



October 18th 2020



HE MUST BE GOD!

A note from the Rector:

I must say that it was good to take a break these last two weeks. Again a big thank you to Terryl, Paul, Lesley, Bill, Lynne, David, Jane, Bob, Rachel, Barry and Betty - for making it possible for us to continue to meet in church and over Zoom the last two Sundays. Both Sundays I was ready to take a call if needed, and yet, despite some minor problems, the team managed to sort them out without me.

Within the Diocese the Bishop is trying to work out how communion, particularly the distribution of wine/grape juice, can go ahead during COVID. Pray that he may make wise decisions in this matter. Also pray for the Appellate Tribunal as it meets to discuss the legality of two motions that were passed by our synod last year. Pray that their decision may not lead to the division of the Anglican Church of Australia and that they will refer this matter to the General Synod so that it can be discussed and decided upon by the national body who represents the Anglican Church of Australia and which is responsible for making changes to our regulations and constitution.

Finally, let me once again thank those who have switched to giving electronically to the Parish during COVID. This week the CSIRO concluded that COVID-19 can continue to be active on surfaces like money for at least 28 days. This is another good reason for you to consider moving away from personally handing cash whenever you can and causing others to have to handle your cash. Details for how you can begin giving electronically can be found on the last page of this news sheet.

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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=YmdML1h5ZG81dXJDC3NjbFNkTmNEdz09>

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

f you listen to the recording of the service, which will be available at **noon on Sunday**, then begin by listening to this song, to remind you of how God has worked throughout human history to make a people for Himself through His Saviour, God's Word who became flesh:

See the Man <https://youtu.be/gGRB3ke61-M>

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

Luke 5:17-26 (NIV)

¹⁷ One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. ¹⁸ Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. ¹⁹ When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

²⁰ When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

²¹ The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

²² Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk?' ²⁴ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." ²⁵ Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. ²⁶ Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

Luke 8:22-25 (NIV)

²² One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. ²³ As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

²⁴ The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!"

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. ²⁵ "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

Some questions to ponder:

1. Have you gained any new insights about your life as a disciple of Jesus from looking at our theme that Jesus must be God? If so, what are they?
2. Where do you see the human nature of Jesus in the Bible?

Do you find any comfort in the fact that Jesus experienced what it is like to be human? If so, how does Jesus' humanity bring comfort to you?

3. Where do you see the divine nature of Jesus in the Bible?

Do you find any comfort in the fact that God experienced what it is like to be human? If so, how does this bring comfort to you?

4. If Jesus is our primary example for how we are to live our lives on this earth, where have you been challenged today to consider how you might better imitate His example? What can you implement this week to better imitate Jesus?
5. If Jesus is not God, then how does Jesus fit into your salvation based upon what we have learnt throughout this series?

Jesus is a human being, just like us, but, unlike us, Jesus is also God. As you conclude, consider, through this song, how this God/man loved you even before you were born so that He chose to come down from heaven to save you:

This is the One <https://youtu.be/Fi3eQ7TldIM>

PARISH PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for those in need: Lisa Landale, Ian Fraser, Remi Carnaby, Lettie Brown, Renee Effield (Garrick), Pat Fox, Marcia Groom, Marie Norman, Mavis Vyner and Clarice Grose.
- SRE: Pray for our teachers, for safety, protection and enthusiasm. Pray for our teachers as they finish what might be a short term. Unfortunately, due to COVID, there will be no Christmas SRE assemblies this year. Pray for the teachers as they present the story of Christmas in their classrooms. Continue to pray for Trish as she prepares to undergo surgery on her knees.
- Pray for the Appellate Tribunal as they potentially seek to decide the fate of the Anglican Church of Australia. Pray that God may overrule their decisions according to His good will.
- Pray for wisdom for Bishop Peter as he deliberates on what to do in order to allow wine/grape juice to be used in churches.
- Pray for wisdom for the Morrison family, and for our state leaders. Pray for our Premier, Gladys, as she leads the state during a difficult period - due to COVID and her personal choices.
- Pray for wisdom for our leaders regarding the opening of State and National borders.
- Continue to pray that God may provide the right conditions for a good harvest. Pray that our farmers may look to God to provide good weather for a good crop but, more importantly, that may they look to Jesus for their salvation and for the provision of all their needs.
- 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.

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MISSIONARY PRAYER POINTS

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

Andrew Browning left on Thursday this week (15/10) to go to Tanzania and Ethiopia. He was given permission to travel by the Australian government and will be in Tanzania for 2 weeks, Ethiopia for 2 weeks and, if he can get a flight back to Australia, will then spend 2 weeks in quarantine.

Ethiopia has had extreme food insecurity in Afar which is one of the hottest habitable places on earth. The Ethiopian government is doing all it can but, of course, it is focussing on containing the Covid-19 virus. There are more than 2,000 women being treated in their villages or in a hospital that Andrew and his aunt (Valerie Browning) founded and run who are needing food supplements so that women have the strength to give birth to their babies.

Andrew normally makes 5 or 6 trips a year to Africa to perform surgeries but a planned trip in April was thwarted by Covid-19 sending 90 women due for surgery home.

Pray for Andrew as he goes to Tanzania and Ethiopia to perform fistula surgery.

Continue to pray for the urgent need for donations for Kivulini Hospital in Tanzania as the major donor from the USA will stop their grant period this month.

Pray for safety in travel and that Andrew will keep well.

Pray that he will be able to get a flight back to Australia.

Pray for Stephanie, William and Christopher while Andrew is away.

Giving to Missionaries: Many missionaries and missionary organisations are struggling financially. **You can still give to the work of CMS and BCA through our Parish by making an electronic deposit into our account and marking it either 'CMS' or 'BCA'.** All other missionary donations should be deposited into that missionary's preferred bank account.

Giving to the work of the Parish

Thanks to everyone who has continued to contribute financially to 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:

Kincumber Anglican Parish, BSB: 705077 (Indue), Acct No: 00040910