

SURF REPORT

Church of the Holy Spirit

Hello Surfers!

We conclude our sermon series on the book of Hebrews today. So far this month we've considered the Supremacy of Christ, the Sympathy of Christ, the Salvation of Christ and today we consider the Sacrifice of Christ. I hope you've enjoyed our walk through of this complex book.

Our Old Testament reading today marks the resolution of the account of Job, emphasising themes of repentance, restoration and the sovereignty of God (Job 42:1-6,10-17). We note Job humbly acknowledging God's wisdom and his own limitations, repenting for questioning divine judgement. These passages highlight the importance of humility before God and the recognition that human understanding is limited in the face of divine will. It ends reinforcing themes of trust, restoration and the mystery of God's purpose in human suffering.

Today's psalm is a beautiful expression of praise, trust and God's deliverance (Ps. 34:1-8). In these verses King David commits to continually praising the Lord, exalting Him for His goodness, reflecting on how God delivered him from fear and trouble when he sought Him. It offers assurance that those who turn to God will not be ashamed. The key message in verse 8 is an invitation to personally experience God's goodness and mercy. It encourages believers to trust in God's protection, provision and His faithfulness in difficult times.

In our gospel reading for today we read the account of the healing of blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52). This emphasises for us faith, persistence and Jesus' power to bring restoration. Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, calls out to Jesus for mercy despite the crowd's attempts to silence him. His persistence demonstrates unwavering faith, and when Jesus calls him forward Bartimaeus throws off his cloak – a symbolic way of casting away his old life. This passages highlights the transformative power of faith and Jesus' compassion for those who seek Him, showing that faith can lead to profound healing and new life.

As mentioned earlier, today's sermon explores Jesus' sacrifice as the ultimate and eternal High Priest (Heb. 7:21-28). We know that Jesus' priesthood is established by God's oath, making it superior to the Levitical priesthood, which was based on lineage. For Jesus, however, we recognise His sinlessness impacts His sacrifice, making His the perfect, once-for-all sacrifice which brings about complete salvation and direct access to God. We explore these themes today, noting how Jesus' sacrifice is final, perfect, and transformative to those who will accept it.

Don't forget Parish Council is on tomorrow evening from 6:30pm for those of us on duty. I pray you have a great week.

Jim Raistrick,
Priest-in-charge.

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

Job 42.1-6, 42.10-17
Psalm 34.1-8
Hebrews 7.21-28
Mark 10.46-52

Sacrifice of Christ

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER

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

TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER

8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Paintpots
3.30pm Pure Dance

WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER

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

THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER

8.00am Christian Meditation
8.30am Morning Prayer

FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

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

SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

8.30am Indoor Fitness
9.00am Music Practice

SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

7.30am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion

BIBLE READINGS FOR 3RD NOVEMBER

Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9: 11-15
Mark 12:13-17
28-34



CHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Pamela Gray 29th October, Adele Wegner 30th October
Pam Doyle 1st November

Dear Church Family,

My heartfelt and sincerest thanks are extended to you all for your prayers, best wishes, cards, visits and kind thoughts on the occasion of my less-than-elegant episode.

I am now at home and hobbling around, gaining strength slowly.

You have all sustained me in spirit during a rather painful journey (still painful!!) and I look forward to returning to the fold as soon as possible. Sincerest love, Jude.

A message of thanks from
Michelle Philp

GOLD COAST UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

I wanted to let you know the amazing responses we have had after delivering your Parishioners donations yesterday. Judy Dean and I took up a trolley load to ICU, and we met with nurse Kate (CNC), Kate could not stop saying wow, oh my gosh how amazing. As we unpacked and stored the items, Kate would take a deodorant, lip balm and body cream for a specific patient, saying this would be perfect for XXX as she has been in ICU for 42 days. It was truly heart warming and we thank you all.

Church Council has appointed an architect to design our new Church building, and we are hopeful to receive the first draft by the end of October.

Coming Soon

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

John Forthergill 28th October
John Borthistle 29th October



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Please continue your kindness as we seek to make Jesus known across our city.
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