



Gold Coast North Anglican

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

4 February 2018

The Community I See... The Church I See...

There was something about Jesus that drew people to him but repelled others. The people that were drawn to Jesus were people who needed something—they needed hope, healing, forgiveness, and much more. The people who were repelled tended to be more self-reliant, self-righteous and self-entitled. They had no need of Jesus.

In our Bible reading from the book of Mark, we see account of many people coming to Jesus to be healed. There are other accounts of large crowds coming to be fed, and to listen to Jesus' teaching. They were desperate for wholeness, meaning and direction.

Not much has changed today. I have had number of encounters over the last week or so where people were looking for what only Jesus could offer. As a church, Jesus has entrusted us with this mission. Of connecting people who to Jesus so that he may heal, feed and teach.

I am thankful for the work that has been done in our church to do just that and for the wonderful people who have done it. But as I look around, I see a community that still desperately needs Jesus. I see a church that will passionately, sacrificially, courageously step into our community to serve and bless the community in Jesus name. I see a church that help people connect to Jesus so that they too may find hope, healing, and forgiveness.

I invite you afresh in 2018 to join me in the work God has called us to.

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.

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 97

Tuesday: Psalm 98

Wednesday: Psalm 99

Thursday: Psalm 100

Friday: Psalm 101

Saturday: Psalm 102

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

My Sermon Notes

For your Daily Prayers:

Those In Need Brett, Denise & Ray Eolkin, Patti Smith, the Boniface family, Pam Wain, Diane and Gerry Adams, Sonja Hargreaves, Keiran, Matthew Osborne, Barry C, Eileen McIntosh, Ros, Peter and Julie, and Steve Ball, Greta, Jan, Joy and Andrew Smith (son of Gill & Richard).

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.

Bring & Buy Stall Holy Rood Thank you to everyone who so generously donated and purchased 'goodies' last Sunday. The amount raised was \$123.85.

Parish Ministry Team Please pray for the ongoing search for an Associate Priest and Op Shop Manager, 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 Father of all, who gave your only-begotten Son to take upon himself the form of a servant and to be obedient even to death on a cross: give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Beyond the Parish Giving for the month of February with go to Bush Ministry (Parish of Maranoa).

Rev'd Lyn & Bruce are excited to announce the birth of their 10th grandchild, Quincy McFeat. Quincy is the forth son to Lyn's daughter Fiona and her husband Paul; a brother for Archie, Fletcher and Morris. Quincy was born on 22 December at GCUH. Mum is well and Quincy is thriving in a busy, noisy and loving home.

Ministry Matters—With Rev John

10 Days of Prayer— Wrap Up

A big thank you to all who join together over the last 10 days to pray for our church, our work and the year ahead. Prayer is so critical to all that we do as a church because it highlights our dependence upon God and our need to see Him in all we do. If you would like to start a prayer small group that would meet more regularly or have any feedback please send me an email or give me a call to discuss.

Associate Priest

Please continue to pray for the Associate Priest Vacancy in the Parish. We have tried to find a part-time priest and have had no success. The feedback we are getting is that with the shortage of clergy, it will be almost impossible to find a part-time person for the role. As a consequence, Parish Council decided at the December meeting that, after careful consideration of the finances, we would need to search for a full-time Associate. We are now refocussing our efforts and your prayers and support would be most appreciated.

Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Journey to Easter

Ash Wednesday is on the 14th of February this year and marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a time of 40 days (excluding Sundays) before Easter, where we are invited to intentionally renew our relationship with God through the practices of fasting and prayer. It can be a powerful time of drawing closer to God individually and as a community. I invite you to join us on the journey, starting on Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday Service Times

7:30am Holy Rood

9:30am St James

6:00pm St Matthew's

DID YOU KNOW...

That the Parish Membership Directory can now be accessed via your Elvanto account? If you would like to know more about this feature and request access, please contact Karen at the Parish Office on a Wednesday or Thursday—5580 5814.

Parish Diary

Sunday 4 February

Mother's Union Card Stall at St James. (Every second Sunday of each month).

Sunday 4 and Wednesday 7 February

Workplace Health & Safety Inductions and Safe Ministry Training. See page 5.

Monday 5 February

Monday Morning Bible Study at St Matthew's Church, Room 1. See page 5.

Tuesday 6 February

Coomera Craft Circle at St Matthew's Church, Room 1. Every second Tuesday from 9-12pm.

Thursday 8 February

PATISMAC Meeting 1.30pm Helensvale. Contact Bev 5573 6211.

Saturday 10 February

Deanery Meeting at Surfers Paradise Anglican Church . 12pm—2.30pm for retired and active clergy and their spouses.

Monday 12 February

World Day of Prayer Rehearsal at St Matthew's Church 11am - 2pm.

Tuesday 13 February

Shrove Tuesday at St James from 6.30pm. More details to come.

Saturday 17 February

Men's Breakfast Holy Rood. See page 5.

Thursday 22 February

Mother's Union Meeting at St James 12-1.30pm.

Sunday 25 February

Parish AGM - 12pm (Noon) at St James. See page 5.

Friday 2 March

World Day of Prayer 10am at St Matthew's. Contact Jean Anderson for more information.

What's Going On?

NEW The Church History Group will meet weekly every Friday at St Matthews from the 2/2/18 9am-12pm. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Pauline Fechner 0407 369 903.

Work Health Safety and Safe Ministry Workshop 2018 February will be the month we are offering the following induction and training designed for anyone volunteering with in our Parish: If people are staying for the entire sessions, please BYO lunch.

What's Going On?

St James - Sunday 4 February 2018

11am –12pm Workplace Health & Safety (BYO Lunch)

12pm—2pm Safe Ministry

St Matthew's - Wednesday 7 February 2018

6.30pm - 7.30pm Workplace Health & Safety

7.30pm - 9.30pm Safe Ministry

We are now taking registrations, please email the office, attention Geoffrey, with your RSVPS.

Monday Morning Bible Study 7 studies on Philippians will commence at 9.15 am Monday, 5th February at St Matthew's. There are books (cost \$1) and sign-up sheets at the back of our three centres and in the Church Office. All welcome to the time of learning and fellowship. Lurline Campbell 0412 277 737 or 55 800 692.

Men's Breakfast Holy Rood 17 Feb 2018. Our guest speaker will be Mark Sweeney. who was introduced to Jim Relph by Stuart Gramenz. Stuart is a member of the Order of St Luke and Stuart has brought thousands of people in India, Africa and Australia to faith in our Lord through his healing ministry. When he was a prison Chaplain he met Mark who was spending time in prison and Mark will share his story that through Stuart's ministry he came to full faith in our Lord and how it has greatly impacted his life. All Gold Coast North male parishioners and their guests are invited to attend. Please contact Jim Relph 0414 444 357.

AGM 12pm Sunday 25th February 2018 at St James. Come celebrate the past year together. Posters are now up at each centre and nomination forms can be found at the welcome desk at every centre also. Nominations for all Parish Council's positions will open Monday 15th January and close 5pm Friday 9th February 2018. If you have any photos of events from our three centres over the last year please send them through to the office, attention Rob. Thank you.

Call out for AGM Set up Team and volunteers on the day. The Parish office would love to hear from you if you can help in any way. Your help would be very much appreciated.

Iberian Adventure 2018" Now is the time to plan for and book your 22 day private coach tour of Spain and Portugal touring with Bishop Len and Sandy Eacott from 29 August to 19 September. Please contact Bishop Len on 0400 408415 for further information and for a copy of the detailed itinerary and Booking Form. Or, contact Canterbury Tours (07) 33459423, info@canterburytours.net Canterbury Tours advise that to secure a place on the tour, a deposit is needed by 31 March!

Street Teams are a group run by St Matthew's who offer hope and practical support for those in our community. Do you know someone who could use our help? Please email Stephen Harrison (sharrison.anglican@gmail.com) or 0418 763 742.

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
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
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)



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Service Times

St James Anglican Church, 41 Brighton Street, Biggera Waters

Sunday 7.30am & 9:00am with Kids Church

Wednesday 9.30am

Friday Evening Prayer 5:30pm

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

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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 or contact the Parish Office.

GIVING

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- **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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SENTENCE

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles. *Isaiah 40.31*

COLLECT

Saving God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, healed the sick and brought them wholeness of body and mind: inspire us, his disciples, so that we may constantly proclaim his gospel by our words and by the dedication and integrity of our lives; 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

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany Year B

Isaiah 40: 21-31

Psalm 147: 1-11

1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

Mark 1: 29-39

Next Sunday's Readings:

Transfiguration Year B

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalm 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-12

Mark 9:2-9

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.