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Mission Statement:

To love God and to love our neighbours and become an increasingly relevant presence in our community.

During Covid-19, our Eucharist is in individual serves only -
"This is the Lord's table – all who seek God's mercy are welcome"

We invite visitors to sign our Visitors' Book,
Unfortunately, we are not yet able to share a cuppa after our services.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 -

Prayer of the Day: "O God, You call Your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to You: help us so to proclaim the good news of Your love, that all who hear it may turn to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen."

LOCUM PRIEST: Rev'd MANDY WHEATLEY –
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To Support Financially: Please write Cheques in favour of 'Bodalla Parochial Council'.

or

Direct Deposits: Bodalla Parochial Council, BSB 082-744 a/c: 509821522 - Ref: Reg. Giving

VISION CHRISTIAN RADIO, now broadcasting in Bodalla on FM 87.6; & in Narooma on FM 88.0
Epray daily app - parish code for free download: 9795

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2020: 15th SUNDAY after PENTECOST –

Exodus 14: 19-31

Psalms 114

Romans 14: 1-14

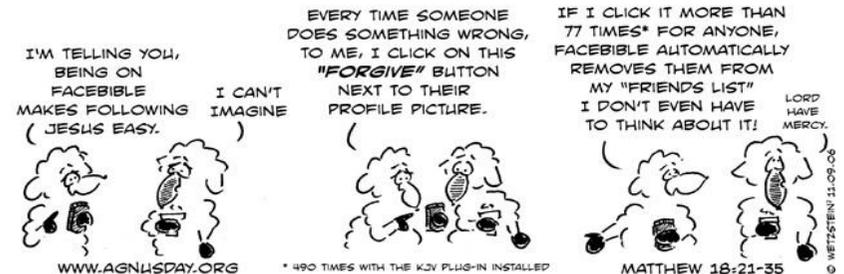
Matthew 18: 21-35

David O

Angela

Peter T

Janie



ABM Pew Sheet Reflection 2020: "We read of the Exodus – the way out of the Hebrew people through the Red Sea. We cannot really know what happened that day (indeed there is scant archaeological evidence that Egypt was home to the Hebrews). But that is of little consequence to the meaning of the text: the writer(s) of this story want us to know of God's final victory in a dire situation. The Israelites' liberation from Egypt is described in terms of a birth – through a path, out of water. The theme strongly influenced later biblical tradition for both the Hebrew people as well as for Christians.

- **Pray that** we might see where God is leading us, so that we might cast off our shackles and walk towards freedom.
- **Give thanks** for the Anglican Communion Office, and for all the work they do on behalf of Anglicans worldwide.
- **Pray Healing for:** Marion, Karly; Wendy B; Sylvia; Stephen L; Pamela J; Lindy C; Kerrie Anne; Greg; Stephen G; **Pray Comfort** for all who grieve.
- **Pray for** our Link Missionaries, the Tingle Family, in Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- **Pray for** our Refugee Family, Selva & Juliat, Lawrence & Marya, still awaiting their visa appeal.
- **Pray protection & recovery** for our virus, drought, fire, & flood affected nation.
- **Prayer for selection of a new incumbent:** (APBA p.212) "Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak Your word & minister Your sacraments; an encourager who'll equip Your people for ministry & enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment & patience, & to us give warm & generous hearts, for Jesus' sake. Amen."
- **Please pray** for revival, & "pray the Lord of the harvest for workers for our field."
- "Let all peoples use His name in blessing; all nations call Him blessed." Ps 72:19 (APBA)

To MAKE OR CHANGE A RESERVATION for the 9am worship at St Paul's on Sundays &/or Wednesdays, please advise Rhonda: rhonda.both@me.com PH.: 0457 477 485. A basket for your GIVING & DONATIONS is at the rear of the church near the door.

SAT SEP 26 & SUN 27 – NCCA PRAYER WEEKEND: (Bishop P Huggins, President). *“With prayerful greetings, can we encourage that this be a further special time of National Prayer regarding the pandemic?”*

We are all aware of the suffering it's causing; the extent of the social & economic dislocation, the difficulty getting the virus under control and the level of many people's anxiety.....

It is comforting when we know we are all praying together to our Saviour. Some of our member Churches have international partners who are also focusing their prayers so we will be part of a global time of prayer....

We make our prayers together for an end to this pandemic (with all this involves), trusting Jesus' word to us - **God wills to “give good things to those who ask”**. (Matthew 7:11)

Here is a prayer that might be helpful in the lead up:

“Gracious God, trusting in your providence and presence, we bring our prayer for an end to this pandemic.

We pray for your strengthening of those offering costly leadership during this crisis.

We pray for all who are ill. We pray for those anxious about getting ill.

We pray for those full of grief. We remember those who have died.

We pray for your grace to sustain us as we do what we can in our context.

We ask these things, as you encourage us so to do. “Ask & it will be given you.” (Matt 7:7).

In resurrection faith, we offer our heartfelt prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.”

SUN NOV 1, 1pm-5pm, (online): FREE MENTAL HEALTH UNWRAPPED Workshop:

This Workshop addresses mental health issues pastorally & practically.

Some of the topics covered include: ***Understanding Mental Illness, *Mental Health Friendly Churches, *Prayer & Healing, *Mental Illness & Ministry.**

The workshop will be online & led by Louise Gosbell & Deb Horscroft. For more info please contact Embracing Ministries on info@embracingministries.org.” July Anglican News.

BCA – Yes, it's their ANNUAL FUNDRAISING TIME to support their important work with many Ministries in outback regions of our nation. ***Please bring your boxes/donations in by end of September, for counting & forwarding.*** – Ven Jane.

A REMINDER that several BCA boxes wait in St Paul's foyer, just rearing to go!

SPRING has SPRUNG! – and Myf has been busy preparing her **shrub & plant cuttings for sale**, so do keep an eye out for them on her front lawn – 49 Noble Parade, Dalmeny.

Please collect your GIVING ENVELOPES, now available from St Paul's.

“Jesus tells us how blessed we are when we can't see him & yet we still believe. (Doubting Thomas, John 20:24-29) ***If you're a believer, please pray for the blessing of belief for others.***

If you're not a believer, Jesus understands, just as He understood Thomas.

Pray anyway, asking Jesus to remove your doubts and fears.”

Pastors Robert & Helga Spence

MANDY's MESSAGE: “The Act of Forgiveness – is such an important subject I will address it over two weeks. Matthew 18:21: T hen Peter came to Him and said, *“Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”* Jesus said to him, *“Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times.”*

“Every-one,” C.S. Lewis writes, *“says forgiveness is a lovely idea until there is something [difficult] to forgive.”* Everyone, I suspect, is in favour of forgiveness, at least in principle. . . but what is Jesus trying to tell us? Expand your thinking, expand your heart - don't limit Forgiveness! Don't limit Grace! Don't limit Mercy. Don't limit Love.

Maybe I'm the only one that messes up every day, who thinks the wrong thoughts, does the wrong things or says the wrong things every day! Can you imagine God saying ---- *“I'm only going to forgive him or forgive her seven times and then, watch out!”*

No - we don't ever want God to give up on us, we don't ever want God to not forgive us and withdraw mercy and grace [undeserved favour].

Why then are we so willing not to do that for others or indeed for ourselves? Dishing out forgiveness in small amounts – (this deserves this much punishment or that requires more) as though it is a precious resource like love is like limiting the concept of love – when love and forgiveness is at its source limitless, never-ending, bottomless, eternal, forever.

You hear people say, *“Well you don't know what they've done to me!”*

The underlying principle that needs to be revealed is the fact that every sin that you and I commit, every thoughtless, harsh word, everything that we do that is wrong in the eyes of God, affects our relationship with God! It hurts God, it puts division between ourselves and God. Then the only way to heal that relationship is to ask for forgiveness and mean it! This is the prayer that God really listens to. When we ask for mercy & grace God always listens!

What people have done to you and me cannot compare to what you and I have done to God! Asking for forgiveness is not about letting God know about our sin! He already knows! Confession is necessary because it is a chance for us to realize our own sinfulness! Our unholiness, our disobedience, because we have to admit that we need forgiveness! Knowing that we need forgiveness and realizing just how much forgiveness we need helps us to give forgiveness to others.

People say: *“I'm not going to forgive them until they apologize to me! They owe me an apology!”* The Truth is - we forgive them because we've been forgiven! We release them of the debt we think they owed to us because of the debt we owe to God, because we have been forgiven!

*“God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name,
And in Jesus' name I come to you, to share His love as He told me to.*

Chorus: He said, Freely, freely you have received;

Freely, freely give.

Go in my name and because you believe, Others will know that I live.”

All power is given in Jesus' name, In earth and heaven, in Jesus' name;

And in Jesus' name I come to you, to share His power as He told me to....”