



September 13th 2020



THE ARRIVAL OF GOD'S PROMISED KING

A note from the Rector:

It's clear, from speaking to a variety of people and ministers, that a significant percentage of Christians in Australia have either got out of the habit of attending church or are reluctant to do so. Likewise, in our Parish, there is a significant number of our members who are choosing not to attend our church at this time, though some of our members are attending other churches online.

Because of the restrictions placed on us during COVID-19, *The Pastor's Heart* has been producing additional resources to assist church leaders as they navigate the changing world of *church* during COVID. I found this week's talk interesting as a mate of mine, Antony Barraclough, was interviewed by Domonic Steele to discuss the issue of *Heart, Head or Health? Why aren't they coming? And how to pastor & challenge!* If you are interested in seeing the interview then follow this link:

<https://www.thepastorsheart.net/podcast/heart-head-or-health?>

Sunday Services: Please note that if you are joining us this Sunday via Zoom then you may need the Passcode - 687242. Also a reminder that if you want to join us IN Church then you must book in via our website: <https://kincumberanglican.com/attend-sunday-services-at-acck/>

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Next Sunday, September 20, Greg Harris, the newish National Director of BCA, will be joining us for our Sunday service. It will be great to meet Greg & Karen and to hear what God is doing through BCA, particularly during COVID.

This week's Zoom links:

Sunday Morning Church via Zoom 9.00am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89163303726?pwd=MjRxbW5HNWU2OVIEYWlrVzZ5TW9DQT09>

(Meeting ID: 891 6330 3726, Passcode: 687242, or dial 8015 6011)

Tuesday's Prayer meeting 9.00am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/787794144?pwd=YmdML1h5ZG81dXJk3NjBfNkTmNEdz09>

(Meeting ID: 787 794 144, Passcode: 813312, or dial 8015 6011)

If you listen to the recording of the service, which will be available at **noon on Sunday**, then please begin by listening to this song, as we praise, with our whole being, the King of Heaven:

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven <https://youtu.be/6-W74SzQZe0>

Then click on this link to hear this week's message: <https://kincumberanglican.com/sermons/>

Jeremiah 31.31-37 (NIV)

³¹ "The days are coming," declares the LORD,

"when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors

when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt,

because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.

³³ "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD.

"I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,'

because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD.

"For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

³⁵ This is what the LORD says,

he who appoints the sun to shine by day,

who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,

who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—

the LORD Almighty is his name:

³⁶ "Only if these decrees vanish from my sight," declares the LORD,

"will Israel ever cease being a nation before me."

³⁷ This is what the LORD says:

"Only if the heavens above can be measured

and the foundations of the earth below be searched out

will I reject all the descendants of Israel because of all they have done," declares the LORD.

Luke 2.1-11, 25-32 (NIV)

2 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

Some questions to ponder:

1. Have you gained any new insights about your life as a disciple of Jesus, or about God's plans for your salvation, from studying the arrival of God's promised King? If so, what are they?

2. What does the name 'Jesus' mean?

What does this name tell us about God and about what God will accomplish through Jesus?

3. Why was it necessary for God to establish a NEW covenant with humanity?

4. What does it mean for you to be part of a 'royal priesthood and a holy nation'?

5. What difference does it make to you, in seeking to keep the new covenant, that God has written His laws on your mind and on your heart (Jeremiah 31.33)?

If we can ALL now know God (Jeremiah 31.34), how are you working at ensuring that you are growing in your relationship with Him and keeping to the covenant that God has made with you?

Today we have heard of the Saviour, the 'Jesus', that God sent to save us and to establish a new covenant. Let's finish by listening to a hymn written about this Saviour:

Hymn of the Saviour

<https://youtu.be/pnX6XEDglH4>

PARISH PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for those in need: Lisa Landale, Ian Fraser, Remi Carnaby, Lettie Brown, Renee Effield (Garrick), Jill Jones, John Brook, Pat Fox and Clarice Grose.
- Pray for God's continuing protection over our SRE teachers as they choose to expose themselves to greater risk in order to teach our children the Good News of Jesus.
- Many of the farmers in our state have not successfully harvested a crop in several years due to the drought. Their situation is desperate but thankfully, this year, God has provided the conditions for crops to grow. Pray that God may continue to grant the right weather conditions and prevent lightening strikes and pests, so that a good crop may be harvested.
- Pray for the Morrison family, and for our state leaders, as they seek to faithfully serve our nation during these troubled times. Pray for wisdom regarding the opening of State and National borders.
- Pray for revival – that, in His grace, God may pour out His Spirit on the people of our nation and our world through this pandemic. Pray that the Holy Spirit may empower God's people throughout the world, including us, to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation so that, in living under God's rule, others may be drawn to join us in worshipping our God.

SAMARITANS NEWS. SAMARITANS REMINDERS. Samaritans Purse boxes available at 9 am service or from Lil Bennetts 43 691696. These will be collected during October. Also the Wyoming Emergency Relief Centre is distributing food parcels Monday & Friday 10-1pm. Pantry items may be left with Val & Harry Dibley at 9 am service or with Lil Bennetts. Help us to care for those in need. Lil Bennetts



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MISSIONARY PRAYER POINTS

Our link missionaries: Brownings, Buchanans, Dousts, and Kyngdons

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY - AUSTRALIA

CMS International Director, Peter Rodgers, writes about COVID-19 and its impact on CMS missionaries and missions.

'Most of the world is in some form of self-isolation or lockdown, with shared concerns about the spread and impact of the coronavirus. This is true for almost all CMS missionaries. As this crisis worsened, the welfare of our missionaries was – and remains – of enormous importance. It was critical to bring home those in a high-risk medical category and living in contexts where medical care was limited. But most have remained on location and will have the privilege of sharing this experience alongside those whom they have gone to serve.'

'CMS mission – to see a world that knows Jesus – is not in lockdown. God is using new circumstances, albeit tragic ones, to grow his church. From our missionaries I am hearing wonderful stories of God's mission moving forward in unexpected and surprising ways. In Argentina, more students than ever are joining the on-line Bible study groups. In Cambodia those now unemployed and living in fear have a new openness to the message of our hope in Christ. In the Northern Territory, Aboriginal Christians are making on-line recordings of the Kunwinjku Bible. People are coming to faith. God is growing his church. Mission is continuing around the world and we continue to be encouraged.'

'.....This pandemic will end, and I believe that when it does, we will see that God has been at work rescuing and saving people in new and amazing ways.'

'Please pray for all our missionaries, that the Lord will sustain and protect them, provide for their needs and grow them through this time. Our missionaries are in good heart, making the most of every opportunity, and rejoicing in the ways they see God at work. With our great God we have every reason for hope.'

The **CMS Coastal Mission Day** is still going ahead this year, online. The event will be held on Saturday October 17 from 9.30am till 11.30am. Joel Attwood will be the main speaker but we will also be hearing from Kylie Zietsch (serving in South Africa), Howard and Michelle Newby (serving in the Philippines) and Peter and Sarah Sholl (ex Mexico). Whilst CMS is encouraging groups to meet in venues, our time limit of one hour means that we cannot meet in our church building. To learn more and to register click on this link: [CMS Coastal Mission Day](#)

Giving to the work of the Parish

Thanks to everyone who has continued to contribute financially for the work of the Parish at this time. If you would like assistance in giving electronically then please contact your bank or Allan. To give online use the following account:

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