.30pm

PO Box 3203, Birkdale Qld 4159

Tue to Fri

Email: waterloobay@anglicanchurchsq.org.au

Website: waterloobay.anglicanchurchsq.org.au

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Lorraine Lynch Mob: 0449 564 930

Friday: 4-5:30pm JAM (5-10)

Friday: 6pm - 8pm PAPAS (11-15)

Sunday: 9am JAM/Kids Talk (Sunday Morning Zoom Service)

PARISH COUNCIL:

Wardens:

Rob Clark (Rector's)

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(3838 7755) and set up an anonymous weekly/monthly contribution to
help with God's work in our Parish.