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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 27, 2020 -**

**Prayer of the Day:** *“Grant, O merciful God, that Your people may have that mind that was in Christ Jesus, who emptied Himself, & took the form of a servant, & in humility became obedient even to death. For You have highly exalted Him & bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, Jesus Christ, the Lord; who lives & reigns with you & the Holy Spirit, one God, in everlasting glory. Amen.*

**LOCUM PRIEST: Rev’d MANDY WHEATLEY – WEDNESDAY-  
SUNDAY**

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or

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

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2020: 17th SUNDAY after PENTECOST –**

Exodus 17: 1-7    Psalm 78: 1-4, 11-16    Philippians 2: 1-13    Matthew 21: 23-32

Marie S

Pauline R

Janie McO

Peter T

**ABM Pew Sheet Reflection 2020:** *“Having sent ten plagues to the people of Egypt, God tests the Israelites ten times as they travel through the wilderness of the Sinai Peninsula to see if they will remain faithful. This time water has run out. The Israelites are seriously peeved with Moses’ leadership – the Hebrew word translated as ‘quarrelled’ really means ‘took legal action against’. Moses shrugs it all off, seeing it as the people complaining against God, rather than against him. So God tells Moses to take his staff and strike it against the rock at Horeb. The people’s need is answered by their ever-providing God as water gushes out of the rock.*

- **Pray that** as we wander through times of spiritual desolation we will be alert to God giving us spiritual water from which to drink.
- **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia, the Most Rev Geoff Smith, and for the General Secretary of the General Synod, Anne Hywood, and the staff in the General Synod Office.
- **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:** *“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 continue to 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](mailto:rhonda.both@me.com) PH.: 0457 477 485.  
A basket for your GIVING & DONATIONS is at the rear of the church near the door.**

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



**THIS WEEKEND: NATIONAL SOLEMN ASSEMBLY** - Pastor Peter Walker invites the people of Australia and other Indigenous Elders to join with them in seeking God's face according to 2 Chronicles 7:14, and Joel 1:14, 'for the healing of the land.'

*"Gracious God, trusting in your providence..., 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."*

**TODAY: Last Day for BCA's Annual FUNDRAISER.**

**A REMINDER that several boxes are still on St P's foyer table for collection.**

**SAT OCT 3, 10am-10.30: Another \$10 Morning Tea FUNDRAISER** for Philippine village students – see Penny & Neil's **Restored Motors, & Depression Era Artifacts** at Bell Bird, 71 Appleby Rd (off Rifle Range Rd, Nth Narooma). **Please book with Penny: 0432 551 220**

**SUNDAY, OCT 4** – We (well, some) look **FORWARD** to **DAYLIGHT SAVING** commencing, so clocks go **FORWARD** one hour, on **Saturday night**. (Just don't be like me, & **FORGET**; it's very embarrassing to be a whole hour late for Church!)

**St SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL RESTORATION FUND –Tax Deductible DONATIONS** can be made by **cheque** to PO Box 205 Goulburn 2580; by **PH** - 4821 2206; or by **Direct Deposit** to – BSB: 032 0721 A/c: 680946. **For more info, a Current Information Sheet is on St Paul's Notice Board.**

**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](mailto:info@embracingministries.org)." July Anglican News.

**KYB: will start a new study of Peter's Letters next term.** Mandy asks we invite a friend to join one of the 3 KYB meetings – **Mondays, 3pm & Thursdays, 10.30am, in the Noble Room, & Thursdays, 2pm – Bodalla's Downward Dog Café:** Rev'd Mandy, 0401 670 132

***"On Particularly Rough Days when I'm sure I can't possibly endure, I like to remind myself that my Track Record of getting through Bad Days so far, is 100%. And that's Pretty Good."*** – Our Thanks to Helen Hunt!

**You are loved. That's the message at the heart of the New Testament, and that's the message at the heart of this universe.**

There's a verse in the New Testament where Paul says this:

*'The Son of God' – that is, Jesus – 'loved me and gave himself for me'. (Gal 2:20)*

In our scriptures today we read; *Jesus emptied himself, and being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. (Phi 2:7)*

Jesus kept asking great questions didn't he, like *'Who do you say I am?', 'What is truth?', 'What do you want me to do for you?', 'Why are you so afraid?'*

I have a question for you today. Actually it is from the Alpha series – Session 3 titled; **Why did Jesus die?**

Psalm 78 verses 10-11 holds the answer. [I will pause here while you look it up]. Because even after all God did to rescue and lead his people safely through the wilderness, they still rebelled against him. They did not keep God's covenant, but refused to walk according to his law. They forgot what he had done, and the miracles that he had shown them.

In Matthew's gospel, chapter 21.23-32, some people say 'yes I will do as you ask' and then they didn't. Some people said 'no I won't' and then they did what was asked.

Jesus asked another question; ***'Who was the one that obeyed?'*** In summary Jesus said; *'Both John [the Baptist] and I came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe us. You of all people should have known me, you stand in front of everyone and say you are obedient to God – [you go to church] and even after you saw the fulfillment of God's salvation, you did not change your minds and believe enough to be obedient. You still went your own way; but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes were the ones who believed and followed me'.*

Let me tell you, my sisters and brothers, that there have been folk just as much set against obedience to Christ as any could be, and yet they surrendered to God's grace.

Let me share with you a story of redemption – from the Alpha session 3 – Why did Jesus die? Would we recognise Jesus if he came to earth today?

Let me ask you another question – ***'What is Jesus asking us to do?'***

If we take this passage personally, Jesus is calling us to follow him, to empty ourselves as he did so we will create room for others to enter into our lives. He reminds us not to take God's grace for granted, to continue to work for our sanctification, to let others know in any way we

can of Jesus' love and grace, to invite others to come to our Church, to the studies we do, the children's programs we run, and join in opportunities to help others. Our Sanctification is worked out every day.

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith, & that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."* Eph 2:8-10.

So may God's grace be made manifest in our lives as we seek to follow him obediently to the lost and the lonely, the ones who thirst and hunger for God's freedom.

It may be costly but it is so rewarding when we obey the One who goes before us.

Rev'd Mandy