

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

The year has taken off. Our new Parish Council (with 17 members!) met last Monday evening. There was a great spirit of cooperation and anticipation, looking forward to seeing our Parish develop in 2018 and beyond.

We spent most of our time discussing and organising a new portfolio structure that will help us move in the direction we believe God is leading us. We will have a flowchart of the portfolio structure on our website soon. The portfolios are:

1. Services
2. Pastoral Care
3. Education
4. Evangelism
5. Administration
6. Grounds & Buildings.

There may be some tweaking of how these portfolios operate over time as ministry develops but our focus in all of them is to bring glory to God and the message of salvation in Christ to the wider community of the Keppel Coast. Please pray for your Parish Council.

David

DATE CLAIMERS

MARCH		
Wednesday March 14th, 21st & 28th	ALPHA	6.15pm St James
Monday March 19th	Healing Service with Revd. David Gentle	7.30pm St Faith's Chapel
Friday March 23rd	Men's Dinner Ladies Dinner	6.30pm Phil's Place 6.30pm Waterline
Sunday March 25th	Palm Sunday	Both Churches
March 29th to April 1st	Easter Services	See next week's Pew Sheet

Anglican Parish of Keppel
MARCH 11th, 2018



St. James the Fisherman
18 Housden Place
Taranganba

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Emu Park



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Parish Office - Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8.30 - 11.30am. Ph. 4911 9862 Closed Wednesday	
SERVICES St James – Yeppoon	SERVICES Christ Church – Emu Park
Saturday 6.00 pm Holy Communion	
Sunday 7.30 am Holy Communion	Sunday 8.30am Holy Communion
9.30 am Family Service	Wednesday 9:00am Prayer Group
Tuesday 8.30 am Morning Prayer	
Third Thursday of the month 9.30am	



Prayer of the Day (Collect) Everlasting God in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you: give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness prevent us from doing it; that in your light we may see light, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Week Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

<p align="center"><u>THIS WEEKS READINGS</u></p> <p align="center">Fourth Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Numbers 21.4-9 Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2.1-10 John 3.14-21</p>	<p align="center"><u>NEXT WEEKS READINGS</u></p> <p align="center">Fifth Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Jeremiah 31.31-34 Psalm 119.9-16 Hebrews 5.5-14 John 12.20-33</p>
<p align="center"><u>THE CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA</u></p> <p align="center">The Diocese of Gippsland Bishop Kay Goldsworthy Benjamin James</p>	<p align="center"><u>THE DIOCESE - CQ</u></p> <p align="center">Gladstone Parish St Saviour's Gladstone with St Luke's Ubobo St Peter's Clinton Union Church Calliope All Saints' Mt Larcom Daniel Paulraj Dianne Milligan</p>
<p align="center"><u>Prayers For The Elderly</u></p> <p>Bill Carmichael, John Quaife, Moya Devine, Mary Peacock, Olga Evans,</p>	<p align="center"><u>Long Term Prayer Support</u></p> <p>Graham McCamley, Ron & Ivy Rendell, Barry Tennent, Dell Winkelmann, Michael Busteed</p>
<p align="center"><u>Special Prayers</u></p> <p>Neil Morton, June Waymouth, Danny Daffey, Fay Weston, Dorothy Williamson, Anita Suthers, Rebecca van Diem, Ron Rapley, Eloisa Wogand, Margaret Holland, Delroy Percy, George Van Lathum, Norm Pearce</p>	<p align="center"><u>OFFERTORY FOR WEEK</u></p> <p><i>Week to March 4th</i> ACTUAL - \$3,160.00 BUDGET - \$3,097.82</p> <p><i>Year to Date Jan 1st to March 4th</i> ACTUAL - \$23,925.90 BUDGET - \$27,925.81</p>
<p align="center"><u>BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUPS</u></p> <p>MONDAY Private Home with Lyn Timms (4939 7962) Weekly - Pvte home @ 10.30am</p> <p>TUESDAY Prayer Group with Lyn Oliver Weekly - St James @ 1.45pm Bible Study with Rev David Weekly - Rectory @ 2.30pm Men's Group with Madoc Schlencker Weekly until March 27th St Faith's Chapel @ 7pm</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Christ Church Prayer Group with Lyn Booth Weekly @ 9am Bible Study with Tony & Roberta Vaughan 5 Monaco Dv, Zilzie Bay @ 7pm. 0416 311 552</p>	<p align="center"><u>BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUPS</u></p> <p>THURSDAY CARV with Les Saunders 2nd & 4th Thursday @ 11am</p> <p>FRIDAY Ladies Group with Colleen Dettrick Weekly - St James @ 1.30pm</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><u>DIRECT BANKING DETAILS</u></p> <p>For anyone wishing to use Direct Debit for their giving please see the bank details below: Bank: Bank of Qld. BSB: 124180 A/c: 21415102</p> <p>For anyone wanting to Direct Debit to ANFIN, please contact Denise on 0438 670 146</p>



PLEASE NOTE:
There is now a new phone number for the Parish Office 4911 9862.



BUSH CHURCH AID:
Donation boxes for BCA are due to be returned during March.
Anyone who hasn't a box can get one from Desley.

IMPORTANT:

All Church volunteers are required to have a Blue Card endorsed by the Diocese, and have completed Safe Ministry. If you have a Blue Card from another organisation you can link it to the Diocese online.
BLUE CARD & SAFE MINISTRY FORMS are both available online and in the Office. Please see Janet on a Monday morning between 8.30am & 11.30am if you need any information or assistance.

SUNDAY JOURNALS: We have some Sunday Journals left over in the Office if anyone would like to purchase them at a cost of \$12.50 each.
LENT: Feb - April (2 copies). PENTECOST: June - Aug (3 copies)
TRINITY: Sept - Nov (3 copies).

Please bring correct money to the Office and pick up your selection, or you can place money in a clearly marked envelope in the collection plate on the weekend.
ADVENT Sunday Journals are now available to be ordered. Please let the Office know if you would like to purchase one.

ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE:
Bishop David and Jan Robinson invite you to join them on a *Pilgrimage to Israel in 2019*, in conjunction with Anglican Tours Australia. For more details of this opportunity of a life time, please go to the link below.

<http://anglicantours.com.au/361Turkey/indexisrael.html>

A poster with more information is also displayed in the Foxwell Room, St James & Christ Church.



ABM APPEAL: ABM-A has launched an emergency appeal to help the people of PNG in response to the recent earthquake in the Southern Highlands province of PNG. This significant natural disaster has caused widespread damage and left about 150,000 people in urgent need of humanitarian assistance.

Our Diocese actively supports this area in PNG and a donation can be made via ABM at

<https://www.abmission.org/appeals.php/116/png-earthquake-emergency-appeal>
Donations can also be placed in an ordinary envelope marked ABM PNG Appeal and place it in the collection plate.

1st Reading**Numbers 21.4-9**

⁴ They travelled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go round Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵ they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!' ⁶ Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷ The people came to Moses and said, 'We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ The Lord said to Moses, 'Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.' ⁹ So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

Psalm**Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22**

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
for his loving mercy is for ever.
² Let the Lord's redeemed say so:
whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
³ And gathered in from every land, from the east and from the west:
from the north and from the south.
¹⁷ Fools were far gone in transgression:
and because of their sins were afflicted.
¹⁸ They sickened at any food:
and had come to the gates of death.
¹⁹ Then they cried to the Lord in their distress:
and he took them out of their trouble.
²⁰ He sent his word and healed them:
and saved their life from the Pit.
²¹ Let them thank the Lord for his goodness:
and for the wonders that he does for the children of Adam;
²² Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving:
and tell what he has done with shouts of joy.

2nd Reading**1Ephesians 2.1-10**

¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Gospel**John 3.14-21**

¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.' ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹ This is the verdict: light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

