

ANGLICAN PARISH OF CALOUNDRA & GLASSHOUSE COUNTRY

St Andrew's, 46 Upper Gay Terrace, Caloundra
St Thomas', 31 Bray Road, Mooloolah
The Mary MacKillop Centre, 160 Peachester Road, Beerwah



PEW BULLETIN

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost - 10 October 2021

PARISH VISION: Our Parish seeks to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God.

MISSION STATEMENT: To share our Christian faith and values in love with one another; connecting the love of God with our community.



Job 23:1-9, 16-17, Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

THE SENTENCE

There is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for Jesus' sake, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. Mark 10.29-30

Lament often makes us uncomfortable. We'd rather present a stoic face to the world, even in the face of extreme difficulties. "I'm all right," we'll declare, even when we clearly aren't all right. Scripture provides plenty of opportunities for the people of God to lament, and plenty of reasons for that lamentation. Whether we focus on individual or corporate lament, we acknowledge that there really is suffering in the world and that we are often ill equipped to deal with it on our own. Crying out to God is one means we have of expressing our pain and our neediness, even as we gather in a supportive community who will hold us up. Let there be space to lament as a body or as individuals or both as we worship this week.

HOUSEKEEPING

Important information when attending church this Sunday:

- ✓ Face masks are required - under no circumstance attend church if you are unwell
- ✓ QR codes are to be used
- ✓ Social distancing is to be maintained
- ✓ Please note the markings on the pews for social distancing for seating
- ✓ Thank you for your ongoing support protecting yourself & others

ZOOM MEETINGS

Sunday Zoom services ON SUNDAY: Please contact the office for the password.

Morning Prayer: Please contact the office for the password.

COLLECT

*Merciful God,
in your Son you call not the righteous but sinners to repentance:
draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction,
and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant,
that in seeking your truth,
and obeying your will,
we may know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus our Saviour;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

LECTIONARY COMMENTARY

Unlike 1.5 billion other people in the world who subscribe to, and enjoy, Facebook, I don't. (This constantly frustrates some of my friends, family members and others who imagine that they have communicated important information to me simply by posting the said information on Facebook). Nevertheless, I still receive all kinds of unsolicited postings from my friends, particularly Christian friends. One of my biggest annoyances is when they post Christian memes: e.g., sentimental texts inside a picture. People used to put them up as posters around the church, but now they put them up on Facebook or email them indiscriminately. Here are some actual examples:

- *If you feel distant from God, guess who moved.*
- *Let God's promises shine on your problems.*
- *Everyday God drops showers of blessing and graces and only those with pure hearts catch them.*
- *Keep Calm Because God Answers Prayer, etc.*

The problem with these sayings, and others, is not that they are necessarily false. The problem is that they are not always true. Why? Because God is not an equation.

Let's face it – life would be simpler if God was just a set of rules, and if you followed the rules then you would know the outcome. And if you broke the rules, then you would know the outcome there as well. Our relationship to God would look like an equation, or a problem in logic: “If this, then that.”

But if that's your approach, then today's lectionary readings just blow it right up. Look at the passages we've heard this morning and the common wisdom around them:

Job — righteous man suffers horribly. His prayers don't make it past the top of his head. He not only feels distant from God, he feels completely abandoned by God. Friends say that obviously his sin has caused him to suffer (common wisdom, then and now). Turns out they are wrong, but Job's righteousness did not keep him from suffering.

Hebrews — approach the throne of grace with boldness, because even though you are sinful, you have a high priest who intercedes for you. In this case, your sin does not keep your prayers from reaching God.

Mark — the common wisdom of the day was that if you were rich, you were righteous, and if you were poor, it was your sin that caused it. (Sound familiar?) Yet Jesus told the wealthy man that to enter the Kingdom he needed to sell what he had, and then commented to the disciples that being rich actually made it harder to enter the Kingdom. This completely flummoxed the disciples, who thought material blessings were ipso facto evidence of God's blessings.

So, let's recap. Our righteousness may save us and our nation, or we may be left to suffering that we didn't deserve. Our prayers may be answered, or they may be overturned by our sins. God may bless us materially, or our material blessings may actually stand between us and God. God may save us and our nation, or not, depending.

If this makes God sound capricious, that is not my intent. God is not capricious, but neither is God an automaton. God is not an equation; God is a being who knows each of us intimately, loves each of us deeply. You cannot reduce this God to a set of rules, or constructs ... or memes.

What we can do is trust: trust the nature of God, trust the love of God, trust the justice of God, trust the mercy of God. This God whom we worship is worthy of our trust, even when all the rules we thought we knew seem to fail before our eyes.

And this is trust — “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” is followed by “Into your hands I commend my spirit.” As he died, Jesus trusted ... and so must we.

Fr Michael
October 2021

EVENTS THIS WEEK

PARISH PLANNING DAY

All Parishioners from all Worship Centres are invited to a Planning Day on Saturday 9th October to start a conversation about a vision for Parish mission and action going forward. Please come along and be part of this important discussion in the life of our Parish.

Location: St Andrew's Church Caloundra

Time: Saturday 9th October, 10am – 3pm.

Bring: BYO lunch, water bottle (tea and coffee provided), mask, pen and paper

More Information: Contact Fr Michael, the Wardens or Parish Councillors

TAIZE SERVICE

Everyone is welcome to attend the Taizé Service on Saturday 9th October at 6pm at St Andrew's for half an hour of peaceful contemplation and beautiful music. If you would like to bring along an instrument please contact Father Michael.

PRAYER AND FASTING:

Please note: Whilst the days are longer, our prayer and fasting services for a new incumbent, every 2nd and 4th Sundays, will commence from this Sunday **at 6pm.**

Every prayer and thought is assisting our wonderful nominators.

Location: Online every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

Time: **Sunday 6.00 pm.**

Online: Zoom ID number: Please contact Anne

More Information: Anne Bowyer on 0416 921 963.

MOTHERS' UNION AGM

Members are invited to the Annual General Meeting of Caloundra Mothers' Union on Tuesday 12th October. The Service will commence at 10am to be followed by refreshments and the Meeting. All positions will be vacated. Nomination forms should be returned this Sunday 10 October. The AGM will be Chaired by Member Rev'd Ingrid Busk.

Location: St Andrew's Church

Time: 10am on Tuesday 12 October

More Information: Helene Baker-Daines

ST. ANDREW'S ROSTERS- NOV/DEC

To the parishioners who currently volunteer at the 8am Sunday service, please either (a) complete the Information sheet provided at each of the 2 entrances on Sunday or (b) contact Lorraine (0431 752 686) or Judy (54 933 823) with your information by **Sunday October 24**, so that the new rosters can be emailed and delivered later that week.

Please note - new volunteers or returning volunteers are welcome to come onto the roster. Thank you, Lorraine and Judy.

ST. ANDREW'S BRING & BUY

The FINAL stall for 2021 will be held on **Sunday 7 November. (Please note the change of date from the Parish calendar)**. All goods will be gratefully received. A reminder that any cooking or baking must have ingredients listed and the date made to comply with WHS requirements. It would be appreciated if items could be priced for the day. Money raised will support ministry within the Parish. Thank you, Judy.

LIONS CHRISTMAS CAKES AND PUDDINGS

If anyone would like to buy a Lions Club Christmas cake or pudding, Sue White is a contact person this year. They will be on sale for the next couple of weeks so please see Sue if you wish to order.

Large Cakes (1.5kg) \$17.

Small Cakes (1.0kg) \$13

Puddings (0.9kg) \$13

ON EARTH FESTIVAL – MUSIC, SPIRITUALITY, JUSTICE

Location: St Francis College, Milton

Time: Saturday 16 October, 12pm-9pm

It's only 2 Weeks to go until On Earth!!!!

With so many challenges facing our world today, where do you find hope and inspiration for creating an alternate world where there is peace and justice for all? Check out some of the artists and presenters at On Earth coming up on Saturday 16 October 12pm-9pm at St Francis College below, and [book your ticket now](#). Help us spread the word. Bring your family and friends. We hope to see you there! Visit www.onearthfest.com for more info. On Earth is hosted by The Social Responsibilities Committee, Anglican Church Southern Qld.

SERVICES THIS WEEK:

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	OFFICIATING PRIEST
9 October	St Andrew's Taizé Service	6pm	Fr Michael Faragher
10 October	St Andrew's Caloundra	9am	Fr Michael Faragher
10 October	Mary MacKillop Centre	9am	Fr Tony Halstead
13 October	St Thomas' Mooloolah	9am	Fr Michael Faragher

To see all upcoming events, please see "Mountain and the Sea" or visit our website.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH



Angel Flight Australia is a charity which coordinates non-emergency flights to assist country people to access specialist medical treatment that would otherwise be unavailable to them because of vast distance and high travel costs.

OFFERING TO THE CHURCH

ANFIN online: ANFIN deducts your offering amount from your nominated bank account. The amount can be updated depending on your circumstances. Request a form from the Parish Office.

Internet Banking: Direct deposits can be made directly to the Caloundra-Glasshouse Country bank account. Description is: "offering" or "gift" or similar. The details for our Parish Account are as follows:

BSB: 704 901

A/C: 00000110

A/C Name: Caloundra Anglican Parish

BPoint Link: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/TIM/?BillerCode=1729896>

Cheques: are an acceptable method of payment. They can be posted to:

The Anglican Parish of Caloundra-Glasshouse Country
PO Box 52 Caloundra Qld 4551

Or dropped off in the locked green box located in the Rectory Carport.

External Appeals-e.g. Charity of the Month: via internet banking, please name the charity in the description; alternatively, if posting a cheque, please make it payable to The Anglican Parish of Caloundra-Glasshouse Country and include a note highlighting the amount that you wish to go to the charity. The parish will arrange this payment.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The World	Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.		
The Church	<p>Anglican Communion: The Church of the Province of West Africa The Anglican Church of Australia: Ministry to the Defence Force: Bp Grant Dibden; Chaplains & Members of the Defence Force Our Diocese: The Parish of Toowong: Tom Sullivan, Alan Dale, Elsie Clack, Michael Faragher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anglican Society of The University of Queensland • St Andrew's Anglican College, Peregian Springs: Principal - Chris Ivey; Chaplain - Gary McClellan; Chair of College Council - Rosalyn Cheales; members of College Council; staff & students <p>The Charity of the Month: Angel Flight Our Parish: We pray for the parish's small groups. Thank God for the continuation of their ministry work.</p>		
Those in hospital or recovering			
Those in need: Caloundra	Shirley Barker Muriel Bates Raymond Bates Lois Campbell Jean Cliff Michael Conolly Ian Creighton Judy Dwyer	Ken Mewburn Ian & June Gillespie Margaret Macey Robert Macey Cameron Mac Farlane Eileen Mann Francis Nickelson Jacquie Nickelson	Val Phillips Randall family Rod Richards Kim Smith Carol Spence Beverly Stuart Bevan Thiele Hannah
Those in need: Glasshouse Country	Bronwyn A Maureen G Avis M Esmā R Adam G Adel B Annette B Barbara B	Barbara & Lynda B Charlotte Cherry TW Col B Debbie D Ida & Ernest H John W Marguerite C Marj W	Nadine W Peter Y Phillippa B Rebecca Russell P Sandra W Sheila W Stephen S Terry D
Rest in Peace	Ross Anderson		
Anniversary of Death	<p>10 October: Robert Spice, Cedric Turvey, Michael Blumenthal, Dianne Garth 11 October: Muriel Smith, Benjamin Smith, James Herring 12 October: Margaret Bartlett 14 October: Alfred Kosk 15 October: Joan Butler, Jim Burke 16 October: Harold Hughes</p>		

If you know someone who would like prayer, please speak with one of the clergy or add their name to the Prayer Book at Mary MacKillop or St Andrew's.
Please keep us updated with news and requests for thanksgiving.

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