



SURF REPORT

Hello Surfers!

This week I'll be attending the annual Provincial Clergy Conference in the QT Centre. Not too far, but I'll be largely incommunicado apart from any breaks we might have. The best way to reach me is via email, as I'll be checking it regularly.

In today's Old Testament reading we recall the beginning of King Solomon's reign, following the death of his father, David (1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14). As we discussed last month, Solomon did not follow all the ways that God had instructed the Israelites to behave, offering sacrifices to false gods and burning incense to their honour. Despite this, God was generous to Solomon and granted him wisdom to govern well.

Our psalm for today speaks of this faithfulness of God, offering Him praise, reverence and adoration due Him (Ps. 111). It highlights the greatness of God's works, which are noted to be majestic and worthy of study. God's deeds are powerful and demonstrate His divine power. The psalm concludes by stating that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Those who follow God's commandments and uphold His precepts are considered wise, and this reverence is foundational to understanding and living a righteous life.

Christians have a relationship with God the Father through the sacrificial acts and love of Jesus, God the Son. In our New Testament reading today from the Apostle Paul, we are provided practical guidance for Christian living, which focusses on how believers should conduct themselves (Eph. 5:11-21). It discusses how we should avoid the unfruitful works of darkness, exposing them for what they truly are: useless and wrong. Rather, we should live as children of light reflecting goodness, righteousness and truth with our lives.

We continue today working through our August sermon series on Jesus as the Bread of Life. Today's reading explores the concept of Jesus as the living bread; His purpose bringing spiritual nourishment and life to those who consume Him (Jn. 6:51-58). This deep, intimate relationship offered by Jesus enables Christians to access eternal life, and they will rise up with Him on the last day.

We have another baptism coming up again shortly in the 9:30am service, and it's truly wonderful to see the level of enquiry from people coming to the Lord. If you know someone who might be interested in baptism please let them know to contact me and we can arrange something mutually suitable.

I pray you have a great week.

Jim Raistrick,
Priest-in-charge.



TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14
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Psalm 111

Ephesians 5.11-21

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John 6.51-58 (Page 868)

MONDAY 19TH AUGUST

9.30am Craft Group

TUESDAY 20TH AUGUST

9.30am Paintpots

10.00am CMS/BCA Fellowship

3.30pm Pure Dance

7.00pm Game Night Tuesdays

WEDNESDAY 21ST AUGUST

8.00am Indoor Fitness

10.00am Holy Communion -
The Rev'd Lima Bray

3.00pm Pure Dance

THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST

8.00am Christian Meditation

FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST

(Jim's day off)

9.30 am Mainly Music

11.00 am Pure Dance

SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST

8.30am Indoor Fitness

9.00am Music Practice

SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST

7.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion

BIBLE READINGS FOR 25TH AUGUST

1 Kings 8.22-30, 41-43

Psalm 84

Ephesians 6.10-20

John 6.56-69



CHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS

2024 Clergy Conference Week
19th to 23rd August
The Rev'd Jim's *Bible Study* and
Conversation English will be
cancelled for this week.

20th August 10.00am
CMS/BCA Fellowship Meeting



MONDAY 19TH
AUGUST

International
Buy-a-Priest-a-Beer
Day



**Monthly Council Meeting will be held
on the 26th August, at 6.30 pm**

We are liturgical.

This means that we follow the ancient, biblical pattern of worship through our Book of Common Prayer (founded in its most basic form on the Lord's Prayer) this guides what we do and say in worship and prayer. We follow the Church year, a Christian calendar of seasons, feasts and fasts. While we don't believe that liturgical worship is essential to being a true church, we do believe that it is Scriptural, historical, and beneficial. We believe in holy matrimony, confession and reconciliation, ordination and confirmation, and anointing of the sick and dying as important rites that convey God's grace.



Happy Birthday
June Magann 21st August,
Vivian Harris 22nd August,
Lyn Aitken 23rd August

**Wednesday Holy Communion,
21st August**
The Rev'd Lima Bray will be in
presiding.

JOIN A BIBLE STUDY GROUP in 2024

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

TUESDAYS

3.15pm Jim Raistrick 0499 773 570

WEDNESDAYS

10.00am George Stuart 0407 741 669
11.00am Judith Atkins 5532 0798
11.00am Jim Raistrick 0499 773 570
2.30pm George Stuart (at John Buchanan)
6.30pm New Wednesday Group,
The Bible Project, Barry Doyle 0414 931 010

THURSDAYS

7.00pm Sandra Uptin Sandrauptin@icloud.com
7.00pm Robert Kelly 0439 339 395

Memorial Service – Hero "Ro" Mougros
Our dear sister in Christ, Ro, died suddenly
on June 13, 2024. A memorial service will be
held at Sommerville Funeral Chapel (44 Nind
Street, Southport) on Friday September 6
commencing at 2pm. All are welcome.



In Loving Memory
Dorothy Nell Edwards 19th August
Myrtle Horner 24th August



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