



November 8th 2020



GOD'S PEOPLE LIVING UNDER GOD'S RULE – AGAIN

A note from the Rector:

Firstly, let me advise you that Marie Norman and Marcia Groom both died this week. Marie's funeral will be held on Monday. We have a limit on site of 100 people in total. Marie had a large family and already more than 60 people have booked in to attend. You may like to consider joining the service via Zoom. **Bookings are essential** and you can book in as well as find out the log in details for Zoom on our website.

Parish Council met this week to discuss some financial issues. You may be interested to know that our bank balance has increased by \$25,000 during COVID. This is because of the faithfulness of those who give towards the work of the Parish but also because of the decision made by many to switch to electronic giving and because of the assistance we have received from the Federal Government through JobKeeper.

Parish Council approved our 2021 budget, but noted that COVID will continue to affect how the budget will play out in practice. A motion was approved to investigate the possibility of installing a downstairs toilet and approval was given to install new lights to highlight the tower at night. A motion was also passed to ask the Diocese to transfer the residual funds loaned to us by the Diocese into the construction loan.

Sometime in the next few weeks it is expected that the Appellate Tribunal will prepare and send through a report to the Australian bishops regarding their decision on same sex blessings within the Anglican Church of Australia and its legality or otherwise within the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia. This report may be available prior to when the Standing Committee of General Synod meets next week. Please keep these matters in your prayers.

Allan

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=YmdML1h5ZG81dXJDe3NjbFNkTmNEdz09>

(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, as we are reminded afresh of the peace that has come to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus, and how this message is now being proclaimed throughout the earth:

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

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

Acts 1:4-9 (NIV)

⁴On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Acts 2:1-4 (NIV)

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 25:1-2, 8-12 (NIV)

25 Three days after arriving in the province, Festus went up from Caesarea to Jerusalem, ² where the chief priests and the Jewish leaders appeared before him and presented the charges against Paul.

⁸ Then Paul made his defense: "I have done nothing wrong against the Jewish law or against the temple or against Caesar."

⁹ Festus, wishing to do the Jews a favor, said to Paul, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and stand trial before me there on these charges?"

¹⁰ Paul answered: "I am now standing before Caesar's court, where I ought to be tried. I have not done any wrong to the Jews, as you yourself know very well. ¹¹ If, however, I am guilty of doing anything deserving death, I do not refuse to die. But if the charges brought against me by these Jews are not true, no one has the right to hand me over to them. I appeal to Caesar!"

¹² After Festus had conferred with his council, he declared: "You have appealed to Caesar. To Caesar you will go!"

Some questions to ponder:

1. Have you gained any new insights about your life as a disciple of Jesus from looking at God's plan for you to be involved in His mission to take the wonderful message of Jesus to the ends of the earth? If so, what are they?

2. Who faithfully witnessed to you about Jesus and helped you to become a disciple of Jesus?

Who have you helped lead to Christ through your witness to Jesus?

Where have you become frustrated or failed in your witness to others?

Who are you witnessing to at the moment?

Who are you praying for, that you might be given an opportunity to witness to Jesus?

3. How are you supporting God's mission to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth?

Is there any area in your life through which you can be more pro-active in being involved in God's mission to the world? If so, where and how might you plan to be more proactive in supporting God's mission?

4. From today's talk, when do you think Jesus will return?

We belong to the day that is to come, and today we've been encouraged to take our part in Jesus' mission to tell of His salvation, empowered by the Holy Spirit, whilst we wait for Him to return, knowing that when that day comes that it will then be too late to tell anybody:

We belong to the day

<https://youtu.be/p69Mv56nO7M>

PARISH PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for those in need: Lisa Landale, Ian Fraser, Remi Carnaby, Lettie Brown, Renee Effield (Garrick), Pat Fox, Nathan (Skehan), Mavis Vyner and Clarice Grose.
- Pray for Marie Norman's family as they grieve her passing. Pray for Marie's funeral, that the message of Marie's saviour may be proclaimed and received.
- Pray for the family and friends of Marcia Groom as they grieve.
- Pray for the Appellate Tribunal as it produces a report regarding same sex blessings possibly this week. Pray for the Standing Committee of General Synod, which includes Arthur Copeman, as they meet next weekend.
- Pray for the administrators appointed to Central Coast Council, for wisdom and discernment as they carry out their tasks. Pray for those Councillors who have been stood down – that God may be at work in their lives.
- Pray for the outcome of the American election and for peace following the election.
- Continue to pray for our farmers for good weather for a good crop and that they may 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.

CHRISTMAS at SAMARITANS. Our Wyoming centre plans to include Christmas foods in parcels distributed closer to Christmas. These few Christmas foods are greatly appreciated by those in need during this special time. As local shops are now selling Christmas foods please consider donating a few items to assist with our Christmas appeal. Foods may be delivered to church or left with me at 6 Berry Ave, Green Point. Thank you everyone, Lil Bennetts (Ph. 0408 239 414)

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MISSIONARY PRAYER POINTS

Our link missionaries: Brownings, Buchanans, David & Jenny, and Kyngdons

Andrew Buchanan and Abi Tandiseru with Timothy – Toraja, Indonesia

Currently on home assignment in Australia

From their recent letter:

With much thanks to God, we welcome **Timothy Kitayan Buchanan** to our family. He was born on Saturday 17th October, 2020 by caesarean and we were able to return home on Tuesday. All are doing well.

Kitayan means 'we look forward to'. The root word is used often in the Torajan translation of the Bible to talk about waiting for God's promises. The Bible describes our hope as something like the process of giving birth (e.g. Romans 8:22). As with marriage (Rev 19), there is an involved period of preparation and expectation as something new comes into being. Jesus' coming again is hoped for like a newborn and calls for the endurance of a woman in labour. We pray that Timothy will play his part as a recipient of grace in spreading that hope.

Under God, our desire is to **return to Toraja in February**. Whether or not that proves possible we are going ahead with our **commissioning on**

**Saturday, 28 November at 2 pm at St Peter's Watsons Bay Hall,
331 Old South Head Road, Watsons Bay and on-line.**

On current regulations space will be limited to 50 people. **If you would like to come let us know by email: aabuchancn@cms.org.au**. Details for online viewing will be in the next newsletter.

Give thanks for

The safe birth and enthusiastic feeding
Overwhelming support from God's family

Pray for:

Abi's' and the baby's continued health
Abi's permanent residency application
Management of Covid in Australia and Indonesia
Preparation for Andrew's final master's class in November on Judaism



CMS Envelopes – One result of COVID is that we are lucky if we receive two of these envelopes in the collection each week. CMS are now wanting a donation from us of \$7 to cover the cost of each set of envelopes. If you would like a set then please contact the office via email and Allan will order you a set. The order will be placed with CMS on Wednesday November 11.

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