

The Tidings

Weekly Pew Bulletin

12th July 2020—Pentecost 6



Anglican Parish of
WaterlooBay

A PRAYER IN THE MIDST OF A CRISIS

God of our Salvation,
you have ordained that we should serve you
in serving one another.
Look upon your people,
burdened at this time with many cares and anxieties,
with infection, sickness, and untimely death.
Grant us grace to work together,
with honest and faithful hearts,
each caring for the good of all;
that, striving first for your kingdom and its righteousness,
we may have added to us all things that we need
for our daily sustenance
and the common good.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(Based on a prayer of Geoffrey Fisher)

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

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THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP—PENTECOST 6

9am on Zoom: Lorraine Lynch

Zoom Reading: Matthew 13.1-9 (10-17) 13.18-23

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 25.19-34; Psalm 119.105-112;
Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9 (10-17) 13.18-23

SENTENCE

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life. John 6.63, 68

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bountiful God,
we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word:
by your Holy Spirit,
help us to receive it with joy, and to live according to it,
that we may grow in faith and hope and love;
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.**

PSALM 119.105-112

Your word is a lantern to my feet:
and a light to my path.

**I have vowed and sworn an oath:
to keep your righteous judgements.**

I have been afflicted beyond measure:
Lord, give me life according to your word.

**Accept, O Lord, the freewill offerings of my mouth:
and teach me your judgements.**

I take my life in my hands continually:
yet I do not forget your law.

**The wicked have laid a snare for me:
but I have not strayed from your precepts.**

Your commands are my inheritance for ever:
they are the joy of my heart.

**I have set my heart to fulfil your statutes:
always, even to the end.**

PRAY DAILY

- **Pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea:** †Allan Migi – Archbishop of Papua New Guinea
 - **The Diocese of Grafton:** †Murray Harvey; Clergy and People
 - **The Parish of Laidley:** Bob Blackburn – Locum, Bill Ross
 - Household of Deacons
 - **St Luke's Anglican School, Bundaberg:** Principal – Craig Merritt; Chaplain – Iain Furby; Chair of School Council – Hermina Conradie; members of School Council; staff & students
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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O Lord,
we beseech you mercifully
to receive the prayers of your people who call upon you,
and grant that they may both perceive
and know what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP— PENTECOST 7

9am on Zoom: TBA

Zoom Reading: Matthew 13.24-30, 13.36-43

7.15am St George's TBA

9.30am St James TBA

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 28.10-19a; Psalm 139.1-11, 23-24;
Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30 (31-33) 13.36-43

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13.1-9, 13.18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!' 'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS AND QUESTIONS

"Let those who have ears, let them hear!" It's a well-known phrase. In the New Revised Standard Version, the language is "Let anyone with ears listen."

In today's Gospel, Jesus is telling the crowd the Parable of the Sower, and throughout the text, the exhortation both to listen and to hear is repeated several times.

Jesus is talking to the assembled crowd. Wouldn't they already be listening? Wouldn't they be hanging on every word, hoping to learn from the teacher? It's not the only place that Jesus repeats this plea, but this passage perhaps contains the most emphasis, as he tells the story of one who sows seeds liberally, some falling on good soil where they can grow heartily, while others are immediately picked off by the birds, and still others fall on rocky ground where, even if they sprout, they will wither.

Jesus speaks in parables to help make his meaning plain, as he draws parallels between the situations of everyday life and the kingdom of God. Still, Jesus also knows that although we have ears, we often choose not to listen. It is easier to substitute our own meaning for what God is trying to tell us.

- In what ways might God be trying to make something plain to you that it may be easier to overlook? In your life, in what situations are you the fertile ground for the seeds' spread versus the rocky ground?

SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

Cultivating grace in faith, hope, love and trust

By The Rev'd Daniel Sitaram

Main Readings: Genesis 25.19-24; Psalm 119.105-112; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9; (10-17); 18-23; [Isaiah 55.10-13; Psalm 65. (1-7) 8-13]

Supplementary Readings: Psalm 119; Matthew 12.33-42; Genesis 26.1-6, 23-25 or Genesis 27.1-40; Psalm 65; Romans 9.15-26

"And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow." (Matthew 13.3)

Recently, the wife of a deceased non-Anglican requested me to conduct her husband's funeral. As I listened to her request,

immediately the Spirit of God took hold of me and grace led me to accept her request.

God calls, blesses and sends us into the world to cultivate grace. In the Parable of the Sower, he was very optimistic when he started sowing. The sower sowed the grains in faith, hope, love, and trust. In the same manner, God sends us to cultivate God's grace to others in faith, hope, love, and trust. Once we have cultivated grace, God will see that it does not go to waste, for God is the Creator and has a plan for everyone. Since the plan for our salvation was born in God's heart, God will enable the seeds of grace to germinate in their own time, and all we are called to do is keep cultivating. Grace, once cultivated, will never fade away and nor will it be destroyed. Grace remains forever, germinating little by little.

After the funeral service, a close family member confirmed "the positive vibes" of the Spirit he had experienced during the entire service. Though I had not met the deceased families, the positive comments received ensured blessed cultivation. God's blessing be upon you as you cultivate grace in love, faith, hope and trust.

PASTORAL CARE

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

Parish Prayer Chain: The coordinator position is currently vacant. Until this position is filled, please contact the office on 3822 1110 with your prayer chain requests. If you are interested in taking on the role of co-ordinator, please contact Fr Scott or the office.





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WEEKLY PARISH UPDATE – 12th July 2020

SAILING & KAYAKING STARTING AGAIN SOON: We are re-starting our Sailing & Kayaking events, kicking off with a public event on Sat 8th August! Booking requests have opened. We still have a fair bit of work to do (admin & systems) in preparation. Numbers will be limited to enable us to manage physical distancing requirements under the appropriate Industry Covid-19 Safety Plan. There will necessarily be a number of changes to the way we do things, which is likely to take a little while to get settled in.

MEET & GREET ZOOM SESSIONS for SAILS Volunteers: On Thursday we had a Zoom session for our volunteers with QPASTT staff. Dates & times are still to be locked in for BAHLOO (re-scheduled) and Silky Oaks.

2021 EVENT PLANNING: Brisbane City Council plans Active & Healthy Program events 6 to 12 months in advance, consequently we need to lodge our proposals for Jan to Jun 2021 Active Parks events by Monday 13 July. This means we need to set aside dates & times (tide dependant) for all our public events for Jan to Jun. We've also pencilled in dates for the rest of 2021 at the same time. Once public event dates are chosen, we can look at scheduling private events.

EVENTS & DATE CLAIMERS:

Sat 8 Aug –Public (Open) event – Cleveland (bookings open; limited numbers)

Wed 12 Aug – Private (Closed) event – Sailing only (to be confirmed)

Fri 21 Aug – Private (Closed) event – Kayaking only (refugees)

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

PRAYER:

- Give God thanks for the possibility of getting back on the water.
- Pray for our volunteers as we prepare to get back on the water
- Pray for wisdom in our planning and running of events.

Email: sailsatbayside@gmail.com; Phone: 3137 0000

Website: sailsatbayside.com.au

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILIES

I look forward to hanging out with our youth groups, finally face-to-face, after the school holidays, **recommencing Friday 17th July!**

Thursday: 7 - 9pm YOUNG ADULTS CONNECT GROUP (16-25) - Contact Lorraine for her address.

Friday: 4-5:30pm JAM (5-12) St George's hall

Friday: 6pm - 8pm PAPAS St George's hall

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

Anyone who is interested in serving simple Afternoon Tea/Dinners for our Youth please contact me so I can organise a roster. COVID-safe standards will be easier to adhere to if you simply 'drop n go' and I can serve the food.

Contact details:

Email: lynchlf@bigpond.com

Phone: 00449564930

Facebook: Lorraine Anne Lynch

Instagram: llozzainelynych

YOUTUBE – If you have missed Sunday service check out the kids talk on our Youtube channel: [WaterlooBayAnglican](#).

Morning Prayer is also live streamed every weekday at 9am on our YouTube channel and later found on our 'Parish Prattles' Facebook group.

It's a fantastic way to start the day so please join us as we sit for a while with our God.

❤️ Take care of yourself and take care of each other ❤️

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

Anyone who is due to complete their child protection training this year (or who wish to redo it) may like to use this time to complete their training online at <https://anglicanchurchsq.org.au/safeguarding/professional-standards/child-protection-policy-training/>.

If you choose this training method, please notify the office once it is completed so that we can add it to our records and confirm the diocese has recorded it.

GENERAL NOTICES

REV SCOTT ON LEAVE

Rev Scott will be returning from annual leave on Tuesday 14th July. Until his return, please contact Rev Jim Cosgrove during this period for any pastoral or priestly matters on
E: jimcoz@bigpond.com or
M: 0412 960 894.

ONLINE SERVICES/COMMUNICATION

Online Sunday services: [A Service](#) is being held on Sundays at 9am using Zoom. You can use the above link with meeting ID 646-628-092. Alternatively, each week an invitation email is sent out with a link to the service. Zoom can be downloaded at <https://zoom.us/download>.

Morning prayers will be streamed live via our [Facebook page](#) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9am. They will then be uploaded to our YouTube channel. Please like us on [Facebook](#) and spread the word. Morning prayers will be available on Wednesdays [with Archbishop Phillip Aspinall](#).

YouTube: Our [YouTube channel](#) is called WaterlooBayAnglican. This channel is used to upload our Sunday Zoom services and daily Morning Prayer services during the week. The Gospel and sermon and also the children's talk are also uploaded as separate videos. Please subscribe to the channel and like the videos you watch.

VOLUNTEERS FOR ZOOM SERVICE

Anyone interested in volunteering to help behind the scenes to cover any vacancies would be appreciated. Please contact the office if you are interested.

TECH TIP – UNMUTING

On some devices you will have to unmute yourself after host unmutes you. You may see a message similar to "Host wants to unmute you" so you will have to click Ok or Yes to be unmuted.

YOUTH GROUP MEAL DONATIONS

If you are willing and able to provide simple afternoon tea/dinners for our youth groups on Friday afternoons, please contact Lorraine (see page 9 for details).

GENERAL NOTICES

PRAYER CHAIN CO-ORDINATOR

The coordinator position is currently vacant. If anyone is interested in taking on this role, please contact the office.

RETURN TO CHURCH SERVICES

We are working on a return to physical church on Sunday 19th July: 7.15am at St George's, 9am on Zoom and 9.30am at St James. If you have not received an email about this, please contact the office. If you would like to register your interest in attending one of the in-church services, please call the office or submit [the registration form available here](#). Government and diocesan guidelines are evolving as restrictions are lifted. These will be implemented as soon as practicable.

STEWARDSHIP & OFFERINGS

PAYMENT OPTIONS DURING COVID-19

Please don't forget our parish operating costs, including staff wages, still need to be paid. To make it easy for you to continue your Stewardship and Offerings at this time, we have a number of options for you to choose from. Please note 'Offering' in the online banking description:

1. Direct debit to Parish ANFIN account:

Waterloo Bay Anglican Parish

BSB 704 901 Account 00000540

2. Deposit at Westpac Bank:

Waterloo Bay Anglican Parish

BSB 034 844 Account 000005402

3. Take to the Office: We have set up our lovely hand-made wooden box outside of the office on a chair. For the duration of COVID-19 it will be available during office hours to take your offerings.

4. [Electronically via this link](#)

If none of these options suit: Please contact our Parish Treasurer, Ann.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

MINISTER: Rev'd Scott Gunthorpe

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Day off: Friday

Café Ministry— contact Scott to meet

Wed 10.00am

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Tue to Fri

Email: waterloobay@anglicanchurchsq.org.au

Website: waterloobay.anglicanchurchsq.org.au

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PARISH COUNCIL:

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ANFIN — Waterloo Bay Anglican Parish BSB 704 901 A/c no: 00000540

and note your deposit as 'Offering'. Alternatively, phone ANFIN (3838

7755) and set up an anonymous weekly/monthly contribution to help with

God's work in our Parish.