

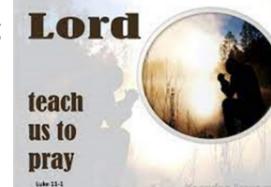
Surf Report

Bringing Jesus to our Gold Coast community

Hello Surfers!

It's starting to feel like we're experiencing a 'normal' Gold Coast winter (for a change!), where the mornings are crisp, the days are lovely and the evenings are wonderful. Perhaps now we can hope to come back to a season of normalcy that seems to have eluded us for so long. We pray that this is the case.

Today we discuss Jesus' teaching on prayer with His disciples (Luke 11:1-13), and see the similarities and differences in the other gospel accounts. We particularly discuss the seeming requirement for persistence in prayer: Why, if God knows all our needs and desires, must we continually call His attention to what we have going on in life? We can tend to think on this issue from a human perspective; does He not care? is He busy doing other things? does He want us to beg?



This is a challenging thing to consider, yet it is not inconsistent with many of the challenges we see in the Bible. Our Old Testament reading, for example, is from Hosea (Hosea 1:2-10), one of the minor prophets whom God called upon to have a life that we would not advocate for our sons (or daughters) to have to go through.

Similarly, we see the Psalmist – in this case the Sons of Korah – reminding God that He showed His favour in the past, restored the fortunes of His people, forgave their iniquity and covered their sins. It is God who does these things (Ps. 85).

Our New Testament reading helps us somewhat in this predicament. The Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Colossae (Col. 2:6-19) reminds Christians that we need to live our lives dedicated to Jesus as our Lord. Our lives should be rooted in Him, built up in Him, and strengthened in the faith as we have been taught. Again, it is the freedom offered in Christ that inspires us to live lives that are guided and empowered by Him. The fickle powers and authorities of this world are disarmed where we maintain connection with God.

I did mean to mention about the church luncheon from last Saturday that we had great numbers in attendance, and some even brought their friends as well. This is just great and I really love that we can come together like this and enjoy one another's company. Our next luncheon is scheduled for Saturday the 13th of August and I really look forward to seeing as many of you there who can manage it.



Finally, just a reminder if you haven't yet returned your NCLS survey that we really need these back please. There is a box in the foyer where you can place them, or just let Sandra Carey know if you can't find it. I'm really looking forward to getting things together and setting the course for the strategy of our church community once our story able to be told.

I pray you have a blessed week.

Jim Raistrick, Priest-in-charge.

BIBLE READINGS

Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-16
Luke 11:1-13

What's Happening this Week

Monday 25th July
8.30 am Morning Prayer
9.30 am Craft
11.30 am Staff Meeting
6 pm Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 26th July
8.30 am Morning Prayer
9.30 am Paintpots Playgroup
3-5 pm Pure Dance

Wednesday 27th July
8.30 am Morning Prayer (L Bray)
10 am Holy Communion

Thursday 28th July
8.30 am Morning Prayer
3-6 pm Pure Dance

Friday 29th July (Jim's Day off)
9.30 am Mainly Music
11-1 pm Pure Dance

Saturday 30th July
9.00 am Music practice (S Uptin)

Sunday 31st July
7.15 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Holy Communion
4.30 pm 4Thirty

COMING UP
Church Luncheon
13th August at 11.30 am

POEMS BY CHURCH MEMBERS

This is the space where you are invited to share a poem either written by yourself or a favourite poet. Email it to the office or put it in suggestion box.



WANTED WOOL AND KNITTING NEEDLES

If you have unwanted wool or knitting needles could you please them bring to the Parish office for ladies to make beanies for people who are out in the cold in our winter weeks.



27th July
Annette Figgett

31st July
Rosalie Lun
Jack Smith



In Remembrance



Bob Crewes (24.7.13)
Joan Willaton (25.7.12)
Eileen Newcomb (25.7.14)
Stuart Baumann (27.7.10)
Alma Maloney (28.7.12)
Carla Molloy (31.7.09)

JOIN A BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Phone a contact person to join a group

TUESDAYS 12.00 pm Lyn Aitken 5538 1731
3.15 pm Jim Raistrick jim@surfersanglicn.org.au
7.00 pm Sandra Uptin sandrauptin@icloud.com

WEDNESDAYS 11.00 am Judith Atkins 5532 0798
7.30 pm Robert Kelly 0439 339 395



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