



October 24th 2021



The Second of the Signs – Healing from a distance

A note from the Rector:

This week is our final Sunday with Jan and Arthur Adeney. During the service, which will be held on Zoom, we'll have an opportunity to hear from the Adeney's and to pray for them as they begin the next stage of their journey. Jan and Arthur came to us from Muswellbrook 14 years ago and have played key roles in our Parish. Together they ran preparation courses for those getting married within our Parish. Jan took a leading role on Parish Council in her role as Mission's Secretary and we are thankful for Jan's encouragement to support our link missionaries and mission in general. Arthur has led services and preached on regular occasions. We pray God's blessing upon them for their future.

Next Sunday, October 31, **providing you are feeling well**, you are welcome to join us, physically, for church - though church will continue to be broadcast via Zoom. A reminder that you will be required to check in using our **QR Code**. If you don't have a smartphone then either get someone to add you as a dependent OR obtain a COVID-19 check-in card OR, if all else fails, we will manually check you in on the day. You will NOT need to show us proof of your vaccination status but you will need to show us that you have checked in. I shouldn't need to say this, but please be kind to our volunteers as they check you in and usher you. Under our new COVID plan the washing and sanitising of hands is less critical, as the Delta strain is mostly spread through the air. Our building will be set up so as to allow airflow. However this means that we will have less control over the temperature, **so come prepared**. The advice is that, even if someone attends who has COVID, it is unlikely that you would be infected, and you, as a contact, would be considered to be *Low Risk*, meaning that it is unlikely that you will need to isolate for any significant period of time, if at all. To further reduce risk we will be wearing masks in the short term.

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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)

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

Tuesday's Prayer meeting 9.00am <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/787794144>
(Meeting ID: 787 794 144 Passcode: 813312)

John 4:45-54 (NIV)

⁴⁵ When Jesus arrived (back) in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, for they also had been there.

⁴⁶ Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.

⁴⁸ "Unless you people see signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe."

⁴⁹ The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

⁵⁰ "Go," Jesus replied, "your son will live."

The man took Jesus at his word and departed. ⁵¹ While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. ⁵² When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him."

⁵³ Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and his whole household believed.

⁵⁴ This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee.

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 Andrew's letter received this week:

These past few weeks have seen some developments on the visa front and a special birthday celebration! **Timothy turned 1 last Sunday. The lunch and cake were delicious, but Timothy was more interested in the balloons.**

The next two weeks Andrew will be busy with his second masters' subject, *The New Testament from a Torajan Perspective*. A major goal is to sensitise students to aspects of the New Testament that don't feature in Western theology but are important in Toraja, such as shame, as a primary moral motivator, and belief in spirits.

Visa progress

Abi's registration with the Indonesian embassy came through shortly after our last newsletter! We were then able to get everything Timothy needs organised, in two days last week at the embassy. In a couple of weeks we should have his Indonesian passport and other papers that will be useful in Indonesia.

Church of Toraja Synod this week

Sadly, a change in logistics has meant that the Swedish method is not being used by the small team Andrew trained. **Pray for the synod's deliberations.** Various motions including the five-year strategic plan are being decided this week, and the executive who will lead it will be voted in on Friday. Do **continue to pray for God's kindness to the denomination in the election of godly people to leadership positions.**

Give thanks

- For Timothy's continued growth and health and zest for life.
- For progress on Timothy's passport and clarity about Andrew's visa.

Please ask

- For preparation for Andrew's second masters' subject, starting next week, and for the six students taking the subject.
- For God's hand on the Church of Toraja synod so that a Christ-honouring program will be supported by leadership with integrity.
- For Andrew's visa path to open up soon.

Giving to the work of the Parish

Thanks to everyone who has continued to contribute financially to the work of the Parish during the lockdown. To give online use the following account:

Kincumber Anglican Parish, BSB: 705077 (Indue), Acct No: 00040910

PARISH PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for those in need: Remi Carnaby, Nathan (Skehan), Robyn Small, Mavis Vyner, Betty Greenfield, Maggie (Dibley), Vera and Doris, Michael Sanderson, Clarice Grose and Amelie (Grose).
- Pray for our Bishops - Peter, Charlie and Sonia. Pray for their leadership: that they may have confidence in God's written Word and correctly handle and preach the *word of truth* so that they may lead our Diocese into all truth.
- Pray for wisdom for the leaders of the Anglican Church of Australia, Gafcon Australia and our Diocese as they respond to the crisis within the Australian Anglican Church.
- Pray for our church members, as we come together again from next Sunday, that we may all be kept safe and that we will be kind and gracious to one another despite our vaccination status.
- Locally our health system is under great pressure. Let us give thanks to God for those who are *the last line of defence against the virus*, who are treating patients with the virus in ICU, and let us pray that they and their families will be kept safe.
- Pray for those businesses and workers in our area who will continue to suffer financially until all restrictions are lifted. Consider how you can safely support them as restrictions continue to ease and virus cases in our area, hopefully, continue to decline.
- Pray for Jan and Arthur Adeney as they say their final farewells and begin their new life living with children in the southern Sydney and Dubbo.
- 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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