

Bribie Beacon

Sunday 11 October 2020

St Peter's Anglican Church
Banya Street Bribie Island

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Church
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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. A doctor's referral is required for 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 2021 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

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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 11 OCTOBER - ORDINARY SUNDAY 28

Readings - Exodus 32.1-14; Psalm 106.1-6, 20-24; Philippians 4; Matthew 22.1-14.

Sentence - This is our God for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. (*Isaiah 25.9*)

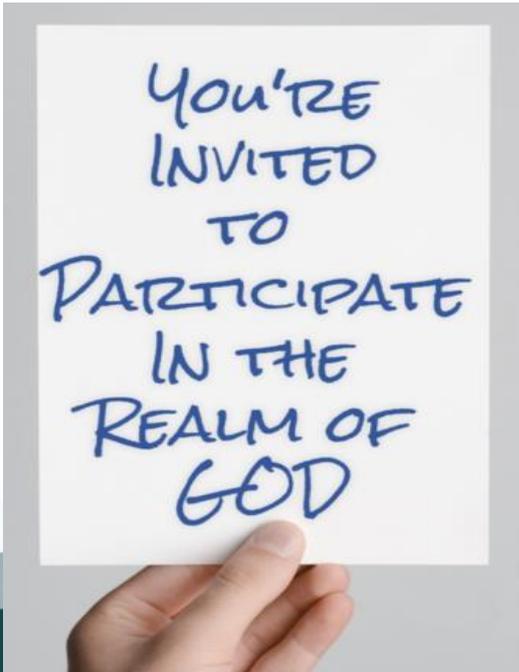
Prayer of the day - Saving and healing God, you have promised that those who have died with Christ shall live with him: grant us grace to be continually thankful for all you have done for us, and in that thankfulness to be eager to serve and live for others, so that we and all your children may rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

QUESTIONS FOR SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

How did the relationship between God and Israel go so terribly wrong? (Exodus 32)

What biases do you need to put aside for the common good of our community? (Philippians 4)

What do we need to wear to the wedding banquet? (Matthew 22)



YOU'RE
INVITED
TO
PARTICIPATE
IN THE
REALM OF
GOD

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@stpetersbribie.org.au



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

If you received an invitation to a royal wedding would you attend? In the Gospel passage for this Sunday we hear of a royal wedding, and those with invitations refused to come. When the second call comes, they treat the invitation as a joke and go about their business. More than bad manners are at stake, for some invitees even assault and kill the servants delivering the invitation. In his anger the king then escalates the confrontation by sending in his troops to destroy both the perpetrators and their city. Apparently the king has judged their rejection to be the opening round of a rebellion that must be quelled. With the party ready, the king is determined that the wedding will go forward, and so the servants are sent out again, this time to the very limits of the territory. (That is what the term means that lies behind the "main streets" in verse 9). They are to bring in everyone, good and bad, so that the hall will be filled. What is important for the king is that people are in attendance. Matthew's Gospel identifies their worthiness as important, yet the worthiness of the guests is not an ethical worthiness as both good and bad are brought in, rather worthiness comes from the ability to recognise the urgency of the invitation and to respond. This is where the specifics of the story evoke biblical traditions and images that would have made its point clear to Matthew's readers. For example, the parable is introduced as something to be compared to the "kingdom of heaven." In Matthew's careful Jewish piety that minimised the use of the Greek word "God" (a carry-over of the refusal to pronounce the divine name in Hebrew), as well the use of "king" as a common metaphor for God, the story is evidently about a divine banquet. Further, a wedding can be a metaphor for the relationship between God and Israel (Isaiah 54:5-6; 62:5; Hosea 2:16-20), and a banquet a sign of the covenant between them (Isaiah 25:6-10; 55:1-3). "Worthiness" thus involves being able to recognize the king's "wedding banquet" for what it is and responding to it as one's top priority. The final invitation that will fill the banquet hall is inclusive in the extreme. In that sense it mirrors other instances of Jesus' table community that embodied the hospitality and inclusiveness. Questions of social status or observance of Torah regulations, or even one's ethical behaviour are set aside in favour of the urgency of the host's plan. That radical inclusiveness comes to a sudden halt, however, when the king encounters a guest who is not properly attired. The parable-within-the parable has no parallels outside of Matthew, so it must reflect his particular agenda. The language of the parable ranges from sarcasm, with the address of the man as Friend in verse 12, to apocalyptic violence in verse 13. The details of ejection into the "outer darkness" with "weeping and gnashing of teeth" invoke earlier declarations of judgment. Clearly the issue is not the man's clothing, but rather something else about how he presents himself in this ultimate moment. We are left without a list of specific criteria that move a person from the list of the many "called," to that of the few "chosen" (verse 14), but it appears that Matthew envisions further accountability beyond one's initial response of discipleship, our "yes!" to God's invitation to the banquet. It maybe helpful to consider the words in James 2 where it is affirmed that one's faith can be seen in one's works, by which he means deeds, especially deeds of justice and compassion. So there may be a danger in accepting the invitation of discipleship if we fail to clothe ourselves in deeds of justice and compassion.

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.