

# Bribie Beacon

Sunday 16 August 2020   
St Peter's Bribie Island

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

## 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.

**AMUA Anglicare Chaplaincy Retiring Collection** - Thank you to all parishioners from Anglican Mothers Union Australia (Mother's Union) for funds raised at the retiring collection last Sunday. We are grateful to announce that \$ 297.90 was donated.

**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 Cooinda. 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.

**Donation Tap Point** - This is a contactless payment device allowing people an alternate way to give using debit or credit cards at church. This facility is targeted at visitors, but can also be used by parishioners who may wish to give a bit extra. To use the device just tap your card and the set amount displayed on the screen will be deducted from your card.

## WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday - 7.30am & 9.30am  
Wednesday - 10am

## PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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### WEBSITE

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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

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# **SUNDAY 16 AUGUST - ORDINARY SUNDAY 20**

Readings - Genesis 45.1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11.13-32;  
Matthew 15.21-28.

Sentence - Thus says the Lord, 'Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.' (Isaiah 56.1)

Prayer of the day - God of freedom, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap.  
If you want happiness for a day, go fishing.  
If you want happiness for a month, get married.  
If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune.  
If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody else.

## **PRAYER POINTS**

**Those in Need** – Pearl Kuorikoski, Des Everett,  
Jean Woodward, 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](mailto:office@stpetersbribie.org.au)*

**Birthdays this week** - Judy Lawrence (20  
August), Jim Llewellyn (21 August),  
David Parry (21 August).



## **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

In the Gospel passage for this Sunday we hear about a woman who approaches Jesus. To make matters worse, she was a member of a tribe that had been ancestral enemies of the Jews. Yet she had more faith in him than his own people. They wouldn't believe in him unless they saw signs and wonders. Indeed, they saw signs and wonders, and still refused to believe.

Once upon a time a group of people gathered outside the gates of heaven. They were good-living, respectable, God-fearing people - the solid element, the very backbone of society. Down on earth they had moved in the same business and social circles. As they stood around waiting for St Peter to open the gates, they exchanged friendly greetings.

St Peter had already greeted them and right now was fumbling with the keys of the gate. They were amazed that there had been no judgement - not that they were complaining! Now that they were sure of getting in, they were eager to occupy their reserved places in the front rows.

Suddenly there was commotion, and a voice was raised, 'Well, look who's coming! If it isn't old Mr Jacob.' Jacob was a Jewish businessman who back on earth had a reputation for meanness. Next a gypsy woman, who had a number of convictions for shoplifting, arrived. Then, to their horror, they saw a woman approaching who had been a street girl. She was followed by a young man who had spent time in jail.

These late arrivals, feeling the hostility of the first group, gathered in a little group by themselves. Then a man turned to them and said, 'What makes you people think you're going to get into heaven? Surely not your own merits?'

'Certainly not,' came the surprising reply. 'We are hoping to get in through the mercy and goodness of God. And, if I may ask, what makes you people think you're going to get in?'

'A good life, of course,' came the confident reply.

Time was beginning to drag for the first group. They started to complain to one another: 'It's not fair that people like these should get in. There's no justice.' And they worked themselves up into a fury. But then the Lord himself arrived. Turning towards the first group he said,

'I understand you have been wondering why there has been no judgement.'

'Yes,' they cried out. 'We want a judgement. We want justice.' 'But the judgement has already taken place,' the Lord answered. 'What do you mean?' they asked in surprise.

'You've judged yourselves,' said he. 'By judging these people, you have judged yourselves.'

They were flabbergasted, and began to complain bitterly: 'It's not fair. We tried to live a good life. But these others lived bad lives.'

'Yes, they have done evil things,' the Lord answered, 'but they have repented, and I am merciful. I do not find any signs of repentance among you, however. You've had an abundance of the good things of life, but they've had to get by on crumbs.

'Take that businessman. He was no saint, but he worked hard for his family, and in quiet ways did many charitable deeds. And that gypsy woman. She was a mother of eleven children. Her husband was an alcoholic. Many would have thrown the towel in. But she showed great courage and faith, without a crumb of support from the community.

'And that Mary Magdalene. At heart she was a kind woman. When she got married she was expecting a feast of love. Instead she got beating after beating from her husband. The dog got better treatment than she did. And this younger prisoner. He grew up in an environment in which he had to make do with crumbs by way of facilities and opportunities. He couldn't get a job. And of course, once he got a record, even the crumbs were denied him.

'Yet I find more faith, more courage, more humility, and more love among them than among you who sat down at the banquet table.'

Having said this, the Lord opened the gates, and the second group followed him inside, radiant with smiles.

There are no reserved place at the banquet of the Kingdom. We must try to do our best, but not count on anything we may do except on the mercy and goodness of God.

The Canaanite woman had to face all kinds of obstacles in order to obtain a cure for her daughter. She had to overcome her pride in order to beg. As a Gentile she knew she wasn't welcome among Jews. She has to overcome, firstly the apparent indifference of Jesus, and then a 'put-down' and a rejection.

But she was not put off. Why not? Because she wasn't seeking something for herself. Unselfishness enables us to put up with almost anything. It enables us to transcend ourselves.

She is an amazing person. Yet most mothers (and fathers too) would do, and many have done, the same kind of thing, with no guarantee of a happy outcome. A mother never gives up.

The poor Canaanite woman is held up to us as an example of faith, courage and love.

### Reflection Question

In the Gospel nobody wanted to listen to the request of the Canaanite woman, who in our society is calling for help that we are not prepared listening to?

In the reading from Genesis Joseph display compassion and forgiveness to his brothers who sold him into slavery. How do you feel about showing compassion and forgiveness top those who had hurt you?

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

**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.

**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.

**Registering for Worship** - Pre-registering for worship is not currently required.

**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.

**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.

**Record of Attendance** - A record of each attendee's name, address and phone number will be kept by the Rector as per government requirements.

**Cleaning** - The church will be cleaned in line with Safe Work Australia standards.

**COVID Warden** - For more information on our COVID safety plan please speak to Lynn Macbeth (COVID Warden) or a Churchwarden.

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

**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**. When prompted select join with computer / internet audio. You can also phone in from your home phone by dialling **02 8015 6011**. The meeting id is **3408319100**. Please phone Fr Steven on 3408 3191 if you need assistance.