

## Bringing Jesus to our Gold Coast community

Hello Surfers!

The wedding was lovely (even if I do say so myself). Thank you so much for your prayers and everything went so well. We enjoyed our whirlwind trip to Melbourne but are glad to be back with you again at home in Surfers Paradise.

This coming week I will be undertaking my prayer retreat with the Little Brothers of St. Francis, and you know what that means... yes, that means that when I get back I am likely to be bringing with me a variety of jams, honey, preserves and the like for sale. This is one of the ways the Little Brothers fund themselves.

As per last time: first come, first serve. 😊



Our Bible readings for today speak about the Ten Commandments, which is worthwhile for us to consider as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage (Ex. 20:1-17).

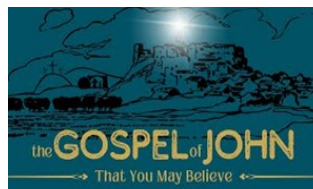
The Commandments give clear outlines on how we are to approach our relationship with God and for good living with each other in community. Today's reading gives us one of three descriptions of the Ten Commandments to be found

in the Old Testament. Can you name the other two times?

Today's psalm is written to be sung and is attributed to King David from before he had been made the King of Israel (Ps. 19). It speaks of one of the ways that Christian apologists use to 'prove' God; by the evidence that can be seen in the skies and the world around us. David sings that the heavens declare the glory of God; we see evidence of both God's existence in the heavens, but also of His power and goodness when we look to the sky.

In the sermon for today, I'll be speaking more about the anger Jesus felt, as He saw how the temple grounds had been transformed into a marketplace (Jn. 2:13-22). There is considerable debate about the placement of this account of Jesus in the temple courts – John places it at the beginning of his gospel account, whereas the other writers place this much later. I believe the more important part of this account to be why Jesus was so enraged about what was happening, rather than when.

The message of the cross where Jesus was crucified and died seems like such insanity, or foolishness as the Apostle Paul calls it, but it does display the full power of God in the way it saves us (1 Cor. 1:18-25).



It is interesting, and can be seen time and time again throughout the Bible, that God chooses the foolish and weak things and people in this life with which to demonstrate His power. As Paul writes, "for the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength."

Don't forget I'll be largely incommunicado for this week, but I look forward to seeing you all again when I return.

I pray you have a blessed week.

Jim Raistrick

Priest-in-charge

### BIBLE READINGS

Exodus 20.1-17 (page 58)

Psalm: 19

1 Corinthians 1.18-25 (page 926)

John 2.13-22 (page )

### **Monday 4th March**

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.30am Craft Group

2.30pm Conversation English

### **Tuesday 5th March**

9.30am Paintpots

3.30pm Pure Dance

### **Wednesday 6th March**

8.00am Indoor Fitness

10.00am Holy Communion

(Rev'd Lima Bray)

3.00pm Pure Dance

6.30pm Alpha

(The Chosen)

### **Thursday 7th March**

8.00am Prayer Meditation

### **Friday 8th March**

(Jim's Day off)

9.30 am Mainly Music

11.00am Pure Dance

### **Saturday 9th March**

8.30am Indoor Fitness

9:00am Music Practice

(Sandra U)

### **Sunday 10th March**

7.30am Holy Communion

9.30 am Holy Communion

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY

#### 10th March

Numbers 21.4-9

Psalm 107

Ephesians 2.1-10

John 3.14-21

## Covenant Prayer by John Wesley (1780 AD)

I am no longer my own, but yours.

Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,

Praised for you or criticized for you.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and  
service.

And now, O wonderful and holy God,

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,

you are mine, and I am yours.

So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,

Let it also be made in heaven. Amen

**GOD BLESS**

## Holy Week

### Palm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March

7.30 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Holy Communion

### Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

6.00 pm

### Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

8.30 am Passion of the Cross

### Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March

7.30 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Holy Communion



### Happy Birthday

Jim Roughley 06.03.2024

Neil Cox 07.03.2024

Bob Jopling 07.03.2024

### JOIN A BIBLE STUDY GROUP in 2024

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

#### TUESDAYS

12.30 pm Jane Parry 0403 369 467

3.15 pm Jim Raistrick jim@surfersanglican.au

#### WEDNESDAYS

10.00 am George Stuart 0407 741 669

11.00 am Judith Atkins 5532 0798

6.00pm ALPHA (Barry Doyle) 0412 818 083

#### THURSDAYS

7.00 pm Sandra Uptin sandrauptin@icloud.com

### A little notice !

“The bookshop has been filled”

Do have a look, to see what we have!



### In Remembrance



Colin Millican 04.03.2022

Reino Elias Takamaa 05.03.2015

Betty Denning 06.03.2013

Peter Cloak 06.03.2019

Amy Miller 07.03.2013

Dennis Horner 07.03.2020



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