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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,
A reminder that we are not yet able to share a cuppa after our services.

SUNDAY AUGUST 16, 2020 -

Prayer of the Day: "God of freedom, You have broken the tyranny of sin & sent the Spirit of Your Son into our hearts: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to Your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 – THURSDAY-SUNDAY
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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 AUGUST 16, 2020: 11th SUNDAY after PENTECOST –

Gen 45: 1-15

Psalm 133

Romans 11.13-32

Matthew 15: 21-28

Jenny M
Peter T

Jock
Lachie

THIS STORY MAKES ME
CRINGE! HOW COULD
JESUS TALK TO THIS
WOMAN LIKE THAT?



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IT IS AN INTENSE EXCHANGE,
BUT BOTH HER **NEED** AND
HER **FAITH** ALLOW HER TO
MATCH **WITS** WITH JESUS.



WHO KNEW THAT THERE
WAS SUCH A THING AS
PRAYER THROW DOWN?



MATTHEW 15:21-28

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ABM Pew Sheet Reflection 2020: "Oddly, today we jump over all of Joseph's experiences in Egypt – from prison to virtual prince – and find ourselves towards the end of the story with his brothers where he reveals who he is and says he was sent ahead by God to ensure his brothers' continued existence because of the famine that has beset the area. Joseph has made meaning out of his ghastly experience and forgives his once-murderous brothers."

- **Pray that** all those who have life experiences which are horrid can find some kind of meaning and thrive, just as Joseph did.
- **Give thanks** for the *Nippon Se Ko Kai*, the Anglican Church of Japan.
- **Pray Healing for:** Marion, Karly; Wendy B; Sylvia; Stephen L; Pamela J; Lindy C; Kerrie Anne; Bob B; 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, 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)

"The assurance we have in Isa 53:4 that **'surely our griefs He Himself bore & our sorrows He carried'** is not only for present ills, but also for all our yesterdays, all the way back to our beginnings.

Jesus Christ is able to touch, heal and transform **all** that has gone on before,
all that has shaped us, **all** that has driven us...since our first years.

He does not erase the past, or cause anything to fall into forgotten memories.

**He transforms every experience of our lives into strengths, understanding,
compassion, and instruments of healing...."**

The Transformation of the Inner Man, J & P Sandford.

To make a reservation for the 9am worship at St Paul's on Sundays &/or Wednesdays, please book with Rhonda - her email is: rhonda.both@me.com; or Phone: 0457 477 485. And to reduce handling, a bowl for your Giving is at the rear of the church near the door.

Message from Ven. Jane Simmonds: Habakkuk 3:17-19

Even though the fig trees have no fruit and no grapes grow on the vines, even though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no grain, even though the sheep all die and the cattle stalls are empty, 18 I will still be joyful and glad, because the Lord God is my saviour. 19 The Sovereign Lord gives me strength. He makes me sure-footed as a deer and keeps me safe on the mountains.

Who has heard of Habakkuk? We may not know his name but I think most of us are familiar with this passage of scripture. He was a prophet who lived in Judah near the end of the 7th century BC, at a time when the Babylonians came to power – just before they destroyed Jerusalem and took many of the people into exile. Not only did he speak God's word to the people around him, but he dared to ask troubling questions, challenging the way that God seemed to run the world. Those age old questions that worry most people. Everywhere he looked, Habakkuk saw violence, conflict and injustice. Why wasn't God doing anything about it? He was honest in voicing his opinions to God - almost demanding answers to these problems, but gradually he began to see his own limitations as he was led to look back at all the things that God had done in the past and requested that God would respond in a similar way in the present troubles.

Habakkuk began to appreciate God's role in the world amidst all the events that were going on and was moved into a time of exalting and praising God for who he is. This is the very heart of all prayer. He learned to trust in God's unending provision and providence, regardless of circumstances. His feelings need not be controlled by the events happening around him, but by faith in God's ability to give him strength. And Habakkuk leaves us with this amazing statement of faith that we heard this morning.

What a lesson he gives to us! We seem to move from one crisis to another. I don't really need to remind you – the drought, the bushfires, hail storm, flooding, and the coronavirus pandemic – just one disaster after another. Even though we have been kept relatively safe – we have been isolated – cut off from family and friends and we can easily slip into despair. We cannot see all that God is doing and we cannot see all that God will do – but we can be assured that he is God and will do what is right. Knowing all this can give us confidence and hope in a confusing world. Let us look again at Habakkuk's example. He accepted that he might have to carry on waiting, that he might have to carry on believing against the evidence of everything he saw going on around him. But he understood that in the end God would triumph. That he could be trusted to judge justly and restore his people. So when nothing makes sense anymore. When troubles seem more than we can bear. Let us turn our eyes to God. Talk to him. Tell him how it really is. Then wait for him to speak to us. He will always give us an assurance of his presence with us. He will give us surefooted confidence through hard times and as Habakkuk says we will run like deer across tough and difficult terrain.

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.

2020 SYNOD ARRANGEMENTS: 1st session of our 47th Synod is postponed to April 2021

- **APRIL 10-11, 2021** - SYNOD, for just 2 days, in Goulburn.
- **Diocesan Updates:** meanwhile, a series be provided virtually via Zoom.
- **SEP 1 – a virtual Diocesan Update** from Bp Mark available on Diocesan website.
- **FRI SEP 11, 2pm-4pm – Coast, Monaro & Alpine Synod Members only Zoom Meeting** – the link will be forwarded to Synod members – (see full letter on Notice Board)

“The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church” - Tertullian of Carthage, 155-240AD.

‘Please pray for the martyrs of our faith, for courage and great faith.’ Rev'd Mandy

How to pray?

Because the New Testament was written to persecuted believers, it is filled with examples of how to pray for our brothers and sisters under attack.

Here are 5 examples from Ephesians:

- Pray persecuted believers would know the hope God gives (Eph 1:18).
 - Pray the Holy Spirit would strengthen them (Eph 3:16).
- Pray persecuted believers would know how much God loves them (Eph 3:17)
 - Pray they would know how to share the gospel (Eph 6:19).
- Pray persecuted believers would fearlessly tell others about Jesus (Eph 6:20).

For more info: Open Doors: <https://www.opendoors.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/>

“We have no right to distress any of God's creatures without a very good reason; we call them dumb animals, and so they are, for they cannot tell us how they feel, but they do not suffer less because they have no words”. – (The People's Friend, March 28, 2020: Anna Sewell,

(1820-1878) “a Quaker, & Author of Black Beauty – her mission to draw attention to the mistreatment of horses in Victorian times, became the voice of maltreated equines the world over” and thankfully still resonates with our society, in our care for animals today.

Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it’ -

Gen 2: 15, NKJV