



October 25th 2020



GOD'S KING WILL BE GLORIFIED

A note from the Rector:

Church is very different for all nowadays, and it doesn't seem like these restrictions are going to let up for some time. And so, with that being the case, let's take some time to consider how we can use these restrictions to encourage one another as well as grow God's Church.

I was really encouraged when we first went into lock down in the ways in which our members sought to keep in contact with one another. For people were ringing each other more than before the lockdown – though a few of our members have received little or no contact from us at all. As such, one of my greatest fears is for those who you we aren't contacting and for those who either can't, or are choosing not to, attend our Sunday services and other groups.

For example, recently I was wandering around Brentwood Village, a bit lost, when I accidentally ended up in the Bunting's backyard! Now this was a great chance encounter, for I haven't had any contact with Charles and Edith since the lockdown began, and without the internet or a car, it's unlikely that I will have very regular contact with them in the future. And so it would be great if you know someone, like the Buntings, that you try to maintain contact with them, or even take them a copy of our weekly news sheet.

The other thing that happened, when I gatecrashed the Bunting's, was I met a woman named Margaret. Mind you, I had met Margaret once, for when Margaret first moved to Kincumber she came to church, but then, the following week, we went into lockdown. But now I have her email address, 'Hi Margaret!', we can be in regular. Likewise, you might like to consider who, in our Parish Address Book, is new, so that you can work out ways to make them feel welcome. (If you or someone you know doesn't have one of the new address books then please email the office and I'll drop one into you.)

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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=YmdML1h5ZG81dXJk3NjBfFNkTmNEdz09>

(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 begin by listening to this song, to remind you of how Christ is the image of God, meaning that if we have seen Christ we have seen the Father, and, of course, it is through Christ that we have discovered peace with God:

Peace unto us <https://youtu.be/Cx6SrcPJo2M>

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

Luke 9:18-23, 28-32 (NIV)

¹⁸ Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?"

¹⁹ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life."

²⁰ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "God's Messiah."

²¹ Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. ²² And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."

²³ Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me".

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

Luke 20:9-19 (NIV)

⁹ Jesus went on to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. ¹⁰ At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. ¹² He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

¹³ "Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.'

¹⁴ “But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ ¹⁵ So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.”

When the people heard this, they said, “God forbid!”

¹⁷ Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone”?

¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

¹⁹ The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

John 12:23-33 (NIV)

²³ Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

Some questions to ponder:

1. Have you gained any new insights about your life as a disciple of Jesus from looking at how, from even before He was born in Bethlehem, Jesus knew that the purpose for Him coming to earth was to die? If so, what are they?
2. Today we've seen that Jesus clearly knew that He would be rejected and killed, at the hands of the leaders of Israel. Can you think of anything else Jesus said, or anything else from the Bible, which points to the need for, or to why, Jesus would be rejected and killed? If so, write it down.
3. If Jesus came to save us and to bring us peace with God, why did we need saving and what stood in the way of us achieving peace with God?

How could Jesus' coming to earth and death have any impact upon your salvation and you finding peace with God?

4. If you were Jesus, and so you were God, then what, if anything, would cause you to be prepared to come to earth to lay down your life?
5. Do you find any comfort in the fact that God was prepared to go to His death to save you? If so, how does this comfort you?
6. In our first reading Jesus said, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me'. How have you been challenged today, through the example of Jesus, to deny yourself and take up your cross, daily, to follow Jesus?

As we've considered Christ today, we've seen His absolute willingness to deny Himself so as to bring about our salvation. As you listen to this song, and consider how Jesus has told you to take up your cross and follow Him, pray that God may take your life and use it so as to bring Him glory, as Jesus brought glory to God through His life:

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.
- Pray for the Appellate Tribunal as they have the potential seek to decide the fate of the Anglican Church of Australia in the next 2 weeks. 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 Central Coast Council, and those whom they employ, as they seek to balance the books and fulfil their obligations to their electorate.
- 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.

SAMARITANS CHRISTMAS BOXES. A special thank you to all who filled boxes this year. A total of 49 boxes were collected from the parish & taken to the Central Coast collection centre at Long Jetty. I know other parish members were also involved in the operation. These boxes will be delivered all over the world to children in need as tools to share God’s love & the Gospel. Lil Bennetts

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MISSIONARY PRAYER POINTS

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

David and Jenny – West Africa

Rains have been a mixed blessing – some farmers benefitting from the best season for 30 years. However large areas have received too much rain with crops washed away, houses flooded, lives lost and possessions destroyed.

Coronavirus continues to impact daily living. Meetings are still conducted online, as is much of their contact with friends. David has been doing some online courses including Teaching English as a Second Language. Jenny is teaching and supervising school at home and keeping up language study when she has spare moments.

Pray for their four children:

- Child 1. Yr 12 final exams in November. Give thanks that the exam times have changed with most now starting at the far more reasonable hour of 7 am. Pray for ongoing motivation and discipline.
2. Waiting to begin Yr 11 with Distance Ed in January but will not be able to interact with peers on a daily basis.
3. Back at BCS in Yr 9 attending school for two half-days and enjoying meeting up with the 2 other classmates.
4. Eager to return to Yr 6 at the primary school which has just reopened after six months. Thankful that BCS has continued to provide online lessons.

Prayer Points

- Give thanks that David and Jenny have been able to provide gifts of food and other staples to local friends who are suffering financially due to COVID-19.
- Pray that God would give David and Jenny opportunities to talk about Him with local people, whether through social media or other means, in culturally meaningful ways.
- Pray for them as a family that they would be faithful and joyful and persevere.

Giving to BCA: Unfortunately the parish cannot accept BCA boxes at this time. In fact it is likely that we will never collect BCA boxes again due to the health risks associated with counting this money. If your box is full then please count the coins or take the coins to your local bank branch and then deposit the money into our Parish Account electronically or through the collection bowl. All donations should be marked 'BCA'. Thanking you in advance for your care of those in remote and rural locations.

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:

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