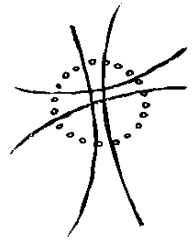




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**First Sunday in Lent**  
**18th February 2018**

# Lent



Lent is a time to open the doors of our hearts a little wider and understand our Lord a little deeper, so that when Good Friday and eventually Easter comes, it is not just another day at church but an opportunity to receive the overflowing of graces God has to offer.

## **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:**

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. Mark 1.15

## **Prayer of the Day:**

God of the new and eternal covenant,  
as the forty days of the great flood  
swept away the world's corruption  
and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life:  
grant to us, who are washed clean and born again  
in the saving flood of baptism, the wellspring of your grace,  
that your gift of new life may flourish once again;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and 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 25th February**

**Genesis 17.1-7. 15-16**

**Psalm 22.24-32**

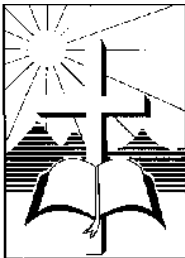
**Romans 4.13-25**

**Mark 8.31-38**

**Preaching and Presiding:**

**6pm and 7am Rev'd Anne Goode**

**9am: Rev'd Jan McLeod**



## Dates for your Diary

18 February	AGM immediately following the 9am Service
20 February	Ladies Lunch—Park Beach Bowling Club
2 March	World Day of Prayer
3 March	Bishop Sarah's final service— Grafton
12 March	Men's Group
15 March	Ladies Breakfast
21 March	Taize
21 March	Blessing of the Oils
24 March	Working Bee
25 March	Palm Sunday

### **Please Pray:**

- ◆ We remember all those who are sick and need prayers:  
Jennifer Noble, Rose Marie Beston, Allan Crossingham, Nancy Tigwell, Tony Fookes, Robyn Michell, Doreen Brewin, Sue Brewin, Margaret Logue, Ron Randle, Dan Octigan, Margaret Fisher, Barbara Williams.
- ◆ We continue to pray for Sylvia Broadhurst, Rob Howard, Kel Bogaart, Warren Moules, Rosemary Majoor, Ken & Val Grant, Annette Lane, Hattersley and Laurel Smith-Cameron, Elsie Tillott, Marion Murray, Jean Parker, Lesley Lee, Lillian Robertson, Cody Cook, Rae Rediger, Enid Waites, Val Furniss, Theresa and Elijah,
- ◆ We pray for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones, especially the family and friends of John Beston.
- ◆ We pray for the coming year, that we continue the journey together, united, and in constant support and encouragement of each other. We ask God's blessing for the Annual General Meeting and for all who feel led to nominate. we also pray for the coming year that we will honour God in all we do and say. May his Kingdom come.

## **Genesis 9.8–17**

<sup>8</sup> Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup> ‘As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup> I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’ <sup>12</sup> God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup> I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup> When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup> I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup> When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.’ <sup>17</sup> God said to Noah, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.’

**Psalm 25.1-10**  
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## **1 Peter 3.18–22**

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt

from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**  
according to Mark, Chapter 1 beginning at verse 9

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' <sup>12</sup> And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. <sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

*The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible with Apocrypha*

**Thought for today:**

*Before you speak, listen.*

*Before you write, think.*

*Before you invest, investigate.*

*Before you criticize, wait.*

*Before you pray, forgive.*

*Before you quit, try.*

*Before you retire, save.*

*Before you die, give.*

*William A. Ward*

# Coming Events & Notices

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** The meeting will be held after the 9am service **TODAY**. All parishioners are encouraged to attend. A list of nominations for Parish Council positions is on the notice board.

**LADIES LUNCH:** Next Tuesday, 20th February at Park Beach Bowling Club at 12 noon. Please add your name to the list if you are able to come.

**BIBLE STUDY/ HOME GROUPS:** There will be several study groups for Lenten studies which will begin in February. The ladies' study will begin on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st February at 2pm. There will be a study group at Ray & Kylie Cameron's on Wednesday evenings at 7pm starting on the 28th of February. The study at these groups will be Max Lucado's Six Hours One Friday - Living in the Power of the Cross. There will be a group at the parish office beginning on Wednesday 21st Feb at 7.30pm hosted by Bob & Helen Chambers. The study will be "Journeying with Jesus" - through Mark's gospel. Please consider being a part of these in some way. It is not too late to join.

**TAIZE:** A Taize service will be held on Wednesday 21st February at 6.30pm. Taize is a service of prayer, meditation and music and it is a peaceful way to unwind in our busy world. After the service, an inexpensive meal will be organised at one of the restaurants close to the church.

**FAREWELL AND GIFT FOR BISHOP SARAH:** Bishop Sarah's final service will be on the 3rd of March at Grafton Christ Church Cathedral and there will be a luncheon at the Grafton District Services Club (This will be at individuals own expense). Please call the Diocese if you are attending.

**PANCAKE NIGHT:** There were 38 adults plus about 8 children who attended our evening of indulgence known as Shrove Tuesday, the day before we start the penitent season of Lent. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening with the raspberry jam being the most popular flavour (in joke for those who were there) behind passion fruit and ice cream. A **BIG THANK YOU** to the team of men, and others, who assisted in this fellowship event.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** This year St John's is hosting the World Day of Prayer. It will be on Friday the 2nd of March at 11am. Please bring a plate of food to share. Everyone is welcome so come and join with members of the other Churches in Coffs Harbour and take this opportunity to pray for the world together.

**CCSM:** Coffs Coast School Ministry is always looking to recruit new teachers in all regions. We need to recruit new Scripture teachers. If you feel called to help with this ministry please speak to Rev'd Keith McPherson or Lois Drummond, phone: 02 6658 1626, Mobile: 0400 022 237.

**PARISH DIRECTORY:** The parish directory will soon be updated. If you would like to be included in the directory or have any change to your details, either email [stjohnscoffs@bigpond.com](mailto:stjohnscoffs@bigpond.com) or fill in a form available on the back table.

**MUSIC GROUP:** The Music Group from the 9am service welcome any new members to join them. If you enjoy singing or can play an instrument please speak to Audrey and Jill as they welcome any interest in the group.

**OP SHOP:** As the new year begins, the Op Shop Committee is again looking for volunteers. If you can do some ironing, serve in the shop or help in any way please speak to Lesley Miller, Carole Sunderland, Heather Tweedie, Jan Sheldon or Sandy Shearer.

**CLERGY MOVES:** it was announced yesterday that the Rev'd Katie Peken will be the next Rector of the Lower Macleay (South West Rocks). Katie is currently Assistant Priest in the Parish of Warragul in the Diocese of Gippsland.

It was also announced yesterday that the Rev'd Lyn Baldwin, Rector of Mullumbimby, has resigned and will be finishing her ministry at Mullumbimby on 18 May. Lyn came to us from the Diocese of Rockhampton. She and Howard plan to move to Gippsland. Please keep Katie, Lyn and Howard in your prayers as they prepare to move.

**PHOTOGRAPHS:** In light of the finding of the Royal Commission the Parish Council is at present working on a policy for the Parish in relation to photographs taken in the Church. Concerns have been raised by a number of people and therefore until we have a policy in place, Parish Council has moved that ***Photo's are not to be taken in the Church services or Church grounds unless it is a special occasion and permission is sought from the Presiding Priest.***

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

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**Op Shop** 6650 0433

## Officiating Priests

Rev'd Jan McLeod

Rev'd David Morgan

Rev'd Lenore Moules

Rev'd Dan Octigan

## Next Week

### Monday

8.30am

5.00pm

7.00pm

### 19th February

Morning Prayer

Prepare for Worship

Parish Council

### Tuesday

12 noon

1.15pm

2.00pm

3.00pm

### 20th February

Ladies Lunch, Park Beach  
Bowling Club

Masonic Village

Ladies Study Group—

Parish Office

St Joseph's Aged Care

### Wednesday 21st February

10.00am

10.00am

11.00am

2.00pm

5.45pm

6.30pm

7.30pm

Eucharist

Ingenia

Freedom

Ladies Study Group—

Parish Office

Evening Prayer

Taize

Study Group—Parish  
Office

### Thursday 22nd February

8.30am

### Friday

### 23rd February

### Saturday 24th February

5.00pm

6.00pm

African Men's Group

Eucharist

### Sunday

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

### 18th February

Eucharist

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Family Service

## Parish Bank Details for Direct Deposits

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