

Bribie Beacon

Sunday 26 July 2020

Anglican
Church
St Peter's Bribie Island

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

I have had a few people ask me, is it safe to come back to church. That is a difficult question to answer, as it depends on what risk group you are in. Government advice is that if you are in a vulnerable category, you should stay at home and avoid contact with others. While that is the best advice for our physical wellbeing, it can create issues for some people's spiritual and emotional wellbeing. So, each person needs to decide what is right for them. For those of us who are leaving our homes, it is recommended that we all adhere to physical distancing and maintain a high standard of hygiene at all times. It is important that those who are feeling unwell, stay home and seek medical advice before going out in public. This includes attending worship in person. So as long as you are well, and feel comfortable leaving your home, please be assured we are striving to make St Peter's one of the safest places you can go. The Industry Safety Plan we are required to follow at St Peter's means that, physical distancing, good hygiene and frequent disinfecting, is now part of what we do. Our procedures make attending worship safer than going shopping or going out for morning tea. So, if you feel comfortable, I encourage you to come back to St Peter's and join us in person for worship. We will endeavor to maintain our weekly online worship for those choosing not to leave their homes during this pandemic. It is important that we all stay well during this strange time. This includes staying connected with our communities. So please continue to phone each other up and have a chat. Fr Steven Schwarzrock

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday - 7.30am & 9.30am

Wednesday - 10am

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ONLINE GIVING BY CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD

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

ONLINE GIVING BY DIRECT DEPOSIT

Ac Name - Bribie Island Parish
BSB - 704-901

Account Number - 00000040

POSTAL ADDRESS

PO Box 1087 Bongaree 4507



PRAYER POINTS

Those in Need – Valerie Bowser, Phyl Adams, Bretton Bartlett, Greg Collis, Ian Hillard, Elizabeth Kubler, David Lower, Krista-Liisa Pulkkinen.

To add someone to the prayer list please email office@stpetersbribie.org.au

Special Birthday - Congratulations to Gordon Evens who is celebrating his 90th Birthday on Friday.

Birthdays this week - Margaret Coupe (30 July), Gordon Evens (31 July), Jedidiah Schwarzrock (1 August).

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.

Painting of Cooina - The inside of Cooina 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 Cooina. You can also take your containers directly to the collection centre at 21 Armitage Street and give them the Parish's scheme id, so the funds come to the Parish. St Peter's scheme id is C10177475.

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 26 JULY - ORDINARY SUNDAY 17

Readings - Genesis 29.15-28; Ps 105.1-11; Romans 8.26-39;
Matthew 13.44-58.

Sentence - Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (*Romans 8.38-39*)

Prayer of the day - O God, the fount of wisdom, you have revealed to us in Christ the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price: grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment, that, in the midst of the things of this world, we may learn to value the priceless worth of your kingdom, and be ready to renounce all else for the sake of the precious gift you offer. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Reflection - Paul begins Romans 8 with the keynote of the chapter: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death" (8:1-2). The mark of our identity that God has established is expressed in our child-like intimate address of God "Abba": "For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God" (8:15-16). As with all creation, we too "groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies" (8:23). Hoping for that which we do not as yet see, "we wait for it with patience" (8:25). In the middle of these words of identity, the working of the Spirit, and waiting in hope, we enter into the words assigned as our reading for this Sunday. The assurance in all of this is that we have not been left on our own. The Spirit intercedes in our weakness "with sighs too deep for words" (8:26). And in this intercession we know that "the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God" (8:27). The reading from Romans this Sunday concludes with a passage which is part of our funeral rite ... "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." These words and this whole passage from Romans are comforting words that remind us that God will not abandon us.

Reflection Question

For what goal have you worked the longest? What goals are you still working toward? (Gen 29:15-28)

How do you imagine the Spirit interceding? Does the Spirit pray like we do or work in us? (Rom 8:26-39)

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**.

