



**FEATURED NEWS**



**MISSION PARTNER**



**WELCOME**

Welcome! We're delighted that you have been able to join us for worship and we pray that you might find a place to belong. We'd love for you to complete one of our Welcome Cards. If you are a baptised member of any denomination, you are welcome to join us for communion. Please join us after the service for refreshments!

**FROM THE VICAR**

Last week, we stood in the beauty of Eden, where humanity enjoyed perfect communion with God. But this week, in Genesis 3, we witness the moment everything changed, the moment when sin enters the world. The serpent's question, "Did God really say?" introduces doubt, twisting God's words and leading Adam and Eve to grasp for control. The moment they eat from the forbidden tree, their eyes are opened—not to wisdom, but to shame. Fear replaces intimacy, and they hide from the God who once walked with them. Sin enters the world, fracturing relationships, bringing suffering, and separating humanity from God's presence. Yet even in this moment of judgment, God's grace is at work. He seeks them out, clothes their shame, and promises that one day, a descendant of Eve will crush the serpent's head. This is the first whisper of the Gospel, the promise of Jesus, who will overcome sin and restore what was lost. Lent calls us to acknowledge the weight of our sin, but not without hope. The story does not end in exile. In Jesus, the way back to God's presence is reopened. As we journey toward the cross, we remember where sin brought separation, Christ brings restoration.

In Christ  
Rev'd Chris

# GENERAL NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 16 March** - Kids Church Movie Night 4.30pm
- 18 March** - Parish Council Meeting 7pm
- 19 March** - Holy Communion Service 9.30am
- 20 March** - Coffee & Chat 10am
- 21 March** - Mainly Music 10am
- 22 March** - Men's Outing, meet carpark 9am
- 29 March** - Working Bee 7am

## MOVIE NIGHT:

Movie Night for our young disciples on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30 pm in the Hall. We will have pizza first, then the movie. Cost: \$5 each for the pizza and please let us know if you have any dietary requirements. Please let the Office know if you can come by Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

## NAME BADGES:

There is a clipboard in the foyer to add names for those wanting a new name badge.

## LENTEN MID WEEK SERVICE:

There will be a Holy Communion Service at 9.30am every Wednesday all through Lent.

## MEN'S OUTING:

On Saturday 22nd March we will be going to the Brisbane Motor Museum. Cost is \$25 and for concession holders it's \$20. We will meet at the church at 9am and carpool. Lunch will be at a venue to be decided.

Please RSVP to me or put your name on the clipboard at the front of the church.

Hugh Everton [0412 091 479]

## WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY

### UPDATE:

- Everyone has a responsibility to take reasonable care of their own health and safety.
- You must notify of any hazards you notice or if any incidents occur even if there is no injury.
- There is a first aid kit in the church kitchen and in the hall kitchen.
- Fire extinguishers are in the prayer space, church kitchen and hall kitchen.
- To use a fire extinguisher, pull the pin, aim at base of fire, squeeze the lever and sweep from side to side
- Fire blankets are in the hall kitchen and church kitchen
- Do not use ladders unless you have undertaken the training
- Slips, trips and falls are the most reported incidents

### In the event of an emergency:

- Stay calm and remove persons from immediate danger
- Dial 000
- Assist mobility impaired persons
- Move to the assembly area
- There are 2 assembly points depending on the door you exit the church or if you are in the hall -
  1. the footpath near the daycare centre
  2. the grass area at the front of the church

## WORKING BEE 29 MARCH:

Bring your spade, fork and wheel barrow as we get our grounds in order for Easter. There is also a lot of mulch to move onto gardens. ... plus don't forget sunscreen, drink bottle and hat!



**SUNDAY MORNING** *SERMON NOTES:*

# READINGS

## SENTENCE:

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 3.20*

## A READING FROM GENESIS, CHAPTER 3, VERSES 1-24:

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." ' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals

and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

To the woman he said, 'I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.'

And to the man he said, 'Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,

and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, "You shall not eat of it", cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.'

The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all who live. And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them.

Then the Lord God said, 'See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever'— therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:**

***Psalm 27***

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear?:

the Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

**2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my  
foes,**

**come upon me to devour me:  
they shall stumble and fall.**

3 If an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not be afraid:  
and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.

**4 One thing I have asked from the Lord,  
which I will require:**

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,**

5 To see the fair beauty of the Lord:  
and to seek his will in his temple.

**6 For he will hide me under his shelter  
in the day of trouble:**

**and conceal me in the shadow of his tent,  
and set me high upon a rock.**

7 And now he will lift up my head:  
above my enemies round about me.

**8 And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary  
with exultation:**

**I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.**

9 O Lord, hear my voice when I cry:  
have mercy upon me and answer me.

**10 My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face':  
your face, Lord, I will seek.**

11 Do not hide your face from me:  
or thrust your servant aside in displeasure;

**12 For you have been my helper:  
do not cast me away or forsake me, O God of my  
salvation.**

13 Though my father and my mother forsake me:  
the Lord will take me up.

**14 Teach me your way, O Lord:  
and lead me in an even path, for they lie in wait  
for me.**

15 Do not give me over to the will of my  
enemies:

for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and those who breathe out violence.

**16 But I believe that I shall surely see  
the goodness of the Lord:  
in the land of the living.**

17 O wait for the Lord;  
stand firm and he will strengthen your heart:  
and wait, I say, for the Lord.

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE  
PHILIPPIANS, CHAPTER 3, VERSES 17 - CHAPTER  
4, VERSE 1:**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
ACCORDING TO LUKE, CHAPTER 13,  
VERSES 31-35:**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty God: We know that the Lord is our light and our salvation and so we confidently bring our needs to You. You have promised that You will hear us when we ask in faith: receive the prayers we offer. On this second Sunday of Lent we come together bringing our thanks and praise for all that You are, and all You have done for us. We are thankful for all Your Love, and Glorious Creation. We are thankful that You are a God of Power and Majesty, and we come asking Your Mercy for this world we share. We pray for Your Guidance over all the leaders of Your Church and the Nations as we seek for ways to help those who are suffering, and restore the faith of many who have lost so much materially over the past weeks.

God of all Creation : **hear our prayer.**

Loving God: Before Jesus came to us in this world You sent another with the words "Prepare the way for the Lord, Make straight paths for Him". Father, we have not always listened to the voice of wisdom and been ready and prepared, but as we enter this time of Lent, we pray for the grace to turn from distractions and learn more of You and Your Plans for us and our world. Help us to turn from self-reliance and put our faith and trust in You, so that we can grow in our belief and share with those around us.

God of Love : **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God: As we struggle with the affects of the recent cyclone on our part of the world, we pray for those who work in Emergency Services, and areas of health support. We pray for your support for all those who work for the security of people who are struggling with physical, mental or emotional stresses. Thank you for the work of our Council and Parliamentary Leaders, Police Force, Ambulance and Hospital Staff, Defence Force, Marine Services, Power Distributors, Media

Services, Transport Services, and all who give service to our communities. Please guide and bless their efforts and dedication to helping others.

God of Love : **hear our prayer.**

Loving God: We remember all who are fearful of the future; please strengthen those who are in despair or who have lost hope, those who are seriously ill or awaiting life-changing treatments. Bless those who care for them and those who strive for better outcomes; those who work in areas of research and invention. We pray for your blessing on those whose names are on our hearts, and in our pew bulletin today .... We offer ourselves, our neighbours and our loved ones to your unfailing love.

God of Love : **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God: We thank you for those who have gone ahead of us "preparing the way", and, as we and our families, journey through the coming weeks of Lent and preparation, please show us the way to prepare for moving towards your promised land, and eternal life. We pray for those who have died and for those who mourn. May eternal peace in God be their reward.

Merciful Father, we offer these prayers with thankful hearts knowing that in your great compassion you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Prayers compiled by Carol Booth*

# ROSTERS

Date	16-3-25		23-3-25	
Roster	7.00am	9.00am	7.00am	9.00am
Worship Leader	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate
Preacher	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate	Rev'd Christopher Bate
LA Leader	Rosemary Kake	Allan Berry	Sue Reade	Kathy Carter
LA Assistant				
Greeter	-	Kerry Tovey	-	Rhonda Nelson
Sidesperson	Robyn Brodie	Kathy Carter	Kay Morris	Dianne Bocquee
Reader 1	Michael Po Saw	Carol Booth	Norm Booth	Rhonda Nelson
Reader 2	Robert Kake	Joan Harvey	Sama O'Brien	Carol Booth
Offertory	Robyn Brodie	Kathy Carter	Kay Morris	Dianne Bocquee
Chapel Prayers		Dianne Bocquee	-	Carol Booth
Morning Tea	Sharon/Hugh	Jenny & Helper	Kay O'Brien	Malini/Cecilia
Music Leader	Michael Po Saw	Videos	Michael Po Saw	Ruth Barton
AV Operator	Kay O'Brien	Rhonda/Ian	Norm Booth	Chris/Malini
Prayers of the people	Carol Booth		Sue Reade	
Counting	Dianne Bocquee		Ian Nelson	
Kids Church		Jenny/Kerry		Jenny/Kerry

The heart of any thriving church community lies in the dedication of its volunteers who generously offer their time and skills. Currently, our church roster is in need of additional helping hands to support various essential tasks and ministries during our worship services. By joining the roster, we can continue to strengthen our church's mission and positively impact the lives of those we serve. We warmly welcome and encourage you to become an integral part of our dedicated volunteer team. Your contribution will make a significant difference to maintaining the vibrant spirit of our congregation.

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## READINGS TODAY

Genesis 3.1-24

Psalms 27

Philippians 3.17-4.1

Luke 13.31-35

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Exodus 26.31-35

Psalms 63.1-9

1 Corinthians 10.1-13

Luke 13.1-9

## SERVICES

### SUNDAY

7AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

9AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

## BANKING DETAILS

Tithes and Offerings:

BSB: 704 901 Acc: 0000 1070

*Please consider your capacity and commitment to give to the work of this parish, by creating a recurring transfer.*

ABN: 93 894 007 519

Giving Jan to Dec **\$85,607.40**

Budgeted Jan to Dec \$90,000.00

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Anglican Communion:

- The Church of the Province of Central Africa
- The Diocese of Newcastle
- The Parish of Bundaberg
- Inala Careforce
- The Glennie School, Toowoomba

Missions:

- We pray for our mission partner Anglicare and their ongoing work .

Our Community:

- Pray for the homeless , the lost, the lonely and those in need.

Our Parish:

- The Leadership team and each other as we follow God in our mission.

Those in need:

- Those known to us: Katherine, Noelene, Tammy, John, Russ, Jenny & Bough, Peter, Robert, Jenny, Daphne, Joyce, Pam, Sean, Betty, Brian, Karen, Steve & Julie, Allan & Varrie, Keitha, Gwen
- We pray for all who are grieving the loss of loved ones.
- We pray for all who are suffering from conflict and natural disasters.

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Remember, O Lord,  
what you have wrought in us  
and not what we deserve,  
and, as you have called us to your service,  
make us worthy of our calling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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