

Hello Surfers!

This past week I have been in Clergy Conference with all the other staff that work in our region. It was a great time of collaboration and quite uplifting. This coming week I'm playing a bit of 'catch up' with home and hospital visits for those of us who are not able to come to church as regularly. The following week Lee and I will be away for an annual break for a week.

Our Old Testament reading today continues with the account of the time of King Solomon, noting his dedication of the temple built for God (1 Kings 8:22-30,41-43). In this dedication Solomon acknowledges the greatness of God, emphasising that He is sovereign and unique. During these prayers Solomon requests that God forgive His people's sin when they repent and turn back to Him. A clear precursor to the work Jesus does on the cross for those who accept Him as their Lord and Saviour.

Today's psalm beautifully captures the themes of longing for divine presence, the blessedness of worship, the strength and joy found in God's presence, and the assurance of His protection and provision (Ps. 84). God is referred to here as a "shield", signifying His role as protector and defender of His people.

In our New Testament for today we encounter the well-known passage from Ephesians where the Apostle Paul describes the "armour of God" (Eph. 6:10-20). He begins by urging Christians to be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power – this strength comes from relying on God's power rather than our own. It is worthwhile to consider that we are in a spiritual battle against powers dedicated to evil, and that we must stand firm on our professed beliefs and not give in to temptations that come upon us. Overall, prayer is critical in this fight that we find ourselves in.

We continue our August sermon series today considering Jesus as the Bread of Life, explored a little more in today's allocated gospel reading (Jn. 6:56-69). This passage is critical in our work because it shows the confusion and difficulty those first century hearers of Jesus had in understanding what was being said. The cross is an offence to humanity, particularly where we long to depend upon ourselves and lean on our own understandings. Many of those who had followed Jesus up until this moment departed Him after hearing these words.

I pray you have a great week.

Jim Raistrick,
Priest-in-charge.



TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

1 Kings 8.22-30, 41-43
(page 272)
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6.10-20 (page 952)
John 6.56-69 (page 868)

MONDAY 26TH AUGUST

8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Craft Group (HC)
2.30pm Conversation English
6.30pm Council Meeting

TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST

8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Paintpots
3.30pm Pure Dance

WEDNESDAY 28TH AUGUST

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

THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST

8.00am Christian Meditation
8.30am Morning Prayer

FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST

GOLD COAST SHOW DAY
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST

8.30am Indoor Fitness
9.00am Music Practice

SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

7.30am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion

BIBLE READINGS FOR 1ST SEPTEMBER

Song of Songs 2.8-13
Psalm 45
James 1.17-27
Mark 7.1-8, 7.14-23
Purity



CHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS

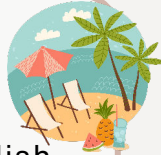
**Monday 2nd to Friday 7th
September 2024**

The Rev'd Jim will be on holiday.

Please Note:

There will be no Conversation English class, Morning Prayer and Rev'd Jim's Bible Study for that week.


The Rev'd Lima Bray will be officiating the Wednesday HC Service at 10am.



Happy Birthday

Marie Engel 26th August
Dee Dodd 28th August
Barry Doyle &
Suze Ross 29th August
Bill Nott 30th August
Grietha Brodie 31st August



Friday 30th August is a  Gold Coast holiday the Parish office will be closed on this day. Thank you

Memorial Service

Hero "Ro" Moungras

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 6th, at 2pm.**

All are welcome.

Monthly Council Meeting
this Monday 26th August,
at 6.30 pm

Sunday, 15th September, 2024

An invitation to a Magic of Music afternoon. Held at the Ashmore Uniting Church 144 Cotlew Street, 2.00 pm.

The talented Gold Coast Students will be performing. The afternoon is popular with classical music enthusiasts. All welcome!

You would have to be inspired by the dedication and talent of these young people. We look forward to sharing this afternoon of music with you.

Great afternoon tea is served.

Regards, Diane Browne
Any enquiries please ring,
Ashmore Uniting Church
55972429 or Di 0418757517



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

Jan Tripney and Winifred Leer
25th August

Margaret Maree 27th August
Pam Jenks and Edwin Knight
28th August

Mary Hooker 29th August
Keith Rowe 30th August

in loving memory



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