

Bribie Beacon

Sunday 19 July 2020

Anglican
Church
St Peter's Bribie Island

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

St Peter's updated COVID safety plan has removed the need for pre-registering for worship. Therefore everyone is welcome to attend without either pre-registering or receiving an invitation. You must check in with the COVID-19 Warden (Lynn Macbeth) on arrival at St Peter's as Government guidelines still require us to maintain a register of those who have attended each service. Please be aware that Government guidelines do limit the capacity of St Peter's to 50 people. Currently attendance has not approached that limit, but if it did those arriving after the limit has been reached would need to sit outside for the service. As we strive to return to activities as normal, it is important to remember that this virus is still very much with us. Those feeling unwell should not attend services or activities and must seek medical advice. This is not a time to become complacent. To keep ourselves and others safe, it is crucial to continue to observe physical distancing at all times. This includes before, during and after services, as well as at any other church activities, for example sharing in morning tea together. When you attend St Peter's everyone is required to sanitise their hands on arrival and before receiving communion. The events in Victoria over the past couple of weeks have made us very aware that despite the early success Australia has had in curbing the spread of COVID-19, this virus is still very much with us. So please let us work together to maintain physical distancing and good hygiene.

Fr Steven Schwarzrock

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday - 7.30am & 9.30am

Wednesday - 10am

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<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/TIM/?BillerCode=1730050>

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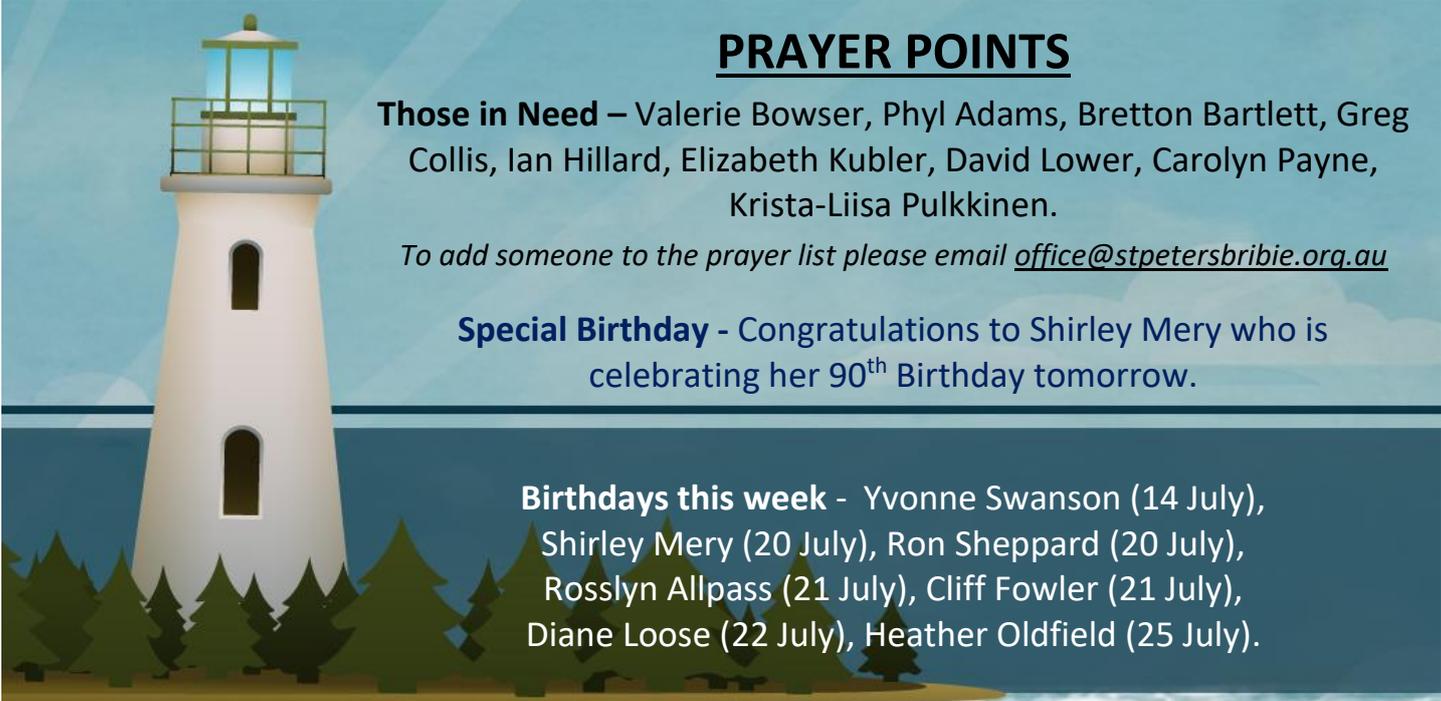
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PRAYER POINTS

Those in Need – Valerie Bowser, 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

Special Birthday - Congratulations to Shirley Mery who is celebrating her 90th Birthday tomorrow.

Birthdays this week - Yvonne Swanson (14 July), Shirley Mery (20 July), Ron Sheppard (20 July), Rosslyn Allpass (21 July), Cliff Fowler (21 July), Diane Loose (22 July), Heather Oldfield (25 July).

PARISH NOTICES

Online Sunday 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.

Used Stamps - Are you still in the collecting mood? There is a large plastic container in the narthex marked "Stamps" for your used stamps for which ABM is very grateful.

Ring Pull Tops - Remember the excitement in the latter part of last year when we were collecting Ring Pull Tops to send to Cambodia? You collected thousands which were crocheted together by the poor Cambodian women to make beautiful jewellery. As more are needed, please don't throw away those precious tops. Bring them to church. Later in the year they will be on their way to Cambodia.

Neighbourhood Centre Pantry Support - Big thank you to those who have been supporting this ministry to those who are struggling in our community. Your ongoing support of this ministry is appreciated.

AMUA July Meeting - Members are invited on Monday 27 July to a Eucharist at 9.30am, followed by morning tea at the Social Cafe at the RSL. Members can attend either event or both, whatever suits their needs the best. If you plan to attend the RSL for morning tea, please notify Kay Benson as a group booking must be made in advance.

Painting of Coinda - The inside of Coinda has now been painted and the painter has commenced work on the outside. As a worksite please keep a safe distance from the work area.

Drink Containers - Collecting 10c refundable drink containers is a way the Parish raises funds. Please continue to collect your drink containers. They can be dropped off in church hallway or left in front of the shed next to Coinda.

SUNDAY 19 JULY - ORDINARY SUNDAY 16

Readings - Genesis 28.10-19a; Ps 139.1-11, 23-24; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30; 36-43.

Sentence - You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. *(Psalm 86.15)*

Prayer of the day - Saving God, in Jesus Christ you opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Reflection - Today's Gospel contains the parable of the weeds which appears to describe a us and them situation, tempting us to fill in who are the evildoers and who the children of the kingdom. A closer read, however, reveals that it is a cautionary tale, as well as one intended to offer encouragement. In the parable, the one who sows the weeds among the wheat is called an "enemy." We encounter "enemies" three other times in the Gospel of Matthew. The first time is in 5:43-44, where we are told to "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." This should give us pause: If these enemies are destined for a "furnace of fire" (13:42), why should we love them in the here and now? Further, God - the one who judges all of us - causes the sun to rise on both the evil and the good (5:45), without distinction. The second reference to "enemies" is in 10:36, where Jesus tells the disciples that he is sending them out as sheep among wolves, where "one's enemies will be members of one's own household." This too, may give us pause. What does it mean that deep divisions can occur even among those to whom we feel closest, including our church families? What would make us enemies of one another? And in such a situation, how do we know if we are the enemy or the good? What is it that determines which we are? The final occurrence is in Matthew 22:24, where Jesus speaks of the prophecy of David with respect to the Messiah, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet" (Psalm 110:1). Ultimately, the enemies who sow weeds among the wheat will be defeated. In the Gospel the "enemy" who sows the weeds is identified as the devil (also called "Satan"), while the weeds are called "children of the evil one." In Matthew 16, when Peter questions the necessity of the journey to the cross. Jesus responds, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things" (16:23). So all of us can become the enemy when we fail to focus on the divine, this can be true even for the most faithful of disciples. You would think that the difference between weeds and wheat would be obvious. In the parable, the slaves of the householder notice the difference right away. So why does the householder delay? Is it because we, the servants, are too hasty to judge which is which?

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 comprised immune system.
2. **Capacity** - As per government guidelines on physical distancing attendance at St Peter's is limited to 50 people per service. If capacity limit was reached at a service, alternate seating will be made available outside.
3. **Registering for Worship** - Pre-registering for worship is not currently required.
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. 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**.

