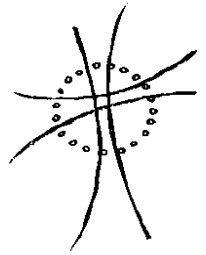




St John's

Anglican Church
Coffs Harbour

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
24th September 2017

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses a parable to challenge our sense of justice and the worldly context in which we put it.



Our Generous God

The generous land owner shares the reward at the end of the day's labour equally -

The kingdom of heaven is like this, God seeks us all out and all are rewarded, with life, hope and a future; rewarded for a great effort or a little labour even at the 11th hour. Even the last and the least are worthy of God's love and saving grace.

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 pink card on the back table, and hand it to the staff or sides person.

Today's Worship

Sentence:

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2.8–9

Prayer of the Day:

Loving and righteous God,
your boundless generosity exceeds
all that we can desire or deserve,
and you give to the last worker all you promised to the first:
liberate us from all jealousy and greed,
that we may be free to love and serve others,
and in your service may find our true reward;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 1st October

Exodus 17.1-7

Psalms 78.1-4, 11-16

Philippians 2

Matthew 21.23-32

Presiding: Rev'd Gail Hagon

Preaching: Rev'd Gail Hagon

Dates for your Diary

29 Sept	Police Remembrance Service
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 Kathleen Naylor and Keith Trow.
- ◆ 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.

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to Rev'd Harvey and Rev'd Liz Sloane who are with us today. Harvey will be our locum for approximately the next three months. Harvey will take the role of our Rector.

Please make them both very welcome.

Exodus 16.2–15

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' ⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.' ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' ⁸ And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.' ⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining."' ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹² 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God."' ¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'

Psalm 105.1–6, 37–45
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Philippians 1: 21– 30

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ

Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 20 beginning at verse 1
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴ and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷ They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³ But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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

Coming Events & Notices

NO FAMILY SERVICE AT 5.30pm: There will be no 5.30pm service during these school holidays. The families who usually attend will all be away so we have decided that we will begin again on the 15th of October.

POLICE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: will be held at 10.00am next Friday morning the 29th September. If you would like to come to support our police men and women as they remember those who have been lost in service or injured please come. If you would like to assist with the morning tea, slices or helpers would be most welcome. Please speak to Judy Bailey.

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.

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 making a donation, either by placing it in an envelope or via a direct deposit marked 'Chairs'.

TRIVIA NIGHT: URGENT TEAMS NEEDED!

Would you like to be part of a team for the Council of Churches Trivia Night on Friday 8 October 7 pm at Marian Grove Recreation Centre? Money raised goes to support Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza. Entry is \$10 per person. Contact Rev Jan McLeod on 6653 2058 or Cass Crocker on 6652 9185 for further information. Come alone - bring a friend or form a table of six (BYO nibbles and drinks).

CMS SUMMER SCHOOL: Registration is now open for Mt Tambourine CMS Summer School. See CMS QNSW for more information.

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.

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

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.

WANTED: Packs of cards for the Mental Health Unit. Please leave them at the office for Rev'd Anne to collect.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS HELPLINE: 1800 070 511
Available 9am to 5pm EST Monday to Friday.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It is not too late!

Please take a box, or boxes, and

BRING CHRIST'S LOVE TO A CHILD

Boxes are due to be returned by the 14th October when they will be blessed and sent



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Rev'd Lenore Moules

Next Week

Monday 25th September

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.00am Craft Group

5.00pm Prepare for Worship

Tuesday 26th September

10.30am Legacy Nursing Home

1.30pm Coffs Nursing Centre

2.00pm Ladies' Bible Study

6.00pm EfM

Wednesday 27th September

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am Eucharist

11.00am Opal Aged Care

2.00pm Ladies' Bible Study

5.45pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 28th September

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 29th September

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am Police Remembrance
Service

Saturday 30th September

2.30pm Sewing Group

5.00pm African Men's Group

6.00pm Eucharist

Sunday 1st October

7.00am Eucharist

9.00am Eucharist

5.30pm **NO** Family Service

Parish Bank Details for Direct Deposits

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description e.g. 'offertory.'*