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Saint John Biggenden.



Our Parish Mission is to meet people in the journey of life and draw them into a relationship with God and one another.

The Fifth Sunday in Lent—29th March 2020

CHURCH AT HOME

I commend to you the use of our weekly Pew Bulletin as a structure for Sunday and daily prayer. Find a space in your home that can serve as a place for prayer; the corner of a verandah or dining room. If possible, pray at the regular Sunday Service times; 7.00 am, 9.00 am or 9.30 am. On a small table place a cross, a candle and a Bible. If you do not have a cross, make one of twigs lying flat on the table. Spend a few minutes in silence and ask God to fill you with his love, peace and joy. Read the service slowly. If you feel that the readings are too long, omit one of the non-Gospel passages.

When you are ready, make the sign of the cross and say the words aloud.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

God the Father, maker of heaven and earth,
have mercy on us.

God the Son, redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, giver of light and life,
have mercy on us.

For accepting life yet living it without you,
forgive us, Lord.

For living without concern for others,
forgive us, Lord.

For tolerating oppression, injustice and wrong,
forgive us, Lord.

For disobeying your will and commandments,
forgive us, Lord.

For refusing to love and forgive others,
1 forgive us, Lord.



For turning the world to our own purposes and desires,
forgive us, Lord.
 That in all things we may hold to your will and purpose,
Lord, hear us. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

**Lord have mercy,
 Christ have mercy,
 Lord have mercy.**

Prayer of the Day

Life-giving God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death: breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord; 'whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.' *John 11.25–26*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely."



This Week in the Parish

Monday 30th March 2020

Service cancelled
 12.00 noon—1pm Emergency Relief
 from Buss Park entrance

Tuesday 31st March 2020

Service cancelled

Wednesday 1st April 2020

Service cancelled

Thursday 2nd April 2020

Service Cancelled
 12.00 Soup kitchen meal in
 takeaway format, from Buss Park
 entrance.

Friday 3rd April 2020

Service Cancelled

Saturday 4th April 2020

Services Cancelled
 4.00 pm Anglican Dorcas Sausage
 Sizzle (SR)

Sunday 5th April 2020

Palm Sunday
 No services scheduled.
 Please follow link below to St John's
 YouTube Channel for 9.30am and
 6.00pm services.
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
 UCNK4UfKhyzHdskN-s_Q9e4Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNK4UfKhyzHdskN-s_Q9e4Q)

**THE JOY OF THE
 LORD IS YOUR
 STRENGTH**

Nehemiah 8.10

LEGEND:

- CC Christ Church
- PH Parish Hall
- SR Supper Room
- SP St Peter
- SJD St John the Divine
- NS No service
- WG Woodgate

**Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage,
 Confession & Unction
 by appointment with Fr Keith**

**Regular Group Meetings have
 been cancelled until further
 notice.**

St Peter's Bargara: 9.30 am every
 Tuesday . Craft, coffee & a chat.

**Anglican Men's Society (AMS):
 11.30 am** every 2nd Tuesday of
 the month.

Mothers' Union (AMUA): 9.30am
commences with Eucharist
 Second & Fifth Wednesday of
 Month.

Dorcas Soup Kitchen: 12 Noon
 every Thursday.

Men's Smoko: 10.00 am every
 Friday—cancelled until further notice

Kidsplus+ 4.30—6pm each Friday
 during school terms. Cancelled

Meditation: 8.30am each Saturday.

Dorcas Sausage Sizzle : 4.30 pm
 Every Saturday.



ANGLICAN MEN'S SOCIETY
Regrets to advise that
The Annual Lenten Soup Night Dinner,
IS NOW CANCELLED

If you have already paid please come in to the office to collect your refund.

Fr John Naumann reports from Makang'wa that the coronavirus has reached Tanzania, and sends prayers for our health and wellbeing. The Amani Centre continues to offer support in the various outreaches and Fr John has outlined in his report ways in which these can be financially supported. If you would like more information please contact the office by email and I can forward the report electronically.



Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God : I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord , when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord , have spoken and will act, says the Lord .'

(Ezekiel 37.1-14)

Thanks be to God

For the word of the Lord.

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord:

Lord, hear my voice;

O let your ears consider well:

the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong:

who then, O Lord, could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you:

so that you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him:

and in his word is my hope.

My soul looks for the Lord:

more than watchmen for the morning,

more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:

and with him is ample redemption.

He will redeem Israel:

from the multitude of their sins.



(Psalm 130)

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason, the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

(Romans 8.6-11)

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory.**

I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord; 'whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.'

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory.**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.'

Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was

Life is mostly froth and bubble,
Two things stand like stone.
Kindness in another's trouble,
Courage in our own.

I am celebrating the Holy Eucharist every morning at 7.30am by myself, with the intention of God's Blessing on all people who belong to the Anglican Parish of Bundaberg. My people will not be with me physically, but they will be with me as part of the communion of saints.

Father Keith.

Many Australians have already been affected by the financial implications of Covid-19. People working in the tourism, hospitality and travel industries have been made unemployed and the demands made on emergency relief will continue to increase. The Anglican Dorcas Society will continue to offer assistance, and emergency relief will be offered from 12.00 noon to 1.00 pm Monday and Thursday. Simple meals will be offered in the area outside of the Supper Room on Thursday 12.00 noon and Saturday 4.00 pm. At this stage the Op Shop will remain open in order to provide good quality and inexpensive clothing and household items. The Church will be affected. In order to continue to serve the local community we need your financial contributions. Please send your weekly contribution electronically (see the notice in this bulletin) or by putting cheques and money in the secure letterbox that is next to the front door of the Parish Office.

STEWARDSHIP DIRECT DEBIT:

To contribute stewardship/offerings directly into the church bank account, details are:

Account Name: Anglican Parish of Bundaberg
BSB: 064 403 A/C Number: 00801062
Reference: your **Surname**

If you do not have internet banking and ask the bank to set up a direct debit, you may be charged a bank fee. Please advise the office on accounts@bundaberganglican.org if payment is made.

**IF USING STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION;
Please use the current year's issued envelopes as the allocated number may have changed.**

The pew bulletin will be distributed electronically (where possible) while social distancing and quarantine measures are being recommended. If we don't have an email contact it will be hand delivered. If you have received it via letterbox drop and would prefer electronic delivery, please let us know your email address.



Dear People,

During the season of Lent we have listened to four passages from the Holy Gospel according to John; Jesus speaking at night with the Pharisee Nicodemus (John 3.1-17), Jesus speaking in the middle of the day with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well (John 4.5-42), Jesus healing the man who was born blind (John 9.1-41) and, today, Jesus bringing Lazarus back to life (John 11.1-45). The passages are long, and on the last three Sundays the congregation has sat rather than stand.

In 1993, I attended the Liturgy of the Greek Orthodox Church on the Feast of Saint Lazarus in the Church of Saint Lazarus, Bethany near Jerusalem.

Orthodox Christians observe this feast on the day before Palm Sunday.

The Liturgy was in Greek and it was very long, lasting nearly three hours.

The Church was crowded and there were no seats. I remember the reading of the Holy Gospel, and it was the passage set in our Church for today.

When the deacon read the phrase "Jesus wept" (11.35), all the people in Church began to cry. I think that I was the exception! But these were not the tears of sadness. Rather, they were the tears of joy for Jesus had declared that "I am the resurrection and the life, and those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die" (v.25).

The congregation was composed of elderly Cypriote women. They had crossed the eastern Mediterranean Sea from Nicosia for the great event of their lives, pilgrimage to Jerusalem for Holy Week and Easter. With their travelling clothes they would have carried their burial shroud and, on Good Friday, they would have placed it on the Stone of Anointing that is near the entrance of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the place built over the site of Jesus's crucifixion, burial and resurrection. Within a few months, most of the elderly Cypriote women would have died.

We interpret our tears. The death of a loved one or excruciating pain may make us cry. So will the peeling of an onion or a very funny joke. But the tears of joy are not to be overlooked and, as Christians, we believe that whatever happens we are not alone. The presence of Jesus brings joy, and our greatest joy will be on the day that we see him face in face in the Kingdom of Heaven. At Bethany, the Cypriote woman had a foretaste of Heaven.

The present time is difficult, and we are mindful of the impact of the coronavirus. There are no public Church services and we might feel a bit like the ancient people of Jerusalem exiled in Babylon; "By the rivers of Babylon there we sat down and there we wept" (Psalm 137.1). But just as God used this experience to deepen faith, hope and love among the people of Judah, so he will use the present circumstances to draw us closer to himself.

At a time of social isolation, it is important to make telephone or internet contact with family members, friends and neighbours. In the Autumn 2020 edition of *Mia Mia* (the Australian Mothers' Union magazine), John Cronshaw quoted the poet Adam Lindsay Gordon.

still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

(John 11.1-45)

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

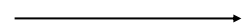
**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**



and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Please stand

The Prayers of the People

God of grace, Jesus your Son is the resurrection and the life. As we celebrate his victory over death may we look forward to the fullness of life in your kingdom. We pray for the Church; for PHILLIP our Bishop, Bishop Jeremy Greaves, and all the clergy and people. As breath entered the dry bones that were lying on the valley floor, may your Spirit renew our lives with faith, hope and love.

God of grace, Hear our prayer.

Jesus wept at Lazarus's tomb. Grant us sensitivity and compassion as we minister to those who mourn. During the coronavirus pandemic, may we be a sign of healing and hope in a world that has been deeply affected by fear and uncertainty. We pray for doctors, nurses and medical scientists, and for the hospitals, aged care facilities and medical practices of the district.

God of grace, Hear our prayer.

The psalmist affirmed; "My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning". As we await the day that we will be able to return to Church may we be mindful of your presence and determined to live with love for friends and neighbours. We pray for people who have inadequate food, shelter and support.

God of grace, Hear our prayer.

The apostle Paul reminded the Christians of Rome that he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to our mortal bodies through the Spirit who dwells in us. In this faith we pray for people we love and see no longer. May they continue to grow in your love and service.

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses who support us with their love and prayer. With the Blessed Virgin Mary, the holy apostles and martyrs, and all your saints, we pray;

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you always. Amen.



Prayer for those who are sick: Edith Gayton, Charlotte Wragge, Gordon Reynolds, Tracey Reynolds, Layne Auer, Joy Learmonth, Maddison, Frank Christensen, Matthew Johnson, Jenny Hetherington, Melinda Glover, Barb Pashen, Kathy, Will Holder, Betty Chambers, Hugh Reed, Elwyn Havers, Susan Arthur, Hannah Grace, Ivy Coyle, John Allen, Elaine Horsnell, Duncan Pegg, Val Batt, Pat Hindmarsh, Ken Parsons, Dick, Doreen, Keith Sorenson and Allanah Churchward.

Prayer for those whom we remember this week: Ethel Kitching, Madge Minter, Allan Savage, Frederick Goodman Jones, Hazel Batchler, Francis Meakins, Eric Carman, Ida Asmus, Evelyn Evans, Dick Osborne and Catherine Lovett-Cameron.

Please remember: If you know of anyone at home, in hospital or a nursing home who is in need or would appreciate a visit by a Priest or Liturgical Assistant, please phone the Parish Office on 4151-3128.

**Readings for Palm Sunday
5th April, 2020
Isaiah 50.4-9a
Psalm 31.9-18
Philippians 2.5-11
Matthew 26.14-27.66**

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