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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 AUGUST 30, 2020 -

Prayer of the Day: *"Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of
all good things: graft in our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us
true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us
in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*

LOCUM PRIEST: Rev'd MANDY WHEATLEY – WEDNESDAY-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 30, 2020: 13th SUNDAY after PENTECOST –

Exodus 3: 1-15 Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26 Romans 12: 9-21 Matthew 16: 21-28;

Pauline R

Marie S

Janie McO

Peter T

ABM Pew Sheet Reflection 2020: *"Today's OT reading sees Moses talking to the Burning Bush that was not consumed by the flames. At the end of the passage we read that God's name is I AM – note the present tense – the living God. If you were to look at a Greek Orthodox icon, in the halo around Jesus' head there is almost always the Greek text ὁ ὢν – often in capital letters, Ὁ ὢν. Literally this means 'the being one' but 'he who is' is a better translation. Jesus is God, today, yesterday, for ever."*

- **Pray that** we, being made in God's image, may be truly alive and live our lives truly for him.
- **Give thanks** for 'Jesus-Shaped Life', the Communion's church growth & discipleship initiative.
- **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, 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)

ABM APPEAL FOR VICTIMS OF BEIRUT EXPLOSIONS - The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, which has a presence in Beirut, has requested funds both to provide immediate relief to those victims of the 4 August Beirut explosions who are in most need of support, and to assist with repairing damaged church buildings. **"Look with compassion, O God, on the people of Lebanon, & move our hearts so we may stand in solidarity with them..."**

To **DONATE**, learn more, or share in praying for the victims, please go to abmission.org/beirut-emergency-appeal or Cheques to ABM, Locked Bag Q4005, Queen Vic Building, NSW 1230

A REMINDER that, to make a reservation for the 9am worship at St Paul's on Sundays &/or Wednesdays, please book with Rhonda: rhonda.both@me.com; PH:: 0457 477 485.

To reduce handling, a basket for your Giving is at the rear of the church near the door.

"Gardening is cheaper than therapy and you get tomatoes." Unknown -

(Maggie Ingall, From the Manse Window; The People's Friend, March 28, 2020)

SEP 1 – a virtual Diocesan Update from Bp Mark will be available on Diocesan website.

FRI SEP 11, 2pm-4pm – Coast, Monaro & Alpine Synod Members Only ZOOM Meeting.

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.

APRIL 10-11, 2021 - 2 day SYNOD, in Goulburn. (Accommodation booked).

FIRST BUSHFIRE RECOVERY PASTORAL CARE WORKER APPOINTED: Janice Ackland has commenced her work as the Diocese's first bushfire recovery pastoral care worker. Janice will be working across the Eurobodalla Shire Council Area which includes the Parishes of Batemans Bay, Moruya & Bodalla/Narooma as well as St Peter's Anglican College Broulee. **Her role will be to provide pastoral care to bushfire affected individuals & families & to assist them to access further support through local churches & other community organisations.** Janice is a trained social worker with theological qualifications & chaplaincy experience. **She is the first of three pastoral care workers to be appointed across the Diocese** under an initiative supported by the Anglicare Bushfire Appeal, Anglican Aid, the Bush Church Aid Society and the Anglican Investment and Development Fund. – Anglican News Aug 2020

Some WORDS of WISDOM: “Joan Evans, who turned 100 last week, said she has lived an ‘extra-ordinarily lucky life’ when sliding door moments ensured she lived to receive that letter from the Queen. An example: a wharfie strike in Canada held her family up a week. *‘If we had sailed when we were meant to we would have been in Manilla and taken prisoner of war by the Japanese....’*

Her philosophy is: *“Be positive, put sad times and wrong judgements behind you, we’ve all made wrong decisions, turn your head the other way and get on with it.*

War taught us that, we saw dreadful tragedies and we just had to get on.

I think it brings contentment, you get on with it and finally you feel happy.”

Sunday Telegraph, August 23, 2020

“I came across an interesting fact recently. ***The Chinese word for crisis is comprised of two symbols representing two words: Danger, & Opportunity. I like that. When we’re in the midst of all these crises, it’s tempting to focus on the danger. While it’s important to be aware of the danger we must be even more aware of the opportunities it brings! God is allowing this world to be shaken a little today. Let’s prepare ourselves to be a means of peace, light & strength to those who are afraid. Let’s not grow weary in well-doing – there’s so much work to be done!***

Pastors Bob & Helga Spence.

Mandy's message

What is the take home message from the readings this week?

First, Romans passage is titled in my bible; ‘The Marks of a True Christian’ and gives us a long list of suggestions how to live a good and righteous life. In these 12 verses, there are about 30 instructions. If we followed all of them, we would truly be transformed into Christ's image! No wonder Psalm 104 reminds us to ‘*Seek the Lord and his strength: O seek his face continually.*’ For when we are unable or perhaps unwilling to keep all of these instructions, instead of collapsing in a heap (as my mother used to say), we can remember to ‘*Keep calm and carry on!*’

So today let us just look at *Rom 12.21; ‘Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.’* especially in relation to Peter's exchange with Jesus in the Gospel.

‘Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, saying, ‘God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.’ But Jesus turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’ Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.’ (Matthew 16.21-28)

So let's discuss ‘carrying our cross’.

Watching this scene from our perspective today, we understand Jesus knows where he is going and is beginning to tell His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. Looking at it from Peter's point of view – Jewish saviour were traditionally national heroes who saved Israel from enemies. Abraham, Moses, David, Solomon, Gideon and the list goes on.

Jesus however, went totally against this model, prophesying His crucifixion.

This seemed to Peter and the disciples to be admitting defeat. Peter's immediate response was to reprimand Jesus. He couldn't see that in God's ultimate cosmic plan Jesus' loss is inestimable gain, and his defeat is ultimate victory. His cross transcends all vain human ideals of what is ‘right’. Here we are called not to lean on our own understanding but on the Maker of heaven, in whose hands our lives rest. (Proverbs 3.5-7) Peter was mindful not of the things of God, but the things of men. Have we expected the Christian life to be one of blessing and no suffering? That is a false modern gospel. Life includes suffering. We may want to try and prevent pain. Yet, our good intentions may be taking the power away from the gospel message. The word “behind” is translated in the next verse as “follow” me. Jesus wanted Peter to quit opposing Him, being an adversary and get behind Him and follow Him. Do we sometimes look at God's plans and cry out, “Lord; this shall not happen!” It will hurt too much!

Are we also tempted to lose faith or cry out to heaven in objection? Then let us deny ourselves, our ungodly opinions, take up our cross and follow Jesus. Like Peter, our calling includes not only our public confession of Christ in baptism and confirmation, but also lifelong repentance, faithfulness, carrying our cross to follow Christ our beloved Lord, brother and Saviour. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Jesus'

sake will truly find it. (Matthew 16:25 NKJV)