



March 7th 2021



THE CHRISTIAN AND THEIR WORDS (Part i)

A note from the Rector:

As you would be aware, last Sunday we held our AGM. I appointed Terryl McInnes as Rector's Warden and Lynne Mortimer was elected People's Warden. With only one People's Warden nominated, Parish Council will seek to appoint a second People's Warden when it meets. The following people were either elected or appointed to Parish Council: Barry Sommer, Linda Upcroft, Bob Southwood, Lesley Thompson, Allan Granger, Leslie Scotchmer, Myra Holyoak and Ian Capewell. Other appointments are still being finalised. Congratulations and thank you to all those who have allowed their names to go forward.

The position of Missions Secretary and Work Health Safety Officer remain vacant. Please let me or a member of Parish Council know if you are interested in, or have any names to suggest, for either of these roles.

Please keep Parish Council in your prayers as it plans for the year ahead in the light of the survey that was conducted at our AGM. I will let you know of the results of this survey once Parish Council has met for the first time and discussed them.

This week St. Mark's College Canberra will be holding the first of four intensives in Pastoral and Clinical Supervision in our facility. 24 people have registered for this course. It is good to reconnect with St. Mark's after a 9-year break and, as clergy are required to receive pastoral supervision, this is a good outcome all round.

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=YmdML1h5ZG81dXJDC3NjbFNkTmNEdz09>

(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 12:33-37 (NIV)

Jesus said to the Pharisees, ³³“Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. ³⁴You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. ³⁵A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. ³⁶But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. ³⁷For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.”

James 3 (NIV)

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ²We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

³When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one’s life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

⁷All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. ¹⁰Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹²My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

¹⁷But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

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 for those who teach the Bible in our Church. Pray that they may be faithful to God as they teach. Pray that we may each find opportunities to teach others what we know about our God and the Gospel.
- 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 SRE teachers as they begin learning the names of their students and begin developing a relationship with staff. Pray for those schools where Kindy numbers in SRE are down. In light of this, pray that all the children of our area will be given the opportunity to learn about Jesus.
- Pray for good coordination between the state and federal governments as vaccines are rolled out across the country.
- 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

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

Tanzania

- Please pray for Tanzania and its people. After a remarkably safe run with respect to the pandemic, it is now undergoing a second wave. There are unofficial reports of renewed deaths from respiratory illnesses in the countryside. We have re-started use of PPE and other measures in our hospital.
- Give thanks that Dr Mbise, who we sponsored to undertake his obstetrics training, is now on staff full time. It is wonderful to have him join us.

South Sudan and Uganda.

- Because of Covid I was unable to go to Sth Sudan in March 2020 and many of the fistula patients had to return home, disappointed and untreated. I am praying that I will be able to arrive and operate from mid March. Pray for God's intervention so patients won't be disappointed again.
- Pray also for the Lutheran Church in Sth Sudan who are opening a maternity hospital alongside the fistula unit. We are partnering to help set up the unit and we will place volunteers. Two volunteers were due to arrive from Holland in March but with the Lutheran Church we've decided to postpone the arrivals and opening until June.
- I am also hoping to get to Uganda in March. Many patients are waiting so please pray for smooth travel so I can get to these places.



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

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