3RD AUGUST 2025, EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SURF REPORT

Church of the Holy Spirit

SURFERS PARADISE ANGLICAN CHURCH

Hello Surfers!

Today we are joined by James Smith, the Scripture Union school Chaplain we support at Benowa High School. It will be great to hear from James again on how things have changed with some of the updates to school policies. Please join me in welcoming James, and note that our retiring offering today will be for the ministry and work of Scripture Union in schools.

In one of the most tender and moving passages in Scripture, God speaks as a loving parent, recalling how He taught Israel to walk and held them close (Hosea 11:1-11). Despite Israel's rebellion, God's compassion overrules His anger. "How can I give you up?" He cries, revealing a heart that aches for His people. Even when we turn away, God remains faithful, always calling us home with mercy.

Today's psalm invites us to give thanks to the Lord, whose steadfast love endures forever (Ps. 107:1-7,43). It recounts how God rescues the lost, satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. Those who are wise will ponder these stories and see the kindness of the Lord. As a community, we are encouraged to remember and retell God's goodness across generations.

Paul calls believers to set their hearts and minds on things above, for their lives are now hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:1–11). We are to strip away the old self-anger, greed, impurity - and clothe ourselves with Christ. There is no room for division, for in Christ all are made new. The Christian life is not merely about avoiding sin but about living into a new identity grounded in the risen Lord.

Jesus responds to a man's demand for inheritance with a parable about a rich fool who stored up treasures but neglected his soul (Lk. 12:13–21). Life, Jesus teaches, does not consist in the abundance of possessions. This sobering story challenges us to examine what we are investing in - and to consider whether our hearts are truly rich toward God. In a world of consumerism, the Gospel calls us to eternal priorities.

Please remember that we will be having our church lunch from 11:30am, so bring a plate of food to share and enjoy great company. Next Thursday, the 7th August, we will have a morning tea and hear from Simba from African Enterprise. I am looking forward to meeting Simba in person and hearing about their work in Africa.

I pray you have a blessed week.
Jim Raistrick
Rector

BIBLE READINGS 10TH AUGUST 2025

Isaiah 1.1,10-20
Psalm 50.1-8,23-24
Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16
Luke 12.32-40

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

Hosea 11.1-11
Psalm 107.1-9;43
Colossians 3.1-11
Luke 12.13-21

"Rich towards God"

MONDAY 4TH AUGUST
8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Craft

TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST
8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Paintpots
3.00pm Pure Dance

WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST
8.00am Indoor Fitness
8.30am Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion
3.00pm Pure Dance

THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST
8.30am Morning Prayer
8.00am Christian Meditation
10.00AM African Enterprise Morning Tea

FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST
JIM'S DAY OFF
9.30am Mainly Music
11.00am Pure Dance

SATURDAY 9TH AUGUST
8.30am Indoor Fitness
9.00am Music Practice

SUNDAY 10TH AUGUST
MARY SUMNER DAY
7.30am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion
5.30pm Holy Communion

CHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS

THE IMPORTANCE OF CHURCH MUSIC

Music in the church service holds a treasured and purposeful role within Anglican worship, helping to lift our hearts and minds to God, to proclaim His Word, and to join our voices in unity as the body of Christ. From the psalms of David to the hymns and spiritual songs of the early Church (Colossians 3:16), music has always been a response to God's goodness and a means of shaping our faith. It teaches, comforts, challenges and expresses the inexpressible joy of knowing Christ. Not all music used in worship will be to everyone's personal taste, but Scripture reminds us that sincere praise takes many forms. In 2 Samuel 6:14–16, we see King David dancing with all his might before the Lord; an act of worship that was met with disdain by Michal, Saul's daughter. Yet David's heart was tuned to God's glory, not to human approval. So too in our churches today, we are invited to receive music not just with our preferences, but with grace, remembering that worship is offered for God's delight, not our own. Whether through a traditional hymn, a chanted psalm, or a more contemporary song, may our music serve the higher purpose of glorifying God and edifying one another in the Spirit.

JOIN A BIBLE STUDY GROUP 2025

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

TUESDAYS

1.30pm Jim Raistrick 0499 773 570
7.00pm Sandra Uptin Sandrauptin@icloud.com
7.00pm Robert Kelly 0439 339 395

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
6.30pm Wednesday Evening Fellowship Group Barry Doyle 0414931010

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Patsy Baumann 7th August,
Jenny Fothergill 8th
Joy McNiven 10th

Memorial Flowers
Peter Hobart 7th August

In loving memory of our wonderful husband and father, from Jenny, Craig, Nigel, David and Mark

2025 AMUA RETIRING COLLECTION

The AMUA Brisbane Diocese facilitates a retiring collection for **Mary Sumner Day** each year. **On Sunday 10th August 2025** we are asking Anglican churches throughout the Diocese to hold a retiring collection to raise funds for the Youth Homelessness Accommodation Project currently under construction in Logan by Anglicare SQ.

Yours in Christ, The Most Reverend Jeremy Greaves KCSJ Archbishop of Brisbane

Should you wish to make a direct donations.
AMUA Brisbane Diocesan Council -
BSB 704-901 Account 00011180

PLEASE JOIN US THIS WEEK !!

AFRICAN ENTERPRISE MORNING TEA

Thursday 7th August 2025
at 10am in the Church Hall
Please bring
along a plate to share

CLERGY CONFERENCE (Noosa Heads)

Rev'd Jim will be attending and out of office on the 11th to the 14th August 2025

PRAYER HOUR SATURDAY

6th September - 10 am to 11 am
Nan's Place (Church) Lead By Sandra Uptin

THANK YOU for your ongoing generosity and support, to fund the ministry and mission of Surfers Paradise Anglican Church.

Please continue your kindness as we seek to make Jesus known across our city.
You can do this electronically - BSB : 704-901 Account : 00000630
Anglican Parish of Surfers Paradise OR ...if you would like to arrange a direct debit contact the office—we will email you the ANFIN Parish Direct Form
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