



March 21st 2021



LIVING IN THE LIGHT OF ETERNITY

A note from the Rector:

With Easter soon upon us, we're currently living in the shadow of Good Friday - where we will remember Jesus laying down His life to save us.

With just two weeks left to go before His death, Jesus was also living in the shadow of that first Good Friday. And yet, despite knowing that He was about to die, Jesus boldly made His way to Jerusalem. So death was very much on His radar.

Likewise, death is very much on my radar this week. For this week I am conducting funerals for Harleen Haylings and Ruth Hutton and then I have an interment service to conduct on Friday.

But, not only did Jesus have His own death on His mind, as Jesus approached Jerusalem, Jesus was also grieving the death of one of His friends – Lazarus. But, of course, the wonderful thing about Jesus is that Jesus brings life to all who believe in Him. And so, to illustrate this, Jesus raised His friend Lazarus from the dead. And then, a couple of weeks later, in fulfilment of this resurrection, Jesus Himself was raised from the dead. For the difference between these resurrections was that when Jesus was raised from the dead, He was raised forever.

Now it is our faith in the resurrection of Jesus that gives us the confidence to believe that, after we die, Jesus will come to raise us from the dead so that we might live with Him forever. And it is this hope, that we have for eternity, that impacts how we live in the here and now. For, in the here and now, we can boldly live for Jesus - for we know that our eternal future is secure.

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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)

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

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

Luke 12:16-21 (NIV)

¹⁶ Jesus told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

¹⁸ "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

²¹ "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

James 4:13-5:12 (NIV)

¹³ Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." ¹⁴ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

5 Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. ² Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. ³ Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. ⁴ Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. ⁵ You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. ⁶ You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. ⁹ Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

¹² Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple "Yes" or "No." Otherwise you will be condemned.

PARISH PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for those in need: Lisa Landale, Ian Fraser, Remi Carnaby, Renee Effield (Garrick), Nathan (Skehan), Ruth Rich, Paulina & Norman Lenton (Moving to Glengara Care), Barry Sommer, Robyn Walters, Mavis Vyner and Clarice Grose.
- Pray that, whatever our circumstances, we may live our lives, in the here and now, in the light of eternity, for the glory of God.
- 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 **Harleen Haylings** who died last Sunday. Harleen's funeral will be held at Greenway at midday on **Monday**.
- Pray for the family and friends of **Ruth Hutton**. Ruth's funeral will be held at Greenway at 2.00pm on **Wednesday**.
- Pray that we may not turn a blind eye when we see injustice occurring in our homes, our community, our workplaces, our nation and our world. Pray that we may speak up when we hear people being put down.
- As we give thanks for the continued low numbers of COVID infections in Australia, we pray that Australians may be patient as the vaccine is rolled out. We give thanks for our nation's generosity in helping countries like Papua New Guinea to respond to the pandemic and pray for the many nations which are suffering terribly during this pandemic.
- 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

Andrew Buchanan and Abi Tandiseru with Timothy – Toraja, Indonesia

Currently on home assignment in Australia

From their Prayer Letter

Dear friends

Timothy is nearly five months old and now has an Australian passport and a growing list of vaccinations. He continues to be a delight. Abi's permanent residency still hasn't come through. However, Andrew probably won't be able to travel until he is vaccinated. Meanwhile, the Lord continues to keep us occupied.

Remote Mentoring

Andrew's next class begins this week. The students are all doing biblical studies masters and will be looking at academic approaches to the Bible.

Andrew is now supervising three students' theses, and others have started asking about their thesis proposals. Limited though it is, this is personal ministry that can shape how they use the Bible. In general, the issue is not belief in the Bible's importance, but developing the ability to look afresh at the Bible from their own ministry contexts.

Learning

Abi is looking forward to restarting her children's ministry once we are back and conditions allow it. She has started a Christian counselling course online. For those who complete the basic course, there is an advanced module on counselling children. Abi wants to better understand the issues children face and how to deal with them well.

Give thanks

- That friends in Toraja who tested positive for Covid are recovering well.
- For getting Timothy's Australian passport
- For God's continued provision.
- For our continued communication with family, Bible Study, ministry in Toraja

Please pray

- Many Torajans continue to hold social functions with large numbers and varying social distancing. Pray that infections will have peaked by April.
- For Abi's permanent residency and other administrative tasks.
- For teaching and supervision to result in humility and a commitment to interpreting the Bible faithfully and relevantly.
- For Abi to grow in knowledge and wisdom through the counselling course.

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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