

Bribie Beacon

Sunday 4 October 2020

St Peter's Anglican Church
Banya Street Bribie Island

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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. The Wednesday service is also streamed on Zoom at 10am.

4Cite Pathology - The front driveway of St Peter's is being used on weekdays by 4Cite Pathology for drive through testing. If you need to access the church during these times, we ask that you use the back door and not block the driveway at any time.

Lift the Lid Walk for Mental Health- Sunday 22 November 8.00am to 12 Noon walk from Brennan Park to the Bridge and return. Entry is \$30 and includes the Walk T-Shirt. Tickets on sale now and limited due to COVID Safety. www.liftthelidwalk.com.au.

Bush Church Aid Boxes - Thank you to all who have so generously donated through these restrictive times. Please collect your empty boxes from the Narthex.

MU Christmas Cards and Diaries - These are now available in a box in the Narthex. Please place your money in the tin provided. Cards are 50 cents each, packs of 10 are \$5.00 and Diary \$8.00. Any inquiries please ring Brenda Allardyce on 3408 6648 or mobile 0418197488.

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday - 7.30am & 9.30am
Wednesday - 10am

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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WEBSITE

www.stpetersbribie.org.au

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

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER - ORDINARY SUNDAY 27

Readings - Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3; Matthew 21.33-46.

Sentence - The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. (*Matthew 21.42*)

Prayer of the day - Almighty God, your Son Jesus was the stone rejected by the builders, and, by your doing, he has been made the chief cornerstone: grant that, by the power of his Spirit working in us, we may become living stones built up into your dwelling place, a temple holy and acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

BE THE PERSON WHO BREAKS THE CYCLE

If you were judged, choose understanding. If you were rejected, choose acceptance. If you were shamed, choose compassion. Be the person you needed when you were hurting, not the person who hurt you. Vow to be better than what broke you - to heal instead of becoming bitter so you can act from your heart, not your pain.

Lore Deschene

PRAYER POINTS

Those in Need - Aileen & Ralph Johnson, June Sturges, Des Everett, Jean Woodward, Valerie Bowser, Phyl Adams, Bretton Bartlett, Ian Hillard, Elizabeth Kubler, David Lower, Krista-Liisa Pulkkinen, Hazel Quinn.

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

Birthdays this week - Ricky Gudgeon (6 October), Elva Woods (7 October).



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

In the Gospel reading for last Sunday we heard Jesus responding to the Chief Priest and the Elders. After they ask him by what authority he does these things, he asked them a question about John the Baptist's authority that they refused to answer. He then taught the first of three parables, today's Gospel passage contains the second, that being another vineyard parable. In this parable Jesus draws upon Isaiah's own parable about a love-song for a planted vineyard from Isaiah 5. In Matthew's narrative, Jesus tied together broader themes in order to critique the temple leadership responsible for proper care of the people of God. In Jesus' parable there was a problem not with the vineyard's production but with the tenants themselves. These were extremely violent tenant farmers, harming and slaughtering the various groups of slaves sent by the landowner. The rationale for their brutality and murderous ways was stated explicitly when the son visited: "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance" (21:38). On the surface, the landowner's decision to send his son in light of the tragedy of his servants seemed unwise. But, Jesus' parable did not highlight this act as foolish; this was not the parable of the foolish landowner. Rather, in an honour and shame culture, the landowner's decision to send his son as emissary was appropriate since he could expect proper respect for his appointed heir. Culturally, the leasing of land to tenant farmers was a common experience in the first century. Landowners could expect tenants to turn over (a portion of) the crop. Those who failed to meet the landowner's standards would be removed from the land and landowning elite could usually pay others to remove them forcefully if necessary. In reality, many in Jesus' audience would have understood the experience of the farmers all too well. If they chose not to "pay" the landowner, as was the case in Jesus' parable, the landowner would find new tenants without doubt. So, Jesus' story highlighted the landowner's patience in this regard and, perhaps, a certain kind of naivete. In addition to Jesus' parabolic twist on Isaiah's vineyard, Jesus provided a citation from Psalm 118. His scriptural citation shifted the focus of the parable altogether, from a critique of the tenants/leadership to a statement about the son/stone. The story was no longer about the vineyard, the produce, or the tenant farmers. Now, Jesus turned attention toward the abused son: "they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him" (21:39). For Matthew, this twist was an essential one in which the abused son became "the stone that the builders rejected" (21:42), which, in turn, determined who was in or out. The son who was sent must be an allegory for God's son, Jesus. The tenant farmers, who represented the temple leadership, would be replaced by other tenants. And, what looked like a landowner's naivete was really God's plan: "this was the Lord's doing" (21:42).

QUESTIONS FOR SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

What do you think should be the place of the Ten Commandments in the life of a Christian? (Exodus 20:1-17)

In daily life, how can we receive God's gifts with gratitude yet view all things as rubbish? (Philippians 3:7-9)

What fruits of the kingdom do you think Jesus was referring to, and what do they look like today? (Matthew 21:43)

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. 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.