

**Sunday 5 July 2020**

# Bribie Beacon

**St Peter's Anglican Church  
Banya Street Bribie Island**



I have had several people ask me this week, "What is wrong?" The question makes me stop, because there is nothing more wrong at present, than there has been for a long time. It is true that sometimes I feel like I am at the end of my rope, and at times I know that my anguish is more visual than I would like it to be. In between the work and stress connected with the return to in person worship at St Peter's, study commitments, changes in my person life, recent issues with my physical and my mental health, there is so much I need to wrestle with each day. Add to that, the environmental factors like COVID and social justice issues facing the world at present, I find everything I need to deal with sometimes exceptionally oppressive. I know that I am not the only one who is finding it hard to hold everything together during this strange time. It is very easy at these difficult times to let fear, pain and grief dictate our approach to daily life and those around us. In the Gospel passage for this Sunday Jesus invites those of us who feel weary and burden to rest in him. God loves us and wants the best for us and invites us to surrender our burdens and find strength and rest in him. So, if you are finding it tough, reach out to God, but also do not hesitate to reach out to me. We are a family and it is so important that we accept and support each other the best we can, so that we can live as people of faith, hope and love working to make this world a place that reflects the light and grace of God.

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## **WEBSITE**

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## **ONLINE GIVING BY CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD**

[https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/  
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## **ONLINE GIVING BY DIRECT DEPOSIT**

Ac Name - Bribie Island Parish  
BSB - 704-901

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PO Box 1087 Bongaree 4507

## PRAYER POINTS

**Those in Need** - Phyl Adams, Bretton Bartlett, Greg Collis, Ian Hillard, Elizabeth Kubler, David Lower, Carolyn Payne, Krista-Liisa Pulkkinen.

*To add someone to the prayer list please email [office@stpetersbribie.org.au](mailto:office@stpetersbribie.org.au)*

**Those who Grieve** - Family and friends of Sue Telfer.

**Birthdays this week** - Alan Jones (7 July), Anne Paroz (9 July), Denise Shearer (9 July), Joan Norton (11 July).

*Congratulation to Alan Jones who celebrates his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday this Tuesday.*

**The righteous walk in integrity -  
happy are the children who follow them!**

*Proverbs 20.7*



## PARISH NOTICES

**Attending Worship at St Peter's** – So we can adhere to government regulations, anyone wishing to attend a Eucharist at St Peter's must pre-register and receive an invitation. To register an expression of interest, please contact Fr Steven by email [rector@stpetersbribie.org.au](mailto:rector@stpetersbribie.org.au) or phone 34083191 and leave a message.

**Online Worship** - A new online service is available each Sunday via [Vimeo](#), [FaceBook](#) or our [Webpage](#). Also, each Sunday at 9.30am you can also join us via [Zoom](#) for a live stream of our services at St Peter's.

**Neighbourhood Centre Pantry Support** – Big thank you to those who have been supporting this ministry to those who are struggling in our community. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO DONATION PROCEDURE** → The donation box will no longer be put out on a Monday. Instead donations for the Neighbourhood Centre can be left in the narthex when the church is open for services for Wednesday and Sunday mornings.

**Cleaning Roster** - The cleaning rosters for St Peter's and Coinda are now both reactivated. If you are unable to fulfil your position please contact a Churchwarden. Cleaners are asked to use antibacterial cleaners as part of the updated cleaning process. Please contact Lynn Macbeth for more info.

**Painting of Coinda** – Coinda is currently being painted thanks to a capital improvement grant from the Moreton Bay Regional Council. As a worksite please keep a safe distance from the work area. If you have any questions about this maintenance project, please contact a Churchwarden.

**Parish Office** - Please be aware the Parish Office remains closed to the public. If you have administrative needs please contact Fr Steven or one of the Churchwardens.

## SUNDAY 5 JULY - ORDINARY SUNDAY 14

Readings - Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45.10-17; Romans 7.14-25; Matthew 11.15-19 (20-24) 25-30.

Sentence - 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,' says the Lord. 'Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.' (*Matthew 11.28-29*)

Prayer of the day - Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us; yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Reflection - In the Gospel text for this Sunday Jesus describes a generation that cannot recognize the truth that is right front of them. They thought that John the Baptist was a demon and considered Jesus to be "a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinner." Interestingly, they describe Jesus by the company he keeps. Jesus, on the other hand, compares them to children. They are oblivious, like children who are preoccupied with playing games. The Messiah, the one they have been waiting for, is right in front of them. Yet, they failed to see beyond the superficial appearances of the prophet and the Son of Man. In this text, it is clear that Jesus knows who he is, but can others see him for who he truly is? The eleventh chapter of Matthew commences with disciples of John coming to Jesus asking: "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" (11:3) It seems this question persists. Those around Jesus are failing to understand him. How many times have we been misunderstood? Characterised in ways that do not truly describe who we are? How frustrating is it for someone to assume they know something about you based on where you grew up or where you went to school, your gender identity or the colour of your skin, a number of factors that simply do not capture the complexity of who you really are. While we often generalise based on a minimum amount of information, these characterisations can be inaccurate for an individual. This is called a stereotype. Stereotypes have multiple implications, ranging from violence to discrimination, however, their affective impact should also be considered. That is, it is disappointing and disheartening when someone does not see you for who you really are. In order to know someone, you must spend time with them and learn who they are. How much do you spend truly getting to know people and their story?

### Reflection Questions

What does Rebekah's action in this passage say about her faith? (Genesis 24)

How can we break free from sin? (Romans 7)

How can you lighten the burden of someone else? (Matthew 11)

## **ATTENDING WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S IN PERSON**

1. **Protecting Vulnerable People** - Government advice for vulnerable people is that you should stay at home and avoid contact with others. Vulnerable people are defined as people 70 years and older, people 65 years and older with a chronic medical condition and people with a compromised immune system.
2. **Capacity** - As per government guidelines attendance at St Peter's is limited, therefore preregistration to attend worship at St Peter's is essential.
3. **Registering for Worship** - Pre-registration for attendance at services is essential. Expressions of interest must include preferred service time as well as all names of those wishing to attend. To submit a registration request to the Rector either email [rector@stpetersbribe.org.au](mailto:rector@stpetersbribe.org.au) or phone 3408 3191.
4. **Physical Distancing** - People should practice physical distancing at a minimum of 1.5 metres at all times. No physical greetings or exchanges such as handshakes or hugs. Sit separately (unless from same household) and per approved seating plan.
5. **Hygiene** - Hands should be cleaned with hand sanitiser upon entering church, before receiving communion or after contact with any surfaces. People who feel unwell or have cold or flu like symptoms should not attend.
6. **Record of Attendance** - A record of each attendee's name, address and phone number will be kept by the Rector as per government requirements.
7. **Cleaning** - The church will be cleaned in line with Safe Work Australia standards.
8. **COVID Warden** - For more information on our COVID safety plan please speak to Lynn Macbeth (COVID Warden) or a Churchwarden.

### **Online Worship**

Every Sunday morning a new service is uploaded. To watch online worship from St Peter's please follow this link [vimeo.com/user110905450](https://vimeo.com/user110905450). The link is also available from our website and Facebook page.

### **Live Online Worship using ZOOM**

The Wednesday (10am) and Sunday (9.30am) Eucharist will be streamed via [ZOOM](#). Join earlier if you would like to have a chat. To join us follow the Zoom instructions below. To join download and open the ZOOM app and select "Join Meeting" and enter the meeting id **3408319100** and the password is **34083191**.

