



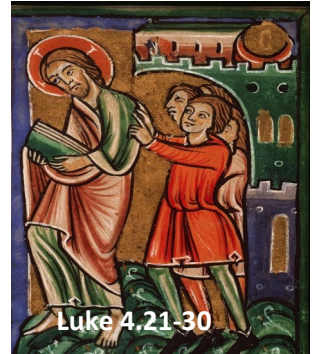
OUR MISSION:
*Living and telling the good news of Jesus Christ,
 reaching out to all in love and service.*

OUR VISION:
To be an outward looking Church

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

2nd February 2025

Gracious Creator, you have known us before we ever knew you, and have called us your children. Cultivate in us the courage to speak out and live your word of faith, hope, and love. Amen



Sentence & Prayer of the Day

Sentence: Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. 1 Corinthians 13.14

Prayer of the Day: Righteous God, you confound the world's wisdom by giving your blessing to the lowly and pure in heart: give us such a hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the promise of your kingdom, which has been revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings: This Sunday

Jeremiah 1.4-10 Ps 71.1-6
 1 Corinthians 13.1-13 Luke 4.21-30

Next Sunday

Isaiah 6.1-8 Ps 138
 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 Luke 5.1-11

Sunday Services in our Region

- **Gympie:** Anglicare Conference Room ► 8.30 am & 5.30 pm *(see Notices)*
- **Rainbow Beach** - Good Shepherd Church ► 9.30 am
- **Tin Can Bay** - St John Vianney's Catholic Church ► 7.30 am
(1st & 2nd Sunday's)

Prayers

Pray for the Church:

Worldwide: *The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia*

National: *The Diocese of Adelaide*

Our Diocese: ● *The Parish of Stafford* ● *Youth, Children's & Families Ministry*
● *Anglican Church Grammar School, East Brisbane*

Local:

Ministry: *Children's Ministry: Mainly Music, Kidz Church*

MU Ministry: *Almighty God, we pray for members in the Diocese of Marsabit in drought prone north Kenya. We pray for them as they cope with significant poverty and the increasing influence of Islam. Give wisdom in their contact with new members and as they reach out to many needs facing families. We also pray for the Diocese of Ballarat and for Jillian Gale as President. We ask that all their activities will show your love and mercy. Amen.*

In Need: *Jim Alford; David Arthur; Azzrah; Nicholas Barrett; Bruce Barton; Val Deans; Pam Dorman; Joyce Gall; Allan Gall; Peter Gall; Baby Louis; Jenny; Graham & Val McClurg; Shirley Summerville; Graham and Beris Trainer; Melodie Zylstra.*

ABM Reflection

Today's gospel reading continues the story of the beginning of Jesus ministry in Galilee. Last week the hearers of the passage from Isaiah that Jesus read were delighted. This week, however, not so much. In fact, they wanted to throw him off a cliff. Jesus had quoted stories from Scripture that offended them. He reminded them that in a time of famine God had chosen not someone Jewish, but the widow at Zarephath in Sidon (modern-day Lebanon) to be blessed by a visit from the prophet Elijah. She was blessed by never running out of oil and flour. And, to add insult to injury, he mentioned Naaman, the commander of the Syrian army, whom God had healed of his leprosy in the time of Elijah's successor, Elisha. Gentiles being recipients of God's grace was not an idea that pleased those around Jesus that day in the synagogue.

- Lord, may I always live in a way that finds favour with you, no matter how others around me live.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of North India, remembering especially today their ministry in a predominantly non-Christian context

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Parish Calendar

2/2 1 st Sunday	3/2 1 st Monday	4/2 1 st Tuesday	5/2 1 st Wednesday	6/2 1 st Thursday	7/2 1 st Fri	8/2 2 nd Sat
4 th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 7.30 am Tin Can Bay 8.30 am Gympie-Kidz Church 9.30 am Rainbow Bch 5.30 pm Gympie & Zoom	9.30-12 Mainly Music	5.00 pm Meditation @ Anglicare Conference Rm	Evening Bible Study Pls enquire	2.30 pm Bible Study @ Anglicare Conference Rm		
9/2 2 nd Sunday	10/2 2 nd Monday	11/2 2 nd Tuesday	12/2 2 nd Wednesday	13/2 2 nd Thursday	14/2 2 nd Fri	15/2 3 rd Sat
5 th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 7.30 am Tin Can Bay 8.30 am Gympie 9.30 am Rainbow Bch 5.30 pm Gympie & Zoom	9.30-12 Mainly Music	5.00 pm Meditation @ Anglicare Conference Rm	Noon Gympie Minister's Network meeting Evening Bible Study Pls enquire	2.30 pm Bible Study @ Anglicare Conference Rm		9.00 am Parish Council



This Week's Readings

First reading from the Prophet Jeremiah 1.4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.' Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

(Pause for reflection)

Hear the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalm 71.1-6

¹To you, Lord, have I come for shelter:

let me never be put to shame.

²**In your righteousness rescue and deliver me:**

incline your ear to me and save me.

³Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:

for you are my high rock, and my stronghold.

⁴**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked:
from the grasp of the pitiless and unjust.**

⁵For you, Lord, are my hope:

you are my confidence, O God, from my youth upward.

⁶**On you have I leaned since my birth:**

**you are he that brought me out of my mother's womb,
and my praise is of you continually.**

A reading from 1 Corinthians 13.1-13

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. ⁶It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

(Pause for reflection)

Hear the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD

The Holy Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 4.21-30

GLORY TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

²¹Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' ²³He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." '

²⁴And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.

²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

(Pause for reflection)

Hear the Gospel of the Lord

PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

REFLECTION

Speaking Out

Prophetic voices borne of love call us to trust and practice God's ways, even when those ways conflict with our own. Such voices may be difficult to hear or raise when the setting is what and who we have known as home. Speaking out takes courage. God gives us the words to speak. The edge of prophetic word and action comes in the challenge of discerning what will best serve God's way of love for all.

Jeremiah 1:4–10 In Jerusalem at the time of Jeremiah's call, religious practice had become completely corrupt. The whole nation was in need of repentance. The divine imperative described in 1:10 was no easy task, but though he was young, Jeremiah seemed to sense the scope of this responsibility.

Psalms 71:1–6 sounds the same promise that Jeremiah heard: we are known by God, who is always faithful to us. The psalmist's plea for protection recognizes God has been faithful in the past and God will offer the help and comfort we need in the future.

1 Corinthians 13:1–13 Just as Jeremiah is called and commissioned, so too the Corinthian church and the church today are also called and commissioned. In this passage, this call is defined: love. Paul writes that despite their great differences, God can be known in the love that members of this church share with one another.

Luke 4:21–30 Jesus refers, in verse 23, to an earlier ministry in Capernaum. Some scholars suggest there may have been friction between Nazareth, a small farming village, and Capernaum, a more populous fishing centre. Matthew 4:12 notes: “Jesus left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum.” This adopted home might not have sat well with the folks in Nazareth. Also, Capernaum may have been home to a Roman garrison and a number of Gentiles. Perhaps some wondered: “Why would ‘our’ Jesus live among enemies and outcasts?”

Jesus follows his word about a prophet not being honoured at home with stories of the Hebrew prophets Elijah and Elisha. Jesus clearly identifies himself with the prophetic tradition by doing so. Both stories recall acts of ministry outside of Israel. The appeal to Elijah is especially apt to this episode in Nazareth. Elijah stirred up trouble by his works as a prophet of God, and became the enemy of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. They decided to kill the prophet (1 Kings 18–19). Their plans do not succeed, just as the plans of the crowd in Nazareth do not.

Jesus twice refers to “hometown.” The Greek word is *patris*, literally “land of the fathers.” This implies more than a local community; it speaks of nation and people. For this gospel writer, this story of the response to Jesus is more than an isolated incident in Nazareth. Luke’s gospel is headed toward places and persons that go beyond the normal understandings of *patris*. The stories of Elijah and Elisha were part of the tradition of Judaism. Jesus speaks as a Jew when he uses them in his “sermon.” But sometimes people become used to overlooking parts of their tradition they find uncomfortable. As Dr. Fred Craddock observed about this story, “learning what we already know is often painfully difficult.”

The gospel writer leaves two questions unanswered here. First, what accounts for the change in attitude between verse 22 and verses 28–29? Some suggest the ending of verse 22 could be heard as a critique by a person who does not know her or his place. Second, what allows for Jesus’ escape? Does the crowd realize what it would mean to kill one of their own children? Is the gospel writer implying God’s intervention?

One thing is clear for the gospel of Luke: the mission Jesus announced will continue to unfold on the edge.



What God wants for our lives and all creation does not always coincide with our wants. Faith is not always an easy way to live, and always must be a way engaged with love. God calls us to speak out, proclaiming God’s love and justice for those on the margins. What have been some hard things for you to learn about God or following Jesus? What has made it possible for you to hear or follow them?

Connecting scripture and life

- Knowing that God knows you, what do you think God is calling you to do and say that will build up or tear down, in order that God’s love will be known by all?
- How does your faith community encourage any and all to speak out?

NEWS AND NOTICES

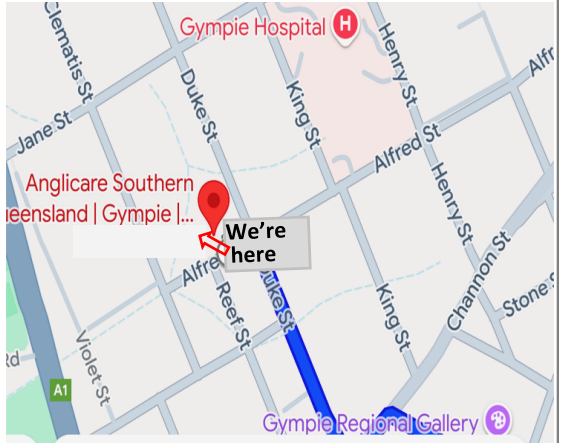


We're now gathering at the
ANGLICARE IN THEIR DOWNSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM
From and including 2nd February until further notice.

Ministry Groups gathering at Anglicare from next week are:

- Bible Study - 2.30 pm Thursday's until further notice
- Christian Meditation - starting on Tuesday, 4th February at 5 pm
Please speak with your ministry leader if you have any questions.

ENTER VIA ALFRED STREET



There's plenty of parking in Alfred St & near the conference room entry door.

TODAY
2nd FEB
8.30 - 9.30 am
At Anglicare - see directions above

ALL WELCOME



Mainly Music returns for 2025.
The joyful ministry of Mainly Music recommences at St John's Place on Monday, 3rd February at 9.30 am. We're looking forward to seeing familiar and new faces joining us for this fun filled music and movement session each week. Welcome back! We're on Facebook find us at [Mainly music Gympie Anglican](#)



Sunday, 23rd February at 9.30 am.

Please join us for this important milestone in our Parish year.

Annual General Meeting

Nomination forms for Wardens, Parish Councilors and

Nominators are at the back of the church. Completed forms to be placed in the *Nominations* box.

Please speak with Fr Shaji if you have any questions about serving on the Parish Council. Please have narrative reports (emailed or posted) with the Church Office by Friday, 14th Feb.



Easter to Pentecost in 2025

Imagine every Anglican Church, in every town and city, in every suburb and community, all working in the same season to proclaim hope in our uncertain world.

Remembering our Parish mission is *'Living and telling the good news of Jesus Christ, reaching out to all in love and service'.*

Together, let's embark on a journey of faith, reaching out to touch hearts, inspire minds, and illuminate lives with the boundless hope found in Jesus Christ.

Will you join us?

We're studying HOPE 25 this year for Lenten Studies.

Availability of books will be advised in February.

Prayer for HOPE 25

God of Hope

You call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world;
By your Spirit awaken in us a true vision of your kingdom, a greater certainty of our salvation, and a deeper dedication to your service;
That through our words and actions the same Spirit may bring many who are lost to be found, and for them to celebrate the hope that we can only have in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

The first Uniting Church HymnFest/Favourite Hymns afternoon for 2025 is to be held Sunday 16th February 2:30 pm at Gympie Uniting Church. Please bring a small plate of food to share for afternoon tea afterwards.

Songs are chosen by the people and we sing from Mission Praise which has a lovely selection of hymns and choruses. We sing for about an hour then enjoy fellowship over a cuppa. *Inquiries: Narelle 0418 729 268.*



NEW PARISH CENTRE - Current Situation:

Tenders for the building have been sent to the following builders: Carfax Commercial; Manage Design Build (MDB) & Sutton Building Solutions.



'TAP, SWIPE, INSERT' for Sunday Giving: EFTPOS is now available at the back of the church for contactless giving. The Offertory Plate will not be passed around during the Service. Instead, there is a plate at the back of the church where you can give your Sunday Offering. Your support is appreciated!



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204 Mary St, Gympie Phn: 0493 378 944

Monday to Friday 9 am to 3 pm

Saturday 9 am to 12 noon

Closed Public Holidays

An outreach of



PARISH PANTRY - DONATIONS



Non-perishable food items: canned foods, pasta & sauce, snack foods, long life milk, cereals, rice, tea, coffee, tuna snacks, muesli bars, 2-Minute noodles & toiletries etc. Please leave at St Peter's or church office (Tues-Fri). Thank you for your support of this community outreach

Sunday's ZOOM information

Topic: St Peter's Sunday Evening Service **Time:** Each Sunday @ 05:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting via computer or mobile device (*Click or type link into your web browser*) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7246788483> **Meeting ID:** 724 678 8483:

No password required

Please note ZOOM connection information does not change each week.

How to contribute financially to our Church

For those who would like to contribute, please see the options below.

- 1) **Deposits may be made by internet transfer from your bank direct to our Church Bank Account using the following information:**

Account Name: Anglican Parish Gympie **BSB:** 704-901 **Account Number:** 0000 5910
Please use all the four zeros when entering the Account No. & Reference your donation
E.g. "Giving General" "..... Appeal" "Giving Tree", "Shoe Box" etc

- 2) **Using the QR Code to donate via Commonwealth Bank BPoint Credit Card website**

A) If viewing on your computer or smart phone - click on the QR Code and it will take you to the B-Point website to make a donation by credit card **OR**

B) If reading a printed copy of pew sheet - hover your smart phone over the QR Code to link you to the BPoint website

Our bank details are already linked so you only need to add your details, credit card number & reference:

- 3) **Parish Direct via ANFIN** - An easy way of giving regularly:

Forms are available at the back of the Church or Church Office.



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