



# Gold Coast North Anglican

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Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

30 July, 2017

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## Family Feud—In-Laws or Out-Laws

Many a joke exists about in-laws. Whether mother or father in-laws or son or daughter in-laws. In-laws can be a great source of blessing or a great source of burden! If you have them, I wonder what your in-laws are like? If you are one, I wonder what you are like as an in-law?

Today we continue in week three of our sermon series Family Feud. As many of us know, feudin' families is anything but fun—our in-laws can quickly become 'outlaws'. In our Genesis reading, we see these problems are nothing new. Jacob had major issues with his father-in-law, who was manipulative, critical and controlling. Jacob for his part didn't always behave honourably.

Understanding the changes that occur to a family when someone gets married is important. We learn from Genesis that when a man and woman get married a new family is created. Sure, our birth families are there to be a support but there needs to be appropriate boundaries. The newly married couple need space to grow and work out how their new family will work. The in-laws need to give space and encouragement. When the boundaries are crossed, problems can arise, fights erupt and relationships breached. However, when healthy boundaries are put in place, with a spirit of love and care, extended families can be the place of joy they were intended to be.

*Rev. John*

## Welcome

### New here?

Whether you are visiting, wanting explore faith, or find a new church home, welcome, its great to have you with us.

### What to expect

While each of our Sunday services are unique, you will find warm and friendly people looking to journey in life together.

### You're our guest

If you are a guest with us today, please don't feel you need to give any money in the offering. This service is the gift of our members to you.

### What next?

If you want to know more about our church and how to take your next step with us, please talk to one of our friendly Welcomers on Sunday's, or get in touch with the office during the week. We'd be happy to help.

# For your study and prayers

## Daily Bible Readings for next week....

**Monday:** Esther 5

**Tuesday:** Esther 6

**Wednesday:** Esther 7

**Thursday:** Esther 8

**Friday:** Esther 9

**Saturday:** Esther 10



*For first time Bible readers we suggest you allow 10 minutes at the same time each day: 3 minutes to make coffee, 1 minute for silent prayer, 3 minutes to read the Bible passage and 3 minutes to pray about your day. If want some help or further suggestions please contact Revd John Dougherty on 0417 190 817 or by email [revjohndougherty@gmail.com](mailto:revjohndougherty@gmail.com)*

## My Sermon Notes

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**Those In Need** Brett, Denise & Ray Eolkin, Patti Smith, Allison Boniface, Gerry Adams, Tracy Tynan, Joan Bramham, Greg, Chelsea.

**Bishop Alison is Retiring** Please pray for Bishop Alison as she retires and pray for the appointment of the new Bishop.

“Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this diocese a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your Church be built up and your name glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

**CMS Link Missionaries** Please pray for Adam & Helene Ramsay and their children Leo, Ellie and Bertie in Chiba Kanto, Japan, and for their ministry there.

**The Future for GCNAC** Please pray the ongoing search for an Associate Priest, and that this be guided by the Holy Spirit, according to God’s will; thus enabling the right leadership team for GCNAC.

**One Life** Please pray for your One Life and look for opportunities to bless them.

**Prayer of the Week** O Lord, the protector of all that trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Ministry Matters—With Rev John

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## **Equip Nights—Wednesday August 2nd, 7-9pm**

As part of my commitment to train and equip church members, we are creating a space called Equip, which will be held on the first Wednesday night of the month, from 7:00—9:00pm, until the end of this year, for all church members who want to be equipped to better lead and serve. Specifically, I want to invite all members of the church who are currently leading and serving, no matter which church you call home. The venue will alternate between St James and St Matt's with our first night will be Wed the 2nd at St James. I truly believe that if we commit to meeting and growing, God will use this to not only transform our church but also the northern part of the Gold Coast and the world.

## **Thinking About Mission & Vision**

At the last Parish Council, we started to think about our mission and vision as a Parish. This is for a few reasons. First, I believe that as a Parish, we have always had a vision to unite us. Whether it was becoming a new Parish 30 years ago, or getting the Op Shops started, or dreaming about starting a school and new church community at Coomera, there has been something that has been the focus of our work. Now that St Matt's has been built, I sense that as a Parish we need to ask God again, what is His vision for our Parish. The vision, where God will lead us in the years to come, comes as a result of us living out our mission, what we are called to do.

Council considered four questions to get the conversation started:

1. What is our mission?
2. How would we know we are successful?
3. What gets you excited about Gold Coast North/your local church?
4. If there were no limitations (money, people, etc...) what is your dream for Gold Coast North?

I wonder what your answers might be?

## **Getting Organised for Ministry & Mission**

There have been some good conversations in the office during the week about how we get organised for ministry and mission in the Parish. We are a big Parish both geographically and in terms of numbers. We have three churches, six congregations, several buildings, up to 300 people attending church on a Sunday, up to 500 people connected with our church family. The team have been considering how we best organise ourselves for the work of sharing God's love in Jesus. We are just beginning this important conversation and I look forward to keeping you updated and getting your feedback as we progress.

# Parish Diary

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## ***TODAY and LATER THIS WEEK:***

### ***Sunday 6 August***

St Matthew's IT Crew are holding a working bee at 1.30-4.30pm. Please contact Renee Hall on 0431 843 540 if you are interested and able to help.

## ***FURTHER AHEAD:***

### ***Monday 7 August***

Wardens Meeting St James 5.30-6.30pm

### ***Tuesday 8 August***

Coomera Craft Circle St Matthew's Church 9.30am—12pm (each week)

Cursillo Pot Luck Dinner 6pm-6.30pm start at St James (Barry Cathcart)

### ***Wednesday 9 August***

Equip Night 7-9pm at St James

### ***Friday 1 September – Sunday 3 September***

Parish Family Camping Weekend—further details contact Wade & Kelly Lofthouse or visit [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsnjPtxr\\_9ftNSNpcL7rPLw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsnjPtxr_9ftNSNpcL7rPLw)

### ***Saturday 9 September***

Mens Breakfast at Holy Rood, 7am. Cost \$5. Contact: Jim Relph 0414 444 357

### ***Sunday 10 September***

Bishop Alison Taylor's Episcopal visit

### ***Friday 20 October***

Parish Ladies Dinner at St Matthews (more details to come)

### ***Saturday 4 November***

Memorial Service at St James, 2pm. Further details contact Lyn Martin or Rev'd Lyn Dunn

### ***Tuesday 7 November***

Melbourne Cup Luncheon & Op Shop Fashion Parade at Holy Rood contact Lesley Dunlop.

**Word Vision Raffle Tickets** are now available for sale - \$1 each or 3 tickets for \$2. Raffle prizes drawn Sunday 28th August. The funds from this raffle will help support the children we currently sponsor. Get your tickets from Merv Mitchell, Ian Hamilton, Ian Huguenin Rod Dunlop, Jan Herring, Mike Palmer and Peter Burt.

# What's Going On?

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**L.A. Get Together** Are invited for a get together for all current and future (those with applications in process) Liturgical Assistants on Saturday 26th of August from 9-11am at Holy Rood.

**Parish Administrator** Applications are now open for the Parish Administrator role. Job descriptions are available on the Parish website or can be emailed. Please contact the office for details.

**Beyond the Parish** giving for the month of August will go to Nungalinga College.

**Safe Ministry Check Packs** If you have a blue card and are volunteering within the Parish with Children or Youth and you have not completed a Safe Ministry Check Pack, these are now available from the Office. Please make contact with us and get your pack asap. This is a requirement from the Diocese as we move forward with our Blue Card and Diocese obligations and processes.

**August Blue Cards Renewals** As these take 4 weeks to process, could you please call into the office to start the renewal process as soon as possible.

**Cursillo Pot Luck Dinner** On Tuesday 8 August at St James at 6pm for 6.30pm start. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy fun and fellowship. Contact: Barry Cathcart 0400 702 909

**St James Day** Thank you to everyone who helped in the preparation for St James day. A lovely morning was enjoyed by all.

**Bring and Buy Stalls** St James raised \$264.95. Thank you for the wonderful support from those who bought and those who brought. A great effort. Also, Holy Rood raised (\$99.50) and a big thank to those who supported that stall.

## Wider Community

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**I wish to thank** all my friends at Gold Coast North and particularly the folk at Holy Rood for their prayers, cards, phone calls and frequent enquiries as to how I was recuperating after my various medical procedures. Everything has gone well and even though I have experienced a few after effects, my visit on Monday to the surgeon was a positive! Everything I have been experiencing has, in fact, been perfectly normal and part of the healing process. The good news is he said he doesn't want to see me again unless I feel it necessary. Thank you all again. Alan Dick.

**Young Adult Night 5 August** Join young adults from across the diocese in an epic evening of worship commencing at 6pm at St David's Anglican Church Chelmer-Graceville.

**Junior ICHTHUS 24–29 September** Cost \$275. This camp is for grades 7–9 and will be a great week of fun and faith. Location: PCYC Bornhoffen, Gold Coast Hinterland. Register at [www.aycf.org.au](http://www.aycf.org.au).

# Group Gatherings.....

GROUP FACILITATOR AND CONTACT	VENUE/LOCALITY	DAY/TIME
John Dougherty	Young Adult's Bible Study St Matthew's Church	Each Sunday 7-8.30pm
Pat & Barry Schmidt 5529 3802	Home Study Group Biggera Waters	Mondays 6.55pm
Lurline Campbell 0412 277 737	Bible Study St Matthew's Church	Mondays 9.15am
Don Campbell 0412 277 737	Prayer Meeting St Matthew's Church Upper Coomera	Tuesdays 8.00-8.45am
Annette Schneider 0448092730	Coomera Craft Circle St Matthew's Church Upper Coomera	Tuesdays each Fortnight 9am—12noon
Pam Wain 5501 5302	Home Study Group Hollywell	Tuesdays 10.00-11.30am
Rod & Lesley Dunlop 5668 5717	Home Study Group Coomera Waters	Tuesdays 7.00-9.00pm
Ruth Bradley 0452 511 321	Home Study Group Upper Coomera	Tuesdays 7.30pm
Ian Boniface 0414 279 088	Prayer Meeting St Matthew's Church Upper Coomera	Thursdays 6.00-6.45am
Pat Grant 0412 730 979 George Osborne 5577 3738	Home Study Group Biggera Waters	Thursdays 7.00-9.00pm
Glenda Murrell 0405 470 528	Mainly Music Holy Rood Family Centre	Thursdays 9.15am
Bev & Ian Huguenin 5573 6211	PATSIMAC—Prayer for Aboriginal & TSI Ministry & concerns. Helensvale	2nd Thursday monthly 1.30-2.30pm
Pat Grant 0412 730 979	Social Craft Group St James Church Hall	Fridays 9.30am—12noon
Pat Grant 0412 730 979	Evening Prayer Service St James Church	Fridays 5.30pm
Lyn Martin 5537 2024	Ladies' Prayer Group Biggera Waters	1st Saturday of month 8.00am
Gail Beattie 5563 7170	Cursillista's Group St James Church Hall Biggera Waters	Last Sunday monthly (after 9.00am service)

# Service Times

St James Anglican Church, 41 Brighton Street, Biggera Waters

Sunday 7.30am

Sunday 9.00am (Kids Church/Sunday School)

Wednesday 9.30am

Holy Rood Anglican Church, 192 Tamborine-Oxenford Road, Oxenford

Sunday 8am

St Matthew's Anglican Church, 142 Billingham Crescent, Upper Coomera

Sunday 10.00am (Kids Church/Sunday School)

Sunday 5.30pm (Sunday Night Life)

## Contact Details

### Priests

Rev John Dougherty (0417 190 817)

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Rev Canon Gary Smith (0407 141 468)

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Rev Mary-Anne Rulfs (0403 049 124)

### Deacons and Spiritual Companions

Rev Lyn Dunn (0413 528 670)

Rev Rosanne Stower (0421 725 275)

### Wardens

Katrina Lyon (0439 735 391)

Karen Jones (0403 952 262)

Allison Boniface (5573 1498)

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*For further contact details of ministries and ministers within Gold Coast North Anglican Church please refer to [www.goldcoastnorth.org.au](http://www.goldcoastnorth.org.au) or contact the Parish Office.*

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Gold Coast North Anglican Psh—Easy Access      BSB 704-901 Account # 00001100
- **Deposit over counter at Westpac Bank** into our bank account—  
Gold Coast North Anglican Psh—Easy Access      BSB 034-844 Account # 00001100

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# Worship with us today....

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## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

### SENTENCE

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Romans 8:38-39*

### COLLECT

O God, the fount of wisdom, you have revealed to us in Christ the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price: grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment, that, in the midst of the things of this world, we may learn to value the priceless worth of your kingdom, and be ready to renounce all else for the sake of the precious gift you offer. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



### TODAY'S READINGS

**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Reading:** Genesis 29:15-28

**Psalm:** 105:1-11

**2nd Reading:** Romans 8:26-39

### Next Sunday's Readings:

**Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Reading:** Genesis 32:22-31

**Psalm:** 17:1-7, 16

**2nd Reading:** Romans 9:1-8 (9-16)

*Baptised and communicant members of other Christian churches professing the Apostolic (or historic Christian) faith are invited to receive Holy Communion. All are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, whether or not baptised or confirmed.*