



February 28th 2021



WILL YOUR FAITH SAVE YOU?

A note from the Rector:

You may have heard on the grapevine this week that, as from Friday, we're allowed to, once again, sing in church. However there is one stipulation, and that is if you choose to sing **you will need to wear a mask!** Well at least we're getting closer to getting back to normal, but again this may be short-lived.

This Sunday, of course, we are holding our Parish AGM. Due to COVID this AGM will be a bit different to previous years - though the timing is very helpful, for the following Saturday Synod will be held. Now, as a synod, we haven't met since October 2019 and at that time we returned home having made decisions that led to deep fractures forming within the Diocese. Due to COVID, these fractures have not really been noticeable, for even the clergy have not really met since then. So I, along with our synod reps, would appreciate your prayers for next Saturday. As Barry has been unwell it is unlikely that Barry will be able to attend.

The AGM will be available on Zoom, though interactions on Zoom will be very limited. I was thinking of recording the meeting but for privacy reasons this is not possible.

I would greatly appreciate your prayers over the next two weeks as an AGM is a very stressful time for a Rector and synod is often even more stressful. No doubt Synod is a very stressful time for our bishop, though this particular synod is expected to be very brief.

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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=YmdML1h5ZG81dXJk3NjBfNkTmNEdz09>

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

The recording of the service will be available at **noon on Sunday**.

Click on this link to listen: <https://kincumberanglican.com/sermons/>

Matthew 25:31-46 (NIV)

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

⁴⁴ "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

⁴⁵ "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

⁴⁶ "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

James 2:1-13 (NIV)

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds."

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

²⁰ You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? ²¹ Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. ²³ And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. ²⁴ You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

²⁵ In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? ²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

PARISH PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for those in need: Lisa Landale, Ian Fraser, Remi Carnaby, Renee Effield (Garrick), Nathan (Skehan), Ruth Rich, Helen Payne, Ruth Hutton, Paulina & Norman Lenton (Moving to Glengara Care), Barry Sommer, Robyn Walters, Mavis Vyner and Clarice Grose.
- Pray that OUR faith may be seen by our friends, family and community, through our deeds.
- Pray for our Bishops - Peter, Charlie and Sonia, that they may each find time to feast on the words of God. Pray for their leadership that they may lead our Diocese into all truth.
- Pray for our Parish as we digest the matters discussed at our AGM and pray for those who are elected to Parish Council.
- Pray for our Diocesan Synod as it meets on the first Saturday in March and for our synod reps – Arthur Adeney, Allan Bate, Allan Granger and Barry Sommer.
- Pray for our SRE teachers as they begin teaching. We give thanks that our prayers were quickly answered for more SRE teachers. Pray for those schools, to the north, where there are SRE classes to teach, but no teachers to teach them, that the Holy Spirit may be at work within the local churches, spurring on more people to become involved in this fruitful gospel ministry.
- 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, so that others may be drawn to join us in worshipping our God.

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MISSIONARY PRAYER POINTS

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

From Andrew Browning's recent Prayer Letter (no.13):

It is reassuring and encouraging beyond words to know that people are mindful and prayerful for our ministry. Without the backbone of God's people praying, I am certain we wouldn't have been as blessed as we have been.

Australia

- The Australian government has again been gracious and granted me permission to be able to **return to Africa in March. Lots of prayer is needed.** Similar to last trip, travel is so uncertain, but being in God's will and care is the safest place to be.
- There have been some public speaking engagements and some zoom talks (although the zoom talks are not nearly as satisfying as meeting face to face). Please **continue to pray for faithfulness to God's provision when I speak.** There are more talks coming up and even more when I return from Africa (God willing).

Ethiopia

Afar

- Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the food crisis in Afar. The situation is worsening, the locust plague has returned and on top of that there are around 90,000 internally displaced people who have fled Tigray to Afar because of internal conflict. Things are clearly serious in Tigray when a place of famine is considered a refuge.
- Thank you to those people who prayed for Fatuma (in last prayer letter). She has greatly recovered thanks to your donations, Val and her team and God's provision.

Barhir Dar

- **Thank you for your prayers for peace.** The fighting/missile attacks on Bahirdar have stopped but there has been some renewed conflict to the west in an area of Ethiopia called Gumuz.
- Our hospital and staff remain steady and faithful with women being cared for each day for which we are thankful.



Samaritans

SAMARITANS PANTRY APPEAL: Please help stock our Wyoming shelves with your food donations. ITEMS needed are breakfast cereals, long life milk, jam, vegemite, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, CANS of baked beans, spaghetti, vegies, tuna, salmon, tomatoes, fruit. Leave items at church or with Lil Bennetts 0408 239 414.

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. To give online use the following account:

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