

Bribie Beacon

Sunday 15 November 2020

St Peter's Anglican Church
Banya Street Bribie Island

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PARISH NOTICES

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.

Empty Christmas Tree - We have now commenced collecting gifts for the Empty Christmas Tree. A purple box is in the Narthex for gifts for children aged from infant to 17 years who are in foster care in our area. Gifts may be wrapped with the appropriate age on a tag. Please no pre-loved toys as this may be the only gift the child receives. Anglicare for Children & Families Caboolture are very grateful for our ongoing generosity.

Archbishop's November Appeal - Coming of the Light - Mission and Ministry in North Queensland and the Torres Strait. ABM invites you to celebrate and support the vibrant ministry of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Church.
abmission.org/November2020

Rector's Leave - Fr. Steven is currently on leave until Wednesday 18 November. During this time, we welcome Rev Carolyn Payne who will be leading the services. Any enquires or concerns during this time, please contact the Churchwardens.

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday - 7.30am & 9.30am
Wednesday - 10am

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ONLINE GIVING BY CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD

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ONLINE GIVING BY DIRECT DEPOSIT

Ac Name - Bribie Island Parish

BSB - 704-901

Account Number - 00000040

POSTAL ADDRESS

PO Box 1087 Bongaree 4507

SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER - ORDINARY SUNDAY 33

Readings - Judges 4.1-10; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30.

Sentence - God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.

(1 Thessalonians 5.9,11)

Prayer of the day - Everliving God, before the earth was formed, and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

QUESTIONS FOR SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

In your congregation and daily life, what does it mean for your eyes to look to the Lord our God? (Psalm 123:2)

What do you think the day of the Lord will be like, and how much should we think about it? (1 Thessalonians 5:2)

Which kind of slave are you, and which kind of slave is most common in your congregation? (Matthew 25:14-30)

ONLINE SUNDAY WORSHIP

A new online service is available each Sunday via [Vimeo](#), [FaceBook](#) or our [Webpage](#).

PRAYER POINTS

Those in Need - Barbara Earner, Beverley Fegan-Grimmer, Jenny Sullivan, Kaye Bush, Phillipa Booth, Aileen & Ralph Johnson, Valerie Bowser, Elizabeth Kubler, Robert Van Buerle, Krista-Liisa Pulkkinen.

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

Birthdays this week - Helen Lower (15 November), Tim Dufton (15 November), Diane Rutledge (15 November), Roz Thomson (16 November), June Sturges (17 November), Jean Dufton (19 November).



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Contrary to what might be shown by some best-selling televangelists, the parable does not justify a gospel of economic prosperity. Instead, it challenges believers to emulate their Master by using all that God has given them for the sake of the kingdom. Here Jesus instructs his disciples to endure through difficult times and to live in anticipation of the Lord's return. Like all the parables in this section, it illustrates the certainty of the Lord's coming and how the disciples are to live in the meantime. The teaching of the talents recalls the parable of the faithful and wise slave who continues to do the work of the master until the master comes (24:45-51). Although the master is delayed, he arrives to find the wise slave doing the tasks that have been appointed to him in the master's absence. The foolish slave, however, has neglected his work and abused his power. He receives severe punishment. Likewise, in the parable of the talents, the master entrusts his servants with his property, and punishment awaits those who have failed to carry on the master's work (24:49-51). Like the parable of the ten maidens before it, the parable of the talents portrays the kingdom of God (25:14). The kingdom is not simply likened to a man on a journey, but to the story that follows, a story that illustrates how the disciples are to wait until the Lord comes. In this story a wealthy man prepares for a journey by entrusting his estate to his servants. In the Lukan version of this parable (Luke 19:12-27), ten slaves receive one pound a piece to do the master's business. In the Matthean version, however, there are only three servants, and they receive shares according to their ability (25:15). Although the first receives five times as much as the last, each receives a significant sum of money. A talent is equal to about 6,000 denarii. Since one denarius is a common labourer's daily wage, a talent would be roughly equivalent to 20 years wages for the average worker. Five talents, the largest amount entrusted to any of the servants, is comparable to one hundred years worth of labour, an astronomical amount of money. Like the preceding two parables, the return of the master is certain, but the timing is unknown. After a long absence, he discovers what each servant has done with his property. The first two slaves do business with the master's talents and double his money. Although the first slave earned more than the second, each has done remarkably well with what he has been given. They have performed according to their potential, and they have been faithful to do what the master has required of them. The master's response to each is the same. He commends the slaves for being good and faithful, entrusts them with more authority, and invites them to enter his "joy." The third servant is not so fortunate. In the response of this slave, however, the audience learns even more about the master. He is a man who reaps where he does not sow and gathers where he has not scattered seed. He aggressively seeks to expand his estate and takes whatever he can wherever he can to make a profit. He even reprimands the servant for failing to invest the money with the bankers so that he might have gained interest, a practice forbidden in scripture (Exodus 22:25; Leviticus 25:35-38). The master's willingness to earn money at the expense of others challenges any allegorical interpretation of the parable that would directly correlate him with Jesus, who never acts in a manner to seek personal gain. That a wealthy landowner would behave in this manner, however, makes the story all the more compelling. The third slave admits that he

was afraid to lose the master's money. To protect himself, he buried the talent in the ground. Although this may seem odd to audiences today, burying treasure was quite common at this time (13:44). The master is furious. He had entrusted this servant with a portion of his property in order that the slave would use his abilities, abilities that had helped the master in the past, in order to turn a profit for his lord. This slave, however, was too afraid to take a risk, even though risky behaviour was part of the master's business. Instead, he attempted to secure his own well-being. In the end his unfaithfulness to carry on the master's work cost him severely (25:30). The master expected the servants to continue his business, to take risks to make a profit, and to emulate his behaviour. Two servants were found faithful, and they are rewarded. Their faithfulness had increased the master's wealth and expanded his estate. In its literary setting, Jesus tells this story to his disciples (24:3) to prepare them for the days ahead when their faith will be tested. This parable depicts how the disciples are to demonstrate their faithfulness as they anticipate the return of the Lord. What does faithfulness look like in a time of waiting? In Matthew's Gospel faithfulness is emulating the ministry of Jesus. Jesus has announced the arrival of God's kingdom by feeding the hungry, curing the sick, blessing the meek, and serving the least. All who would follow Jesus are to preach the good news of the kingdom to the whole world (24:14) by going about the work that the master has called them to do (24:24-51). This work includes visiting the sick and imprisoned, clothing the naked, welcoming the stranger, and feeding the hungry (25:31-46). Those who are found faithful may hear their Master say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

ATTENDING WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S IN PERSON

Safety Plan - St Peter's is required to adhere to the Industry Plan for Places of Worship. For more information on this please speak to Lynn Macbeth (COVID Warden) or a Churchwarden. These government guidelines limit St Peter's to 50 people per service. If capacity limit was reached at a service, alternate seating will be made available outside. As we are not currently reaching our limit 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.

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.