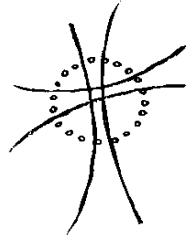




St John's
Anglican Church
Coffs Harbour
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The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
4th February 2018

The Gospel of Mark



This year our lectionary takes us on a journey through the Gospel of Mark. Mark's Gospel reports nothing concerning Jesus' birth, his childhood, or his activities prior to the time when he was baptized by John. Mark's gospel portrays Jesus as constantly on the move. The forward motion in Mark's writing keeps the reader's mind continually looking ahead to the cross and the resurrection. The challenge that Jesus presents to us in the book of Mark involves breaking out of those patterns of self-absorption and giving ourselves in service and love to others.

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:

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles. Isaiah 40.31

Prayer of the Day:

Saving God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, healed the sick and brought them wholeness of body and mind: inspire us, his disciples, so that we may constantly proclaim his gospel by our words and by the dedication and integrity of our lives; 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 11th February

2 Kings 2.1-12

Psalm 50.1-6

2 Corinthians 4.3-12

Mark 9.2-9

***Presiding and Preaching:
Rev'd David Morgan***

Dates for your Diary

February 3-4th	Discernment Synod Grafton
February 12th	Concert – Chamber Philharmonia Cologne
February 13th	Shrove Tuesday– Pancake night 5.30pm
February 14th	Ash Wednesday 10 am and 6pm services
February 10th	National Day of Prayer and Fasting
February 17th	Southern Gathering for +Sarah and Rev Ian
February 18th	AGM immediately following the 9am Service
March 2nd	World Day of Prayer
March 3rd	Bishop Sarah's final service– Grafton

Please Pray:

- ◆ We remember all those who are sick and need prayers:
Rose Marie & John Beston, Allan Crossingham, Nancy Tigwell, Tony Fookes, Robyn Michell, Doreen Brewin, Sue Brewin, Margaret Logue, Ron Randle, Dan Octigan, Margaret Fisher, Bill and Dianne Roberts, 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.
- ◆ 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 coming AGM and for all who feel led to nominate.

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE:

Don't miss this wonderful performance of Vivaldi, Bach, Tchaikovsky, Paganini and more. The concert will be held on the 12th of February at 8pm at St John's. Tickets will be available at the office between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday or at the door on the night. Ticket prices: Adult \$40, Concession \$35, Student/Child \$30. We look forward to a night of classical entertainment. AND please let others know also that this event is happening soon.

Isaiah 40.21–31

²¹ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

²³ who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵ To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

‘My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God’?

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹ but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Psalm 147.1-11
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1 Corinthians 9.16–23

¹⁶ If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim

the gospel! ¹⁷ For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. ¹⁹ For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark, Chapter 1 beginning at verse 29

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' ³⁸ He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' ³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible with Apocrypha

Coming Events & Notices

FAMILY SERVICE: This service has been cancelled for this week only because of Synod. Next week it will be at the usual time of 5.30pm on Sunday evening.

SHROVE TUESDAY—PANCAKES! Men's Group is hosting a pancake evening at 5.30pm. Enjoy savoury & sweet pancakes, fun and fellowship! \$5.00 per person, \$15.00 per family. All profits go to our Mission Appeal. If you need assistance with transport, please phone the Parish Office,

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY/ HOME GROUPS: 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— Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. There will also be a group at the parish office on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm hosted by Bob & Helen Chambers. These both begin on the 21st of February. Please consider being part of these. Sign up lists are on the notice board.

EfM (Education for Ministry) There will be an Information and Orientation EfM meeting at St John's house at 6.00 pm Tuesday 6th February. If you are interested please come, or phone Norma Anderson (66536010) if you cannot be at St John's on Tuesday. This will be the last opportunity for anyone to be involved with EfM this year as we may not have enough participants to continue the EfM program at St John's although there is an opportunity to study on-line.

LADIES LUNCH GROUP—Tuesday 20th February at 12noon. Park Beach Bowling Club. All Ladies are welcome there is a sign up sheet on the notice board.

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.

ANGLICAN MOTHERS UNION AUSTRALIA - COFFS GROUP - ASH WEDNESDAY - our group will meet on Wednesday 14th February at 10.00am for Eucharist followed by morning tea and fellowship. All welcome. Details of future meetings for 2018 please contact Jean Knight 66526049 or Gae Shorten 0408141146

LLM's SOUTHERN TRAINING DAY: 17th February at St John's followed by luncheon at 12.30pm.

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.***

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

AGM: The Parish Annual General Meeting will be on the **18th February** following the 9am service. Nomination forms for parish positions are now available. Nominations close at 1pm on Wednesday 7th February 2018. Please prayerfully consider the nominations and put this date in your diary.

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 .

ST JOHN'S DIARY: A Diary of Events for the year within the St John's Church Family is being produced. If you have any special events that you would like included please email stjohnscoffs@bigpond.com

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.

There will also be a gathering at St John's on the 17th February at 12.30pm. If you come on the 17th, please bring a plate of finger food to share. If you can help on the 17th please put your name on the list on the back board.

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Rev'd Dan Octigan

Next Week

Monday

8.30am
5.00pm

5th February

Morning Prayer
Prepare for
Worship

Tuesday

1.15pm
3.00pm

6th February

Masonic Village
St Joseph's
Aged Care

Wednesday 7th February

10.00am
10.00am
11.00am
5.45pm

Eucharist
Ingenia
Freedom
Evening Prayer

Thursday

8.30am

8th February

Morning Prayer

Friday

9th February

Saturday 10th February

2.30pm
5.00pm
6.00pm

Sewing Group
African Men's
Group
Eucharist

Sunday

7.00am
9.00am
5.30pm

11th February

Eucharist
Eucharist
Family Service

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