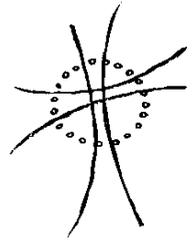




St John's
Anglican Church
Coffs Harbour
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Fifth Sunday of Easter
29th April 2018



facilitates scripture teachers to the 25 public primary and high schools in and around the Coffs Coast.

Our Vision

To see every student in our schools exposed to the gospel in a culturally relevant way with ongoing opportunities to respond and become involved in a local church.

Our Aim

To help these students make wise choices at a critical time in their lives with the helpful understanding of experienced, committed Christian teachers.

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:

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4.10–11

Prayer of the Day:

O God, form the minds of your faithful people, that we may love what you command and desire what you promise, so that, amid the many changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 6th May



Acts 10.44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5.1-12

John 15.9-17

Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Jan McLeod
LLM: Rob Sunderland

Dates for your Diary

2 May	Taize
5 May	Talking Circle Exercise
9 May	Ladies Lunch
12 May	Op Shop Garage Sale
19 May	Safe Church Training Day
20 May	Pentecost Parish Picnic
21-24 May	Clergy Retreat
21 May	Parish Council Meeting
27 May	Cursillo "Show Your Colours" Day
29 May	Aged Care team Meeting
3 June	Bishop Druitt College Sunday

Please Pray:

- ◆ We remember all those who are sick and need prayers:
Allan Crossingham, Brian Armstrong, Jennifer Noble, Rose Marie Beston, Nancy Tigwell, Doreen Brewin, Sue Brewin, Margaret Logue, Dan Octigan, Margaret Fisher, Barbara Williams, Norma Campbell.
- ◆ We continue to pray for Tony Fookes, Robyn Michell, 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, and Theresa.
- ◆ We pray for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones, especially the family of Millie Dodds
- ◆ We pray that we continue our journey together, united, and in constant support and encouragement of each other.
- ◆ We pray for our Diocese, Archdeacon Gail and the Registry staff. We ask that God will bless us with a new Bishop and we pray for those who are on the appointment committee to discern this person.

Acts 8.26-40

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' ³¹ He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Psalm 22.26–32

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1 John 4.7–21

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we

loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 15, beginning at verse 1

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

Coming Events & Notices

CCSM: We welcome CCSM Scripture teachers, Darren Gray and Joanne Butler to our services this weekend. CCSM is a vital ministry that gives children an opportunity to hear the gospel and to ask questions about God and faith. This ministry is funded and supported by generous Churches and individuals.

There has never been a bigger need for the truth of God to be in our schools. Please give a donation to this wonderful ministry.

PLANTS FOR OP SHOP GARAGE SALE: Our plant man David is no longer able to supply the abundance of plants that he once did, therefore if you can grow some plants to be sold on the day, it would be greatly appreciated. The Garage Sale will be on the 12th of May. There are empty pots available from the Op Shop.

TAIZE: The next Taize Service will be on Wednesday May the 2nd at 6.30pm. Taize is a very relaxing, quiet and meditative service of prayer and song. There is usually a simple fellowship meal afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

LADIES LUNCH: The next ladies lunch will be at the Coast Hotel beginning at 12 noon on Wednesday, the 9th May. Please add your name to the sign up list on the back notice board. Come, bring a friend and enjoy some fellowship.

5TH OF MAY: TALKING CIRCLE: On the 5th of May at 9.00am the Parish will be holding a Talking Circle Exercise. This is an opportunity to have your say, to speak openly and honestly in a non-threatening environment as to where the parish is heading, and how you think the parish is presently.

It will be followed by a short service for those who would like to stay and after which there will be a bring and share lunch. Please keep this date free and come to be a part of this opportunity.

The Talking Circle will be facilitated by Rev'd Canon Zoe Everingham and Archdeacon Matthew Jones. Please come if you can to offer your thoughts, participate and listen to each other as we seek future possibilities for God's work in our parish. All members of St John's are invited to come.

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE: Various items including Treatment Voucher from Tranquility Beauty & Massage Retreat Pacific Bay Resort to support the Hospital Chaplaincy Fund. Tickets available St John's Op Shop \$1 per ticket. Drawn Wednesday 9th May.

EfM: A new EfM group has started at St John's with a minimum number so just in case there is still someone who may be interested in joining please call Norma Anderson 6653 6010.

MISSION OF THE MONTH in April is **CMS**, the Church Missionary Society. The latest prayer letters from Keith & Mary Lou Doe and Kirstin Hawkshaw in Nepal are posted on the notice board. Read about the brand new buildings of the Kathmandu International Study Centre on the new site and Kirstin's marriage on the 22nd of April. If you would like a copy of the letters contact Rob Sunderland on 6656 4893.

LADIES STUDY GROUPS: The Psalms are poetry and the Psalms are prayer. These two features need to be kept in mind to help us to better understand the Psalms. The study booklet "Psalms, Prayer of the Heart" will be the basis of a series of weekly studies to be held in the Parish House. Two groups are being planned on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 2pm, commencing on 8/9th May. If you would like to join others for these studies please add your name to the list on the notice board and indicate which group you are able to join. If you would like to do the study but these times don't suit, then please indicate a suitable time and place on the list. Further details from Rev'd Anne or Ruth Cooper.

FAMILY SERVICE: Our Family Service begins again this week. Sunday nights at 5.30pm. This service is informal and follows a relaxed format. It is ideal for families with children who wish to have Church time without stress time! The family service offers opportunity for conversation and creativity as well as an informal Eucharist. Contact Rev'd Anne for more information. Everyone is welcome.

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Next Week

Monday 30th April

8.30am Morning Prayer
5.00pm Prepare for
Worship

Tuesday 1st May

1.15pm Masonic Village
3.00pm St Joseph's Aged
Care

Wednesday 2nd May

5.45pm Evening Prayer
6.30pm Taize

Thursday 3rd May

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 4th May

Saturday 5th May

6.00pm Eucharist

Sunday 6th May

7.00am Eucharist
9.00am Eucharist

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