



# Gold Coast North Anglican

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

29 OCTOBER 2017

Hello to everyone at Gold Coast North Anglican

It is wonderful to be here!

Rev John asked that I write this piece introducing myself, so I will give you all the short version :- ) so here goes.... I have four children, three who are adults, Sarah, Madeleine and Josh, and Sophie who is 15. I am an extremely proud Dad of all of them. Sophie will join me in 2017 to finish her senior years, once I find her a school.

I was born and bred in Toowoomba, and was Baptised and Confirmed in the Anglican Church. When I was 16, I moved to Kooralbyn to complete a cookery apprenticeship. I have lived and worked in Toowoomba, Port Lincoln and Adelaide, Beaudesert, Brisbane and Ipswich, either cooking or managing Motels, Function Centres, and Restaurants. I co-owned and operated a Birthday Party/Special delivery business with my Ex-wife, which was a lot of fun and very different, and for the last 13 years I have owned and operated my own maintenance business.

In 2016, I became the Project Officer at Toowoomba West which started me on this journey that has now brought me here....Serving the people of Gold Coast North.

I look forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks.

God bless,  
Rod



## 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.

St Matthew's  
Upper Coomera

Holy Rood  
Oxenford

St James  
Biggera Waters

# For your study and prayers

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

**Monday:** Psalm 31

**Tuesday:** Psalm 32

**Wednesday:** Psalm 33

**Thursday:** Psalm 34

**Friday:** Psalm 35

**Saturday:** Psalm 36



*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, the Boniface family , Gerry Adams, Joan Bramham, Greg, Marilyn Pappas, Sonja Hargreaves and family, The Trotter Family, Eileen McIntosh, Selena Wool and Judy.

**Prayer For A 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** Almighty and everlasting God, give to us the increase of faith, hope and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us to love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Ministry Matters—With Rev John

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## **Equip Night—This Wednesday**

Please come and join us for our next Equip Night (Nov 1), at St Matthew's from 7:00pm. We will experience an uplifting night of worship with a mission focused message and time together as a church family. This will include sharing and prayers for our church and the vision. If you are a leader or serving (in any ministry area), or would like to know more about being involved in the life of our church, then Equip is a great place to start!

## **Associate Priest**

We are still praying for and working away at trying to find an Associate Priest. Doors are opening and closing and opening again. Thank you for your prayers to date and thanks in advance for your continued prayers for this important appointment.

## **Preparing for 2018**

I know we are a few months away from 2018 but in the rhythms of church life, now is the season to begin planning and preparing for the year ahead and all that God has in store for us. I have been reflecting on the year ahead, and want to invite you to consider that we set aside 2018 as a year for celebration and Sabbath (rest); celebrating our journey to date as a Parish. A year of sabbath rest as we ask God to fill us afresh and refocus us on the work he has planned for us.

What does this mean practically? I would like for us to simplify 2018 by focussing our energies on strengthening our Sunday celebrations (worship), building up our small groups (discipleship and fellowship), and re-developing our structures and systems (administration) so that we are prepared to 're-launch' ourselves in 2019 with renewed vigour as we seek to reach the northern end of the Gold Coast in Jesus name.

Over the last few weeks a number of people have asked about what the above means. Does it mean that we will be cancelling events and activities? The short answer is no. Anything new we do will need to have prayerful consideration. Anything we are currently doing, if people are willing to continue them, will do so. I hope that this helps to clarify things.

## **Dates Needed**

We are currently in the processing of putting together the calendar for 2018. If you are leading a ministry area could you please submit your proposed dates for events and activities as soon as possible so we can finalise the draft calendar by the end of the month. If you could please pass these on to Karen in the office via email, phone call, or note that would be great!

## **Parish Administrator - Rodney Mengel**

Rod has arrived and has spent his first few weeks settling into the office. Please continue to pray for Rod, Karen and the Office Volunteers as we move into this exciting new chapter.

# Parish Diary

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

### **Sunday 29 October**

Baptism Information Session at St Matthew's 12pm (noon). Final session for 2017.

### **Wednesday 1 November**

Wardens Meeting at 5:30pm St Matthew's Church

Equip Night at 7:00pm at St Matthew's Church. All welcome.

### **Saturday 4 November**

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

## **FURTHER AHEAD:**

### **Tuesday 7 November**

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

### **Saturday 11 November**

Shoe Box Packing Party at St James Shoe Box Packing Party on Saturday 11th November in St. James Hall, commencing at 10.00 am. Please contact Marilyn Pappas 0424997476.

### **Sunday 12 November**

Gold Coast Mother's Union Card Stall @ St James. Cards \$1.50 each.

Men's Breakfast @ St Matthew's @ 7.30am.

### **Thursday 16 November**

Upper Coomera Twilight Markets 3pm to 7pm @ the Upper Coomera Community Centre.

### **Saturday 18 November**

Cards and Conversation @ St Matthew's 1:30pm. Contact Caroline White.

### **Wednesday 22 November**

Pastoral Care Luncheon at Ross Evans Nursery . Contact Pat Grant on 0412730979.

### **Saturday 2 December**

Men's Breakfast at Holy Rood starting 7am. This will be the last one for the year. Costs \$5.00. Contact Jim Relph 0414 444 357.

### **Sunday 10 December**

Car Park Carols at St James 5:30pm for a 6:00pm start.

# What's Going On?

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**Shoe Box Packing Party** - Saturday 11th November in St. James Hall, commencing at 10.00 am. Morning tea provided, lots of fun packing shoe boxes for babies to 14 year olds. Donations very welcome, something to wear, stationery, something to play with, toiletries, something to eat. All welcome, come along and enjoy the morning. Please contact Marilyn Pappas 0424997476 for further information.

**Advent Bible Study for Gold Coast North Parish.** Songs of Advent from Luke's Gospel by John Birch. A four-part small group Luke's Gospel has a series of songs as part of his introduction to the story of Jesus, and these have been handed down to us within our Bibles. *Week 1: The Song of Zechariah; Week 2: The Song of Mary; Week 3: The Song of the Angels; Week 4: The Song of Simeon.* You are invited to join, or form, a small group to journey through Advent in preparation for the coming again of the Christ child, by prayerful reflection and study of these ancient Biblical Songs. As Christmas Day falls on the day after the 4th Sunday in Advent, it is recommended that study one should commence in the week beginning Sunday 26th November. Printed copies of the studies and leaders notes will be available from the Parish Office in November. Please contact the Parish Office; [anglicangcn@bigpond.com](mailto:anglicangcn@bigpond.com) or 5580 5814 to order copies for your study group. A gold coin donation would be appreciated. Contact Bishop Len 0400 408 415 for more information.

**Beyond the Parish** giving for the month of Nov will go to Archbishop's Appeal - ABM.

**Historians of the Parish** - we are seeking some long term members from within our Parish to help with the sorting, processing and preserving of the historical material collected over the decades. Please register your interest in being part of this team, by calling the Parish Office 5580 5814. Monday, Wednesdays and Thursday 9-4pm.

**Bring & Buy Stalls** were held last Sunday. Thank you to everyone that took part. St James raised \$214.30 and Holy Rood raised \$78.65.

**Women's Dinner** was held last Saturday night. A huge thank you to all those who worked so hard to make this event happen. It was an amazing night with the most delish food. Thank you everyone!

## Wider Community

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**Congratulations** to Glenda Flood from our Holy Rood community on being selected as a torch bearer for the forthcoming Commonwealth Games. It is indeed an honour and one which Glenda appreciates whole heartedly.

**Christian female** wanted for beautiful home with pool in Upper Coomera. Three huge rooms available from \$185 per week. Nicole. 0432945258.

# Group Gatherings.....



YOU ARE INVITED TO  
The Annual Memorial Service  
for 2017

St James Anglican Church  
41 Brighton Street  
Biggera Waters

Saturday 4 November 2017  
2:00pm

*This brief Memorial Service is for all that wish to celebrate the lives of someone who has died.*

Afternoon tea will be served in the church hall after the service.

Please come join us in celebration of the life of your loved one.

RSVPS and for further information please contact:

**Reverend Lynn Dunn 0413 528 670**  
**Lyn Martin 5537 2024**

**“Information for my Funeral”** booklets - These booklets are now available from the Welcome desks at each centre, or the parish office, and are designed to facilitate planning for funeral services. We hope you may find them helpful.

# 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)

Email: garysmith@goldcoastnorth.org.au

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)

Hospital Care Coordinator Barry Schmidt 0420 811 080 or Pat Schmidt 0487 769 014

**[www.goldcoastnorth.org.au](http://www.goldcoastnorth.org.au)**

### Parish Office

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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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## Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

### SENTENCE

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. *Matthew 22.37-40*

### COLLECT

O God, whose Son has taught us that love is the fulfilment of your law: stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love, so that we may love you with our whole being, and our neighbours as ourselves; 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

#### Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

Reading: Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-13

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-46

#### Next Sunday's Readings:

#### Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

Reading: Joshua 3: 7-17

Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 5-13 or 4: 1-8

Gospel: Matthew 23: 1-12 (37-39)

*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.*