

14th July 2024, Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

SURF REPORT



SURFERS PARADISE

Hello Surfers!

We have Michelle Philp joining us today from the Gold Coast University Hospital, which is our mission focus for the month of July. Rather than a financial offering we're asking for donations of products for those who are in hospital (Dee has made a list of most requested items elsewhere in today's Surf Report). I'm really looking forward to hearing what Michelle has to say about the ministry there.

In today's Old Testament reading we read about King David's work in returning the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem, after it had been abandoned in foreign lands (2 Sam. 6:1-5, 12-19). Given what we learned last week about 10th Century BC culture, it is interesting that Queen Michal despised King David's dancing with abandon with the people as they led the Ark through the city.

Our psalm today is one of King David's, speaking about the holiness of God and His sovereignty (Ps. 24). It is largely believed to be a processional hymn, and probably what was sung in the above Old Testament reading by David as he danced with the people before the Ark. It is a call to righteousness and purity, making it even more intriguing if it was sung by a half-naked, dancing David!

The gospel reading today recalls the events surrounding the beheading of John the Baptist, the cousin of Jesus (Mk. 6:14-29). John had spoken out about the unlawful marriage of Herod to his Sister-in-law, Herodias, and found himself imprisoned for it. Although Herod seemingly didn't want John killed, he gave in to pressure and had John killed anyway.

Tuesday afternoon's Bible Study group is currently working through the book of Ephesians, which is where our New Testament reading is from today (Eph. 1:1-14). These verses speak about our predestination to be with God as His chosen people, adopted and grafted into His family through the work of Jesus. What a delight to know that God blesses us through His grace to be considered holy and blameless.

We look again in today's sermon at the Song of Solomon (AKA the Song of Songs), which has vivid natural imagery to describe the arrival of Spring and the beauty it brings (Song 2:8-13). The blossoming of flowers, the singing of birds, and the season of pruning vines all symbolise renewal, fertility and the beauty of awakening love. It also emphasises themes of love, faithfulness, and the joy of union. I look forward to unpacking this with you today.

I pray you have a great week.
Jim Raistrick,
Priest-in-charge.



TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

2 Samuel 6.1-5, 12-19
(page 244)
Psalm 24
Ephesians 1.1-14
(page 949)
Mark 6.14-29 (page 817)

MONDAY 15TH JULY

8.30am Morning Prayer
11.30am Craft Lunch
2.30pm Conversation English

TUESDAY 16TH JULY

8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Paintpots
3.30pm Pure Dance

WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY

8.00am Indoor Fitness
8.30am Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion
3.00pm Pure Dance

THURSDAY 18TH JULY

8.00am Christian Meditation
8.30am Morning Prayer

FRIDAY 19TH JULY

(Jim's day off)
9.30 am Mainly Music
11.00 am Pure Dance

SATURDAY 20TH JULY

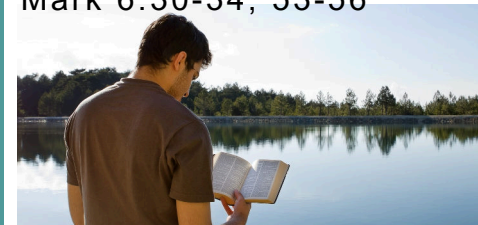
8.30am Indoor Fitness
9.00am Music Practice

SUNDAY 21ST JULY

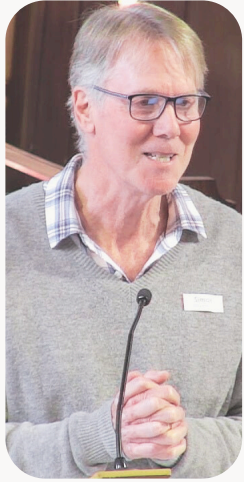
7.30am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion
11.30am Church Luncheon

BIBLE READINGS FOR 21ST JULY

2 Samuel 7.1-14
Psalm 89 vs 21-38
Ephesians 2.11-22
Mark 6.30-34, 53-56



CHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS



Please join us for an insightful session led by The Rev'd Simon Manchester, as he explores the 'Untangling of the Apostle Paul's Prayers'
3rd August 2024
10.00am
Bring along a plate to share,
event held in the Fellowship Hall

Did You Know?

Anglicans are Reformed Protestants, which means we believe the Bible to be the inspired word of God, hold to two Sacraments; Baptism and Communion, and are guided by the Creeds and Thirty-Nine Articles in our faith.

JOIN A BIBLE STUDY GROUP in 2024

Please phone/email the contact person to join a group:

TUESDAYS

3.15 pm Jim Raistrick 0499 773 570

WEDNESDAYS

10.00 am George Stuart 0407 741 669

11.00 am Judith Atkins 5532 0798

11.00am Jim Raistrick 0499 773 570

2.30 pm George Stuart (at John Buchanan)

THURSDAYS

7.00 pm Sandra Uptin

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7.00 pm Robert Kelly 0439 339 395



Ian Watt 14th July
Pat Chan-Schatz 16th July
Marieanne Sharp 16th July
Valerie Bennett 20th July

LUNCH

Sunday 21st July
11:30am-1pm



Bring along a plate to share

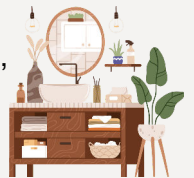
TARA MISSION 2024

Friday, **30th August to Monday, 2nd September 2024**

An opportunity to provide encouragement, support and ministry to the people of Tara.
Further details from Judith Atkins



In Remembrance
Raymond Vaughan 15th July
Thora Green 16th July
David Newnham 20th July



Personal TOILETRIES are most welcomed by the Gold Coast University Hospital, a special request for disposable razors, combs, brushes, hair detangling products, deodorants, all donations are appreciated.



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