

Hello Surfers!

Today we have Rachel Snelling joining us from Griffith University, Rachel will be sharing a little about how new students are settling in, letting us know about the work they're doing there, and advising of some prayer points for this time of year. I'm really looking forward to having Rachel with us, as the work they're doing is so vital in reaching people for the gospel.

We turn to the book of Ruth for our Old Testament focus today, where we see on display true faithfulness and loyalty from a person who has ever reason to turn away (Ruth 1:1-18). Ruth's declaration to stay with her Mother-in-Law, Naomi, exemplifies "hesed" – covenant loyalty – that mirrors God's faithfulness to His people. This is real love that goes far beyond obligation.

Our psalm reading emphasises trust in God rather than human leaders, showing hope in God's eternal kingdom (Ps. 146). God is the sustainer of all creation, a compassionate defender of the oppressed, and liberator of captives. This psalm inspires us to praise God for His unchanging character and unwavering justice, offering hope in His eternal reign.

In our New Testament reading for today we see a focus on Christ's role as the ultimate high priest and the transformative power of His sacrifice (Hebrews 9:11-15). We find in Christ's sacrifice the cleansing of our consciences, freeing Christians from dead works to be able to truly serve the living God. Through His death, Jesus redeems humanity from transgressions under the first covenant, granting full forgiveness and reconciling believers to God.

The gospel reading for today tells us of Jesus addressing questions intended to test Him, and which offers profound teaching on loyalty to God and love of others (Mark 12:13-17,28-34). When asked about paying taxes to Caesar, Jesus' response underscores a balanced view of earthly and divine obligations. It teaches that while we should honour societal duties, our ultimate allegiance belongs to God. These passages emphasise loyalty to God, love as the fulfillment of the law, and the priority of heart-led obedience over mere ritual.

Don't forget that today is the first Sunday of the month, which means chocolates are on offer for those of us that have had birthdays and anniversaries during the month of September. Also, Friday this past week was All Saint's Day, where we remember all the saints who have led the way before us. We haven't planned to celebrate this today due to various challenges, but might I direct your attention to the classic hymn by Bishop William Walsham How, "For All The Saints" for your reflection.

Jim Raistrick,
Priest-in-charge.



TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

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

Small Beginnings

MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Craft Group
2.30pm Conversation English

TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Paintpots
3.30pm Pure Dance

WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

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

THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

8.00am Christian Meditation
8.30am Morning Prayer

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

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

SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

8.30am Indoor Fitness
9.00am Music Practice

SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

7.30am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion

BIBLE READINGS FOR 10TH NOVEMBER

Ruth 3.1-5; 4.3-17
Psalm 127
Hebrews 9.23-28
Mark 12.38-44



CHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Graeme Reardon 3rd November
Mike Uptin 4th November
Judy Roberts 6th November

OUR NEXT CHURCH LUNCHEON
WILL BE ON SUNDAY,
17TH NOVEMBER
at 11.30 AM

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

In loving memory of David and
mum, Mary Johnston, love always
Susan Legge

A NEW COLLECTION OF
CHRISTMAS CARDS AVAILABLE
IN THE BOOKSHOP

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 November.

- Ecumenical Carol Service – Theokis 2024, will be held on Sunday 10th November at St Matthews Anglican Church.
- St John's Crisis Centre welcomes tinned foods to feed the homeless.
- CHRISTMAS LUNCH 7th December - register with Parish Office \$33per head or donation or simply join!
- Have you changed your email or contact details lately, please update with the Parish office.
- Do you have a Blue Card expiring soon, please forward renewal details to the Parish Office.

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
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

Len Soncum 5th November
David Legge 7th November



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