



November 22nd 2020



WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

A note from the Rector:

This week one of our members is being baptised, Eleanor Rendel. Eleanor joined our church, along with her parents, in the last year and, together, they regularly attend our services. So this week we welcome Eleanor's family and friends as they join her for this important occasion.



Synod reps: Prior to COVID shutting us down, our Parish was one of the few Parishes who held an AGM. At this meeting we elected our synod representatives. As most parishes did not hold their AGM before restrictions made this impossible, our Parishes need to RE-elect our synod reps. At our AGM Arthur Adeney, Allan Granger and Barry Sommer were elected unopposed as our reps. Arthur, Allan and Barry will retain these positions unless further nominations are received. I have attached a synod nomination form if you would like to nominate anyone else. If we receive further nominations we will need to have a vote. A meeting is scheduled to conduct this vote, if required, on Sunday December 6 at 10am. Nominations close on Friday December 4 at 10am, but I would appreciate more notice than this if you intend to nominate an additional candidate.

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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)

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 worship and tell each other about the founder of our faith, Jesus Christ:

Behold <https://youtu.be/Voub6R-lpk>

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

Acts 16:11-15 (NIV)

¹¹ From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. ¹² From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. ¹⁵ When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

Acts 16:16-34 (NIV)

¹⁶ Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." ¹⁸ She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

¹⁹ When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. ²⁰ They brought them before the magistrates and said, "These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar ²¹ by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice."

²² The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. ²³ After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. ²⁴ When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

³¹ They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

Some questions to ponder:

1. Did your parents have you baptised when you were a baby or were you baptised later?

Was there anything special about your baptism?

2. When did you make the promises made at your baptism your own? Was there anything that happened that caused you to do this?

3. Infant baptism has often been a divisive issue amongst Christians. What do you think it means when we read that Lydia’s household and the Philippian gaoler’s household were baptised at the same time as Lydia and the gaoler?

What are the drawbacks and advantages of being baptised as a child?

4. If you were asked, *why did you get baptised?*, what would you say?

There are a lot of religions out there, but there is only one name that can save us, and that name is ‘Jesus’. Today we thank God that Charles and Renee have chosen to put their trust in Jesus, and that their desire is for their children to put their trust in Jesus:

No other name <https://youtu.be/D5B2m8XzKeU>

Trish Skehan took part in and was interviewed as part of the NSW Remembrance Day Service. To see what she said go to:

<https://youtu.be/llqLnE27OPs>





Spring is here and the rains have come and so the weeds are thriving at St. Paul's. Please join us on **Tuesday 24 November at 9 am**, as many hands make light work. Morning tea will be provided.

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 our Diocesan clergy as we meet on Wednesday to discuss, amongst other things, how we are to live together in the light of the Appellate Tribunal's decision. Pray for the evangelical clergy of our Diocese as we then meet together on Thursday morning.
- Pray for our Defence Force personnel, past and present, as Australia conducts a Royal Commission into stories of war crimes. With the high suicide rate amongst vets, pray for these men and women who have served our country, and their families.
- 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. 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 Browning writes from hotel quarantine in Sydney:

'.....I was mercifully granted permission to leave Australia by the Australian government to travel back to Ethiopia and Tanzania to operate. God's hand seemed to be on every step of the journey with miraculous answers to prayer, however I continued to doubt God's love and faithfulness but He showed me I should have more confidence in His grace and provision. On leaving Tanzania a few days ago my flight was cancelled to Nairobi with no alternative to be able to leave. I had a short time to scramble to Dubai to make my flight back to Australia and if I missed it I would have been stranded for months waiting for the next one. However God had it planned and miraculously I got there with a small time to spare to make the critical connection. I felt anxious and maybe a bit afraid. I need to learn the lesson from 1 John - where it says perfect love drives out all fear. God loves us perfectly and if I got stuck then God still loves me, if I made it back to my family, God still loves me and there's no better place to be than in His will. Thank you for your prayers for travelling mercies.'

Pray for the situation in Afar: Andrew visited Val and operated on 10 fistula patients. There is much hunger due to locusts, last year's drought, this year's floods. Covid restrictions and now a brewing civil war that threatens to push refugees into Afar and further strain an already critically strained area..

Barir Dar: Pray for Birhanu and staff at the hospital where civil unrest has a risk of spilling into the Amhara Region of which Barhir Darr is the capital. Pray for peace.

Tanzania: Give thanks for a record fistula camp treating 67 women with fistula and related conditions. The first 15 have gone home rejoicing.

Family: Pray for Steph and the boys while Andrew is in quarantine.

Andrew Buchanan and Abi Tandiseru with Timothy will be **commissioned** for their, God-willing, return to Toraja in February on:

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

Based on current regulations space will be limited to 50 people. **If you would like to come let them know by email:** aabuchanan@cms.org.au. There is the possibility that this service will be **broadcast**. Keep your eyes on the following website if you would like to try to join them: <https://southheadanglican.org/> Sadly Andrew and I have had no success in pinning down the Parish as to whether the service will be broadcast live.

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