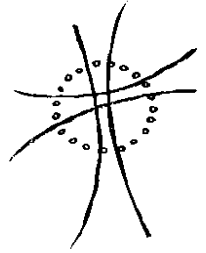




St John's
Anglican Church
Coffs Harbour

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
17th September 2017

Forgiveness doesn't
mean you forget what
a person has done. It
means you choose not
to be reminded of the
hurt in order to move
forward.

WELCOME

Thank you for joining with us today.

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, or visiting,
please make yourself known to the welcomers or clergy.

If you intend to worship regularly with us, please fill in a card
on the back table, and hand it to the staff or sides person.

Today's Worship

Sentence:

If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. Psalm 130.3–4

Prayer of the Day:

O God,
you call your Church to witness
that in Christ we are reconciled to you:
help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR A NEW RECTOR:

*Bountiful God, give to the people of St John's
a prayerful pastor, who will faithfully speak your word
and minister your sacraments;
an encourager who will equip and fill your people with
enthusiasm for ministry in this place;
one who will enable everyone to fulfil their calling.*

*Give to those who will choose Wisdom, Discernment
and Patience. May they be guided by your Holy Spirit.*

*And to us all, give warm and generous hearts.
For the sake of Jesus Christ and Your Glory. Amen*

READINGS FOR 24th September

Exodus 16: 2-15

Psalm 105: 1-6, 37– 45

Philippians 1

Matthew 20: 1-16

Presiding: Rev'd Harvey Sloane

Preaching: Rev'd Harvey Sloane

Dates for your Diary

5 Oct	Ladies' Lunch
7-8 Oct	LLM Conference
8 Oct	Service for Blessing of the Animals
9-11 Oct	Ministry School for Clergy
13 Oct	Trivia Night Council of Churches
14 Oct	Operation Christmas Child boxes due
15 Oct	Madrigals & More: 11th Hour Choir Concert
11 Nov	Cursillo Diocesan Ultreya, Grafton

Please Pray:

- ◆ We remember all those who are sick and need prayers: Robyn Michell, Doreen Brewin, Sue Brewin, Margaret Logue, Ron Randle, Rose Marie & John Beston, Dan Octigan, Margaret Fisher, Sylvia Broadhurst, Pat Dark, Kel Bogaart, Laurel Smith-Cameron, Lesley Lee, Elijah.
- ◆ We continue to pray for Warren Moules, Les & Ruth Monahan, Rosemary Majoor, Ken & Val Grant, Annette Lane, Elsie Tillott, Marion Murray, Jean Parker, Lillian Robertson, Cody Cook, Rae Rediger, Enid Waites, Val Furniss and Theresa.
- ◆ We pray for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones especially the families of Thomas Bridges and Robert Danzey (Bobby Dazzler)
- ◆ We give thanks and pray for our LLMs, Aged Care Teams, Parish Council, Wardens, Op shop Volunteers and all who serve and volunteer in the Parish of St John's Coffs Harbour.
- ◆ We give thanks for Harvey and Liz Sloane and pray for them as they travel to Coffs Harbour this week .

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Christian life isn't a one person race. It's a relay. You are not alone.
You are part of a team assembled by our unstoppable God to
achieve his eternal purposes.

Exodus 14.19–31

¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰ It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. ²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²² The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴ At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵ He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.' ²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ³⁰ Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Romans 14.1–14

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the

Psalm 114
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Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God.

¹¹ For it is written,

'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

¹² So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

¹³ Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way of another.

¹⁴ I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Matthew, Chapter 18 beginning at verse 21

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²² Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³ 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

c. The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible with Apocrypha

Coming Events & Notices

CCSM We, welcome CCMS, Coffs Coast School Ministry who are here with us today. Please support this valuable ministry to the young people in our schools. If we do not tell them the story of God's saving love who will? Please give generously.

INTERREGNUM RECTOR'S CONTACT: The phone number that was previously Ian's contact will remain in the parish. This number will then be used by the locum, Rev Harvey Sloane who will be arriving for services on the 24th of September. The email contact will be stjohnscoffs@bigpond.com

MADRIGALS & MORE, 11th HOUR

CONCERT: The 11th hour choir conducted by Margaret England will be presenting a concert on the 15th of October. Tickets \$10 will be available at the door on the day. Part of the proceeds will be used for the restoration of the Organ and piano.



NEW CHAIRS FOR THE CHURCH: The new chairs are about to be ordered. We are still hoping to raise more funds to purchase them. Our aim is to purchase 100 chairs. Please consider a donation, either by placing it in an envelope or via a direct deposit marked 'Chairs'.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY: The next groups will be on Tuesday the 19th and Wednesday the 20th September.

LADIES' LUNCH: Thursday 5th October, 12 noon at the CEX Club. Please put your name on the sign up sheet on the notice board if you are able to attend. All ladies are welcome.

OP SHOP: The Op Shop urgently needs more volunteers. Please consider if you can give a half-day a week, or a fortnight, or a month. They also need some volunteers to iron. This can be done at the shop or in your own home. Phone the Op Shop if you can help—6650 0433.

ANGLICAN MOTHERS UNION AUSTRALIA - COFFS

GROUP: Many, many thanks to all the wonderful parishioners who have donated items for our hospital emergency (comfort) bags. The bags are a very welcome gift for those rushed to hospital. At the moment we are very short of small toothpastes to put in the bags. Items for the bags can be left at the parish office or put in the donations basket at services.

Embrace your Season Conference

St Thomas Port Macquarie Anglican Church

'Live Life Fully'

The conference will run from 6pm on Friday 22 to lunchtime on Sunday 24 September 2017 and will be held in the hall at the centre of Port Macquarie Anglican Church. There is plenty of access to food and accommodation nearby.

Everyone and anyone who wants to learn, are invited to come along and attend as many sessions as you choose. There will also be programs for kids that will run in parallel to the adult stuff.

Across the conference, you can expect multiple sessions of contemporary worship, several masterclass blocks where you can individually choose to pursue an area you're interested in learning more. Rev. Dr. Geoff Broughton and Pastor Scott Higgins will be teaching on a variety of justice issues as well as local speakers. For more information see <https://www.portanglican.com/>

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Please take a box, or boxes, fill them with the suggested items plus \$10 to cover expenses and



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Rev'd Lenore Moules

Next Week

Monday 18th September

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.00am Craft Group

5.00pm Prepare for Worship

7.00pm Parish Council

Tuesday 19th September

1.15pm Masonic Village

3.00pm St Joseph's Aged Care

2.00pm Ladies' Bible Study

6.00pm EfM

Wednesday 20th September

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am Eucharist

10.00am Ingenia Gardens

11.00am Freedom

2.00pm Ladies' Bible Study

5.45pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 21st September

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 22nd September

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 23rd September

2.30pm Sewing Group

5.00pm African Men's Group

6.00pm Eucharist

Sunday 24th September

7.00am Eucharist

9.00am Eucharist

5.30pm Family Service

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