



March 14th 2021



THE CHRISTIAN AND THEIR WORDS (Part ii)

A note from the Rector:

Thank you to those who prayed for our Diocesan Synod last Saturday. At many levels this synod was a non-event with no ordinances being discussed and no budget needing to be approved.

As this was the first synod, since the very controversial synod in October 2019, I had wondered how this synod would feel now that there is a clear division that exists within the Diocese, based on how we each view the Word of God. I observed that there was a very different atmosphere filled with tension. These feelings of tension came to the fore when a motion was moved by Archdeacon Arthur Copeman and Dean Katherine Bowyer. Amongst other things this motion asked that discussions be held throughout the Diocese so that every member of the Diocese, including you, get the opportunity to hear and discuss the full range of opinions relating to sexuality and gender. The controversy came when the discussion moved to whether the range of biblical views on these matters should be discussed at these meetings. It seemed that many didn't want biblical content discussed at these gatherings. If you are interested in knowing more about this then contact Arthur Adeney, Allan Granger or myself. (Unfortunately Barry Sommer was not well enough to attend Synod).

On a positive note all but one evangelical was elected to the positions for which they were nominated. Therefore, for the first time ever, we have two evangelical clergy elected to General Synod and two evangelical laity. This is very timely but it was not what many of us expected would occur, and so we give thanks to God.

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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 7:1-5 (NIV)

7 “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. **2** For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

3 “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? **4** How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? **5** You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

James 4:1-12 (NIV)

4 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you? **2** You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. **3** When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

4 You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. **5** Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? **6** But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”

7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **8** Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. **9** Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. **10** Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

11 Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. **12** There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?

PARISH PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for those in need: Lisa Landale, Ian Fraser, Remi Carnaby, Renee Effield (Garrick), Nathan (Skehan), Ruth Rich, Helen Payne, Paulina & Norman Lenton (Moving to Glengara Care), Barry Sommer, Robyn Walters, Mavis Vyner and Clarice Grose.
- Pray that, when our worldly desires battle within us, we may put to death our old nature as we seek to live for God and to work in love, with those whom God has chosen to be our brothers and sisters, for our Heavenly Father's praise and glory.
- 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 the family and friends of Ruth Hutton who died on Tuesday morning. Ruth's funeral will be held at Greenway at 2.00pm on Tuesday.
- Pray for Kincumber Uniting Church who have not met for worship since COVID restrictions began last year. As it is not expected that the church will ever have their own minister again, and as there are no plans to re-open for worship, pray for these brothers and sisters in Christ – for wisdom as to how to respond and to act.
- Pray for our SRE teachers as they continue to learn the names of their students and develop a relationship with school staff. Pray for those schools where Kindy numbers are down, by praying that all the children of our area will be given the opportunity to learn about Jesus.
- 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

David and Jenny – West Africa

David writes:

“Please pray for us and our host country. There has been political trouble brewing for some time.

In short the President’s biggest opponent was charged and locked up last week. His supporters, many disenfranchised youth, rioted in protest. The worst hit place was the capital where supermarkets, cars, the autoroute, police and fuel stations and other places were ransacked. About 7 people were killed. Our town also had protests but they seem to have been much tamer and with less of the destructive, mob-mentality, madness.

Clearly there are other things that have come together to create this storm, the worst this generation has seen, including COVID, a worsening economy, unemployment, growing distrust of the government, etc. As a result, people are very frustrated and angry.

Along with the expat community we are keeping a low profile, watching and preparing for a lock-down this week. We are alert but certainly not alarmed. We are not targets but need to stay out of the way of things. There has been a call on social media for prolonged and huge protests from Monday to Wednesday this week. All schools and universities will be closed for the next week, as well as many businesses.

Pray for the safety of our community. Also pray that the leaders would make wise decisions and not inflame the situation. Above all, we pray that God would use this situation to draw people to himself. Peace is highly valued in this culture and we pray people would realise that it is very fragile when not built on a message of truth.

Thanks for your prayers.”



WYOMING SAMARITANS PANTRY: We continue to welcome your food donations & are happy to receive donations of cash which enables us to purchase foods for the pantry. Happy to receive cash in an envelope which includes your name, for a receipt. Thank you everyone for your support. Lil Bennetts 0408 239 414

Giving to the work of the Parish

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