



October 24<sup>th</sup>  
2021



## The Third of the Signs - Healing a man with no faith

### A note from the Rector:

This week I've felt for Gladys as she has had to tell the world all about her private life and how she, as a leader, like me and you, has feet made of clay (Daniel 2). For, whilst many of us are prepared to criticise our leaders, I wonder how we would actually go if we were given the opportunity by God to serve our state in this way. I'm just thankful that Jesus' feet are described as being like burnished bronze! (Revelation 2:18)

Based on this conjecture, I thought I would quote Mike Flynn from the latest EFAC Essentials magazine.

*At Swinburne University in Melbourne, the School of Business is teaching servant leadership because evidence for **the effectiveness of Jesus' teaching on leadership** has been building for decades. Harvard Business Review famously called it 'Level five leadership'—a humble, eclectic, teachable and even wise form of leading that puts the goals of the corporation above the personality of the leader. There is nothing sentimental or ideologically skewed towards championing introversion here. This is business: this form of leadership is justified by the **superior results** it achieves.*

*But leadership is complex for us in Melbourne. We know that our city is **obsessed with critiquing leaders; with looking for leaders and removing them**. It is one of the ordinary goods we have anxiously made into an ultimate purpose as we seek the keys to a meaningful life on our own terms. We deeply believe that if we just get leadership right, all will be well. **But this is Australia where we practice a brutal form of egalitarianism**. We **cut down** without mercy even the most beautiful and deserving of our tall poppies. We **knock down** those who might have excelled, given time, grace and opportunity. Then we **complain** wise people steer away from leadership in public, corporate, and church life—leaving weeds behind.*

I don't want the weeds. And so I thank God that Dominic Perrottet, a man of Christian faith, is our Premier. And I will give thanks to God as I appreciate Gladys for leading our state through bushfires, devastating floods and COVID. But, in light of the pressure on our leaders, rather than being involved in blaming them or tearing them down, I will commit myself to praying for them.

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### This week's Zoom links:

Sunday Morning Church via Zoom 9.00am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89163303726?pwd=MjRxbW5HNWU2OVIEYWRVzZ5TW9DOT09>

(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**.

## John 5:1-18 (NIV)

**5** Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. **2** Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. **3** Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. <sup>[4] [a]</sup> **5** One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. **6** When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

**7** “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

**8** Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” **9** At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, **10** and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”

**11** But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’”

**12** So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”

**13** The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

**14** Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” **15** The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

**16** So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. **17** In his defense Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.” **18** For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

- a. [John 5:4](#) Some manuscripts include here, wholly or in part, *paralyzed—and they waited for the moving of the waters.* <sup>4</sup> *From time to time an angel of the Lord would come down and stir up the waters. The first one into the pool after each such disturbance would be cured of whatever disease they had.*

*Are you coming to church on Sunday?  
GREAT!*

Please remember:

- if you are feeling unwell or are waiting for a test result, please stay home.
- come early
- you will need to wear a mask
- you will need to check in using our QR code
- BE KIND to our volunteers and DO what they instruct you to do.

# MISSIONARY PRAYER POINTS

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

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**Roger and Amanda Kyngdon and their children Ada (2012), Eliza (2014), Benjamin (2016) and Emily (2020)**

## **October Prayer Points:**

Give thanks for time away at the NW Diocese Conference and in Perth afterwards. Pray that Roger and Amanda will continue to build on gospel conversations they have had in town.

## **Bush Church Aid – Changes in the NSW/ACT Regional Office**

The NSW/ACT Regional Officer, Ted Brush, who has been in the role since January 2018, will leave BCA in early 2022 to take up a part-time role at the Centre for Ministry Development at Moore College.

**Please pray for Greg Harris as he begins the search for someone to fill Ted's enormous shoes.**

**Pray for Ted & Michelle as they look towards next year, and for the Field Staff in his region who Ted has supported during his time in the role.**

## **BCA Monthly Prayer Videos** (p.22 of BCA Spring edition of *The Real Australian*)

For the past year or so, National Director Greg Harris and the BCA communications team have been working together to produce a monthly prayer video to highlight the prayer needs of Field Staff across their six regions.

'The purpose of these prayer videos is to give you, our supporters, the chance to get prayer updates which are current, in a short three-minute video format. The videos are shared on the BCA Facebook page, via Instagram, Twitter, YouTube and also emailed out to those supporters who have signed up to receive regular emails from us.'

The quarterly BCA Prayer Notes are a great way to pray regularly for BCA and its Field Staff but the prayer points have been written in advance. The prayer videos will provide up to date prayer points.

## **Giving to the work of the Parish**

Thanks to everyone who 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), Ruth Rich, 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 this Sunday, that we may all be kept safe and that we will be kind and gracious to one another.
- We give thanks that COVID case numbers and hospitalisations are continuing to decrease.
- Pray for Gladys Berejiklian, as she comes to terms with the events of this week and the potential consequences for her actions. Pray for Dominic Perrottet and for all those elected to public office, that they may humbly acknowledge their *feet of clay* and that they may look to Jesus to help them as they serve us. Pray for us, that we may be people who pray for and support those whom God has appointed to lead us.
- Pray for our auditor and her family. Her son was the young father from Saratoga/Davistown who tragically died in his car as a result of an accident with a knife 3 months ago.
- Pray for those businesses and workers in our area who are continuing to suffer financially and who are struggling to find staff.
- 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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