



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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9th February 2025

*Creator God, you have drawn us from deep
within ourselves into your loving net of grace.
Strengthen us to cast such a net of justice and
mercy into the depths of this community and
world, that all might feel enfolded by your
realm. Amen.*



Sentence & Prayer of the Day

Sentence: Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and was buried, and was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and appeared to many. 1 Corinthians 15.3-4

Prayer of the Day: Most holy God, in whose presence angels serve in awe, and whose glory fills all heaven and earth: cleanse our unclean lips and transform us by your grace so that your word spoken through us may bring many to your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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 of Australia*

National: *The Diocese of Canberra-Goulbourn*

Our Diocese: ● *The Parish of Texas-Inglewood* ● *Angligrreen*
● *St Aiden's Anglican Girls' School, Corinda*

Local:

Ministry: *Bible Study Groups*

MU Ministry: *Gracious Heavenly Father, we pray for the Diocese of New Westminster in Canada as they reach out to families in need with support in marriage preparation, parenting programs and soup kitchens. Please unite them in prayer and enable them to share your love for the world. 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

Much is made of St Peter's denial of Christ just before the Crucifixion. In today's Gospel reading, however, we see another side of him: Jesus tell him to go out into the deep water and lay his nets. Peter, quite reasonably, explains to the rabbi that he and his team have been out fishing all night but have not caught a thing. Nonetheless, he obeys Jesus' command and has a catch so big that he realises Jesus' divinity and asks him to leave because he is but a 'sinful man'.

- *Pray for those who think that they are not good enough for God, that they are so unworthy that God cannot love them.*
- *Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy and its new Executive Director, Rob Dawes*

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Parish Calendar

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
5th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 7.30 am Tin Can Bay 8.30 am Gympie 9.30 am Rainbow Beach 5.30 pm Gympie & Zoom	9.30-12 Mainly Music	5.00 pm Meditation @ Anglicare Bldg	Noon Gympie Minister's Network meeting Evening Bible Study @ Anglicare Bldg <i>Pls enquire</i>	2.30 pm Bible Study @ Anglicare Bldg		9.00 am Parish Council @ Anglicare Bldg
16/2 3 rd Sunday	17/2 3 rd Monday	18/2 3 rd Tuesday	19/2 3 rd Wednesday	20/2 3 rd Thursday	21/2 3 rd Fri	22/2 4 th Sat
6th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8.30 am Gympie: 9.30 am Rainbow Beach 5.30 pm Gympie & Zoom	9.30-12 Mainly Music	5.00 pm Meditation @ Anglicare Bldg	9.30 am Cooinda Aged Care Evening Bible Study @ Anglicare Bldg <i>Pls enquire</i>	10.00 Homeless Connect 2.30 pm Bible Study @ Anglicare Bldg		



This Week's Readings

First reading from the Prophet Isaiah 6.1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

(Pause for reflection)

Hear the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalm 138

¹ I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart:
even before the gods will I sing your praises.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name:
because of your faithfulness and your loving-kindness,
for you have made your name and your word supreme over all things.**

³ At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer:
and put new strength within my soul.

⁴ **All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord:
for they have heard the words of your mouth;**

⁵ And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord:
that the glory of the Lord is great.

⁶ **For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly:
and he comprehends the proud from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of danger, yet will you preserve my life:
you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my enemies,
and your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **The Lord will complete his purpose for me:
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; do not forsake the work of your own hands.**

A reading from 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

¹Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.

⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them— though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

(Pause for reflection)

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The Holy Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 5.1-11

GLORY TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' ⁵ Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

(Pause for reflection)

Hear the Gospel of the Lord

PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

REFLECTION

Called into Mission

Holy encounters precede calling by God. God draws in ones that may seem unlikely choices and calls them to unexpected serving. Their response to the depth of God's love and mercy is "Here I am." Miracles and ministry follow where trust overrides skepticism. Each reading this week explores how God's word calls and commissions individuals and whole communities to faith and renewal.

Isaiah 6:1–13 recounts Isaiah's experience of God in the temple. Standing in the presence of God's holiness evokes despair from the prophet. Yet God responds with healing, call, and a commission that engages the prophet with the whole people of Israel. **Psalms 138** celebrates how God has responded to the psalmist's devotion with "strength of soul." The psalmist brings God's word to bear on kings, lowly ones, and enemies alike.

1 Corinthians 15:1–11 Paul shares with the followers in Corinth the most basic tenant of the Christian faith: Christ died and rose to new life.

In these verses, we hear echoes of God’s earlier promises to King David and Isaiah. In Jesus’ death and resurrection new life comes out of what appears to be destroyed and promise grows out of what appears to be hopeless.

The teaching of the resurrection of the dead was controversial in the Corinthian community. Paul addresses it as a pastoral issue, reminding the community of his own encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus (Acts 9).

Luke 5:1–11 The industry of catching, preserving, and sell-ing fish was an important source of income in the region around the Sea of Galilee – called “the Lake of Gennesaret” in the gospel of Luke – in Jesus’ time. The suppliers of the equipment that fishing needed added to the economy of the area.

The early days of Jesus’ public ministry were spent in Galilee (Luke 4:14–15, 23). The first recipients of Jesus’ teaching about God’s reign were the citizens of fishing villages and towns in this region. According to some scholars, no less than eight of Jesus’ disciples fished for a living. Jesus had witnessed their lives before calling disciples to a ministry of witness.

A sense of expectation accompanies Jesus’ command to set out the nets again. Several types of fishing nets were (and still are) used in this region, depending on conditions. The net Jesus tells them to let down is a trammel net, commonly used in nighttime fishing. It was the wrong type to use in daytime, as its web could be easily avoided by the fish. Still, the fishers follow Jesus’ command. The miraculous catch of fish that cannot be contained is unexpected.

Simon Peter senses that the ways of this teacher, Jesus, cannot be contained and reveal something about God at work. Simon Peter realizes he falls short of God’s intentions and makes confession to Jesus. Jesus responds with both assurance (“do not be afraid”) and commission (“you will be catching people”).

Jesus invites Simon Peter and the others to join with him in proclaiming the reign of God and inviting others to join them. The fishers presumably leave a viable business and their financial investment in equipment and fishing rights in order to cast the good news of Christ into the deep reaches of society.

One metaphor for the New Testament story of God’s reign at work in our midst might be fishing – casting God’s saving word of justice, peace, and mercy into the deep social waters of hatred, oppression, and greed in order to draw all people into abundant life. Those called to “cast the nets” may seem unlikely choices. When God transforms those who respond to God’s word, the results cannot be contained. In what ways have you experienced God’s word as a call to mission? What does it mean to be called into mission – as an individual and as a church?

Connecting Scripture and Life

This week’s readings challenge us to consider our call to share the good news of Christ in today’s church and world.

The call of the fishers reminds us of our own calling as seekers and finders.

- **What are people in your context seeking in the depths of their being?**
- **How can you help them find it?**

NEWS AND NOTICES

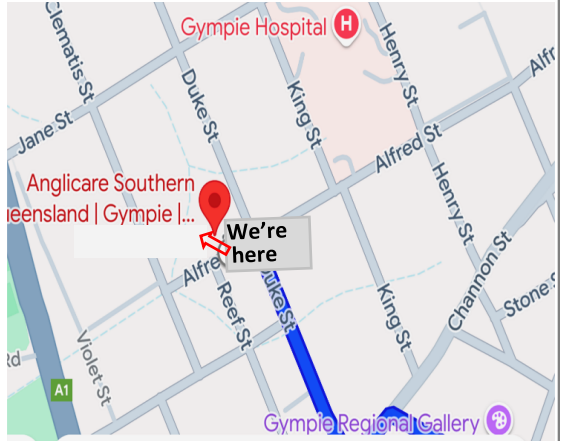


We're now gathering at the
ANGLICARE IN THEIR DOWNSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM
From and including 2nd February until further notice.

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.

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, 23rd February at 9.30 am.

Immediately following our 8.30 am Service

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

Nomination forms for Wardens, Parish Councilors and

Nominators are located at the back of the conference room. 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 Wednesday, 12th February.**

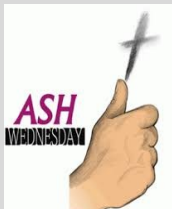
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, 5th March 2025

Join us at 5 pm for this special service.

Venue: Anglicare Conference Room - see map above

ALL WELCOME





Community
Prayer Breakfast
2025

Friday, 28 Feb at 6.30 am
Memorial Park, Gympie
Breakfast \$10 pp
or \$40 Family

Use your device to scan the QR Code go straight to the booking office and purchase your tickets on line OR



For more information & tickets please contact Gympie Wesleyan Methodist Church on 54823618

HOPE 25

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.

LENTEN STUDY

Ash Wednesday (5th March) is fast approaching meaning Lenten Studies starts soon after. We ask you to think about whether you'd like to study alone or in a group - perhaps hosting a Lenten study group of your own - either in your home or another suitable venue. St Peter's will still be undergoing repairs but we'll advise as the time gets closer where we'll gather. The study will be HOPE 25 suitable for self study or groups. Books will be available shortly cost \$10 per copy.

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!



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.



Parish Contacts

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