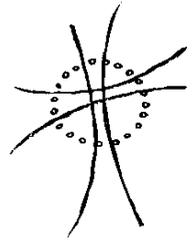




St John's
Anglican Church
Coffs Harbour
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Second Sunday in Lent
25th February 2018

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Jesus said to them “For what will it profit them to
gain the whole world and forfeit their life?”

Mark 8.36

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 want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him. Mark 8.34

Prayer of the Day:

God of all times and places,
in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross,
you opened for us the path to eternal life:
grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may
joyfully serve you in newness of life
and faithfully walk in your holy ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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 4th March

Exodus 20.1-17

Psalm 19

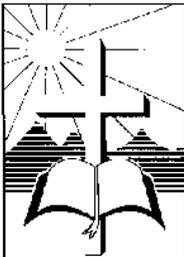
1 Corinthians 1.18-25

John 2.13-22

Preaching and Presiding:

6pm: Rev'd Anne Goode

7am & 9am: Rev'd David Morgan



Dates for your Diary

27 February	Aged Care Team Meeting
2 March	World Day of Prayer
12 March	Men's Group
15 March	Ladies Breakfast
19 March	Parish Council Meeting
21 March	Taize
21 March	Blessing of the Oils
24 March	Working Bee
25 March	Palm Sunday
29 March	Maundy Thursday
30 March	Good Friday

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.
- ◆ We give thanks for our Diocesan Schools and pray for all staff and students, particularly remembering the Chaplains.
- ◆ We pray for Bishop Sarah and Rev'd Ian as they prepare to leave their ministries in our Diocese.
- ◆ We pray for the coming year, that we continue the journey together, united, and in constant support and encouragement of each other. We give thanks for the Annual General Meeting and pray for the incoming Parish Council. As the people of God in this place may we will honour God in all we do and say.

Genesis 17.1–7, 15–16

¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ² And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' ³ Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴ 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ¹⁵ God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

<p style="text-align: center;">Psalm 22.24–32 Page 242 of APBA</p>
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Romans 4.13–25

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he

gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ²³ Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark, Chapter 8, beginning at verse 31

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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 THE DAY

Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion - it is a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ.

Billy Graham
1918 - 2018

Coming Events & Notices

AGED CARE TEAM MEETING: The first Aged Care Team Meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 27th February, commencing at 2.15pm in the Parish Office. Contact person: Bob Walsh, 6696 3399.

LAYING UP OF PASTORAL STAFF: Bishop Sarah's final service will be held on Saturday 3rd of March at Grafton Christ Church Cathedral, beginning at 10.00am. There will be a luncheon at the Grafton District Services Club (This will be at individuals own expense). Please call or email the Diocese if you are attending.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: This year St John's is hosting the World Day of Prayer. It will be on Friday 2nd 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.

MEN'S GROUP: The next gathering will be on Monday 12 March at 6pm. Please add your name to the list on the notice board and enjoy a meal and fellowship. Contact person: David Ford, 0418 654 909.

CCSM: Coffs Coast School Ministry is always looking to recruit new teachers in all regions. They 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 have changed your details or if you are not currently included in the directory and would like to be, either email stjohnscoffs@bigpond.com or fill in a form available on the back table.

MUSIC GROUP: Do you like to sing or play an instrument. The Music Group from the 9am service welcome any new members to join them. 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.

BIBLE STUDY/ HOME GROUPS: Study groups have started but it is not too late to join in. The ladies' studies are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 2pm in the Parish Office. There is a study group at Ray & Kylie Cameron's home on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. The study at these groups will be Max Lucado's Six Hours One Friday - Living in the Power of the Cross. There is a group at the Parish Office on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm hosted by Bob & Helen Chambers. The study will be "Journeying with Jesus - through Mark's Gospel".

INVITATIONS: Who can you invite to church? There may be a friend, neighbour or person that used to attend church and for some reason has stopped coming. Often it only takes a friendly invitation to make a difference in someone's life. So pray and consider who you can reach out to.

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.***

WORKING BEE: On Saturday 24th March there will be a working bee in and around the Church and Parish Office, starting at 8.00am. If you are able to help, please bring whatever tools you would like to use—gardening, dusting, cleaning etc. When the work is done, morning tea will be served!

CMS AUTUMN ENCOUNTER 2018: This will be held at Calrossy Anglican School, Tamworth, on 13-14 April. The theme is Gospel Entitlement, based on 1 Corinthians 8-10. Teacher: Richard Gibson, Principal of Brisbane School of Theology. Speaker: Rick Lewers, Bishop of Armidale. For more information and to register: www.cms.org.au/autumnencounter

LADIES BREAKFAST: The ladies will meet for breakfast on Thursday 15th March at 8am at Aanuka Resort. Please add your name to the list on the notice board. If you require transport, please contact Judy Bailey, 6651 3918 or Helen Chambers, 6651 5541 and this can be arranged.

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

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Rev'd David Morgan

Rev'd Lenore Moules

Rev'd Dan Octigan

Next Week

Monday 26th February
8.30am Morning Prayer
5.00pm Prepare for Worship

Tuesday 27th February
10.30am Legacy Nursing Home
1.30pm Coffs Nursing Centre
2.00pm Ladies Study Group—Parish Office
2.15pm Aged Care Team Meeting

Wednesday 28th February
10.00am Eucharist
11.00am Opal Aged Care
2.00pm Ladies Study Group—Parish Office
5.45pm Evening Prayer
7.00pm Study Group—Ray & Kylie Cameron's home
7.30pm Study Group—Parish Office

Thursday 1st March
8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 2nd March
11.00am World Day of Prayer

Saturday 3rd March
10.00am Laying Up Of Pastoral Staff—Grafton Cathedral
5.00pm African Men's Group
6.00pm Eucharist

Sunday 4th March
7.00am Eucharist
9.00am Eucharist
5.30pm Family Service

Parish Bank Details for Direct Deposits

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