



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

TRINITY SUNDAY

15th June 2025

Wise, creating, and loving God – what a delight it is to be in your presence and to recognize your wondrous touch in all the world. Open us to discern you in usual and unusual places, and to celebrate your unfolding presence in our daily lives. Amen



Sentence & Prayer of the Day

Sentence: Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? 'The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.'

Proverbs 8.1, 22

Prayer of the Day: Father, we praise you, that through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things; you reveal your salvation in all the world through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh; through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love: fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings: This Sunday

Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31
Romans 5.1-5

Ps 8
John 16.12-15

Next Sunday

1 Kings 19.1-4, 8-15a
Galatians 3.10-14, 23-29

Ps 42; 43
Luke 8.26-39

Services in our region

- **Gympie:** St Peter's Church ► 8.30 am & 5.30 pm (In person & via Zoom) (See pg 8)
- **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: *La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico*

National: *The Diocese of Melbourne*

Our Diocese: ● *The Parish of Stafford* ● *Archbishop's Examining Chaplains*
● *St Paul's School, Bald Hills*

Local:

Ministry: *Hospital Chaplains, Nursing home visitors*

MU Ministry: *We thank you Heavenly Father for the work of the Mothers Union in Nyahururu Diocese in Kenya and their endeavours to meet the challenges to family life of high unemployment, crime, poverty and food insecurity. Give them insight into programs to help meet these needs. Please assure them by your Spirit of your love for them. Amen.*

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

ABM Reflection

Christians believe that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct Persons, that each Person is fully God, and that there is only one God. Today we celebrate this belief which marks us out as being different from other monotheistic religions as well as all polytheistic ones.

- *'I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.'*
- *Give thanks for the work and witness of the CAPA, the Council of the Anglican Provinces of Africa.*

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Fortnight Ahead

15/6 3 rd Sunday	16/6 3 rd Monday	17/6 3 rd Tuesday	18/6 3 rd Wednesday	19/6 3 rd Thursday	20/6 3 rd Fri	21/6 3 rd Sat
TRINITY SUNDAY 8.30 am St Peter's 9.30 am Rainbow Bch 5.30 pm St Peter's & Zoom	9.30–12 Mainly Music	5.00 pm Meditation @ St. P	Noon Service @ St P 9.30 am Cooina Aged Care-SJ Evening Bible Study <i>Pls enquire</i>	10.00 Homeless Connect 3.00 pm Bible Study @ St.P 5.30 pm Pitch-In Choir		9.00 am Parish Council @ St P
22/6 4 th Sunday	23/6 4 th Monday	24/6 4 th Tuesday	25/6 4 th Wednesday	26/6 4 th Thursday	27/6 4 th Friday	28/6 4 th Sat
2nd Sunday after Pentecost 8.30 am St Peter's 9.30 am Rainbow Bch 5.30 pm St Peter's & Zoom	9.30–12 Mainly Music	9.30 am MU Service @ St. P 5.00 pm Meditation @ St. P 5.15 pm Community Action Board Meeting-SJ	Noon Service @ St P Evening Bible Study <i>Pls enquire</i>	Noon Regional Deanery 3.00 pm Bible Study @ St.P 5.30 pm Pitch-In Choir	School Term 2 Finishes today SYNOD	SYNOD

Readings

First reading from Proverbs 8.1-4, 8.22-31

¹Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? ²On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴“To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. ²²The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— ²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world’s first bits of soil. ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

(Pause for reflection)

Hear the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalm 8

¹ O Lord our Governor:

how glorious is your name in all the earth!

² **Your majesty above the heavens is yet recounted:
by the mouths of babes and sucklings.**

³ You have founded a strong defence against your adversaries:
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

⁴ **When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers:
the moon and the stars which you have set in order,**

⁵ What are we, that you should be mindful of us:
what are we, that you should care for us?

⁶ **Yet you have made us little less than gods:
and have crowned us with glory and honour.**

⁷ You have given us dominion over your handiwork:
and have put all things in subjection beneath our feet,

⁸ **All sheep and oxen:
and all the creatures of the field,**

⁹ The birds of the air and the fish of the sea:
and everything that moves in the pathways of the great waters.

¹⁰ **O Lord our Governor:
how glorious is your name in all the earth!**

Second reading from Romans 5.1-5

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

(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 John 16.12-15

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

¹²I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

(Pause for reflection)

For the Gospel of the Lord

PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

Reflection

Joyful Creating

We can be so caught up in our doing each day that we fail to celebrate simply being. We overlook the amazing world God has created for us. Pausing to simply let ourselves be, we can wonder at the joy God has infused in our world. On this Trinity Sunday, the scriptures all celebrate God's presence with us and the joy that brings.

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31 Today's focus passage is one of the many creation stories in the Bible. Receiving them as divinely inspired rather than history or science brings an appreciation to the wondrous nuances of Proverbs 8.

Proverbs is one of the Wisdom books in the Hebrew Scriptures. A key theme of those writings is establishing that God is the creator and sustainer of all things. The method of creation is never the issue, but the acknowledgment of God as Creator is paramount.

The book is filled with advice on how to live, interspersed with teachings on the life of Wisdom, a personified being. Some see Wisdom as an aspect of God (often equating her with the Holy Spirit – generally referred to as feminine in the Hebrew) while others see her as an entity in relationship with God. Either way, she is always portrayed as feminine. Wisdom is crying out at the city gates, or in the centre of the city, depending on one's translation. It does not matter. The point is that Wisdom sees herself calling the people to task and takes her message to the place where it will reach the most people.

In verses 22–31, Wisdom places herself squarely in the midst of the act of creation. One can imagine Wisdom assisting God in the act of creating, as she refers to herself as a master craftsworker or artisan. The Hebrew word *amon* in verse 30 can be translated as “artisan” or “worker,” or as “little child,” referring to a nursling or toddler. Thus, we can understand Wisdom as being God’s assistant in the act of creation either as a craftsperson or perhaps as a child inviting God into a sense of joy and playfulness. Wisdom is God’s “delight” (verse 30) suggesting that God celebrated this companionship; clearly, it shines forth in the joy of creation. At the same time, we are challenged to experience the wondrous joy and playfulness of creation and find our place within it.

Through all of chapter 8 is a great sense of delight, even fun. The feminine aspect of God present here wants us to understand and appreciate God’s pure delight in humankind and in the world God has created. Indeed, life comes to its fullness when we celebrate creation and cry out for justice for those who are unable to enjoy the fullness of life because of oppression by others.

Psalm 8 picks up on this same notion proclaiming God the Creator to be majestic and wondrous.

“I am amazed,” the psalmist seems to be saying, “that you have made such an amazing world, and that you care about it.” By implication, we are called to care for it, too.

Also writing of God’s amazing love and care, Paul states in **Romans 5:1–5** that God’s presence with us since the beginning of time is active in creation through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. He assures the Christians in Rome that God is with us whatever we face, whatever we endure, and, ultimately, whatever we survive.

Jesus tells the disciples in **John 16:12–15** that he has much more to tell them and that the Spirit of Truth will lead them and guide them in truth. God does not abandon us.

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We are loved by God – the scriptures make this clear over and over again. Indeed, God delights in all creation. In accepting that simple truth, hopefully we can dare to open our minds and hearts to experience God in a wide variety of ways. It is indeed a sometimes playful God that created us! How ready are you to join Wisdom’s eager dance of joy? How will you respond to Wisdom’s call to responsible living? How will you work for justice for all God’s creation? What is Wisdom’s voice saying to us today?

Connecting scripture and life

This is Trinity Sunday, a day when many will focus on God as “Creator, Christ, Spirit,” “Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,” or “Father, Son, Holy Spirit.”

- **Are these aspects sufficient for you, or do you prefer to imagine God in a wider variety of forms?**
- **As you look at all of today’s scripture readings, notice the variety of ways in which God is described, approached, and understood. How do you react to these? What additional aspects of God are important for you?**

News & Notices



MU Gathering

The next Mother's Union gathering will be held on Tuesday, 24th June, at 9.30 am in St Peter's.

This will be a special event with a Communion Service to start then a presentation of long service certificates to Audrey Goldsworthy and Pam Dorman by Jenny Bullock our MU Diocesan President. Morning Tea will follow thereafter. All are welcome to join us for this event.

SYNOD

The Second Session of the Eighty-First Synod will be held from **27-29 June 2025** at the Anglican Church Grammar School in Coorparoo.

What is Synod?

In the Anglican Church, a diocese is governed by a Synod. That is, a bishop acting with the advice and consent of representatives of the clergy and laity of the diocese. In the Diocese of Brisbane, the Archbishop calls the Synod to meet at least once in every year, to discuss, debate and decide on various matters of business such as the diocesan budget, legislation governing the Church (i.e. Canon law), and other issues that concern the Church.

The Synod also elects people to various committees and boards in the diocese, as well as choosing General Synod representatives (i.e. diocesan representatives in the national Synod held at least once every four years, which brings together all the dioceses of the Anglican Church of Australia).

Our Parish will be represented by Mrs Jennie Hawkes-Wright, Dr John Wright and Fr Shaji.

Prayer for Synod

Almighty and everliving God, give wisdom and understanding, to the members of the Synod of this Diocese. Teach them in all things to seek first your honour and glory. May they perceive what is right have courage to pursue it and grace to accomplish it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer Book for Australia

**A Day Conference
for Christian Women**

Anglican Church | 17 William St Tewantin

Saturday August 2
9:00am - 3:15pm

HOPE

**WHAT is it?
WHY do we need it?
HOW do we share it?**

Jo Kadlecik-Gilbert
Speaker and Writer

Julie-anne Laird
Evangelist and Trainer

BOOKING INFORMATION TO COME

Anglican Women of Noosa

**Year of
HOPE**

Bookings \$35
Morning tea and Lunch
provided



OPEN INVITATION TO ALL WHO WISH TO BE CONFIRMED or BAPTISED AND CONFIRMED

Dear Parents and Guardians and interested persons,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I'm writing to share a joyful and significant opportunity for your child and family. On **Sunday, 31st August 2025**, our **Regional Bishop, The Right Reverend Sarah Plowman**, will be visiting **St Peter's Anglican Church in Gympie**. During this special service, we will be offering the **Sacrament of Confirmation at 9.30 am**.

Confirmation is a profound and beautiful step in the journey of Christian faith. It is a chance for young people to make their own public affirmation of the promises made at their baptism—promises originally made on their behalf by parents and godparents. In Confirmation, they affirm for themselves their commitment to Christ, and they are strengthened by the Holy Spirit for the life of faith ahead.

Our records indicate that your child may be eligible to be confirmed, and we would be honoured to include them in this significant moment of faith and growth.

We would love to walk this journey with you, your child and your family. If you would like to express interest or find out more, please get in touch or return filled form to me at your earliest convenience, and I will be in touch to provide more details.

It is our prayer that this season will be one of encouragement, growth, and renewal for all who choose to be part of it.

With every blessing,

Fr Shaji Joseph

Rector

CONFIRMATION Application form

Applicant's Full Name ↓:

[Please use Block Print]

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Male [] Female []

Baptism information (*if previously Baptised*)

Date of Baptism: _____

Place of Baptism: (*Church & Location*) _____

Home Address: _____

Postal Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sponsor: (*Person who will be presenting you to the Bishop for Confirmation*)

Full name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Please contact Fr Shaji directly or enquire at the Church Office

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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 **Acctn Number:** 0000 5910

Please use all the four zeros when entering the Acctn No.

2) Using the QR Code to donate via Commonwealth Bank BPoint Credit Card website or go to

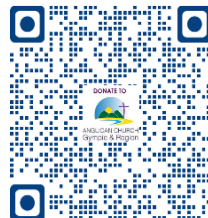
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3) Parish Direct via ANFIN - An easy way of giving regularly: Forms are available at the back of the Church or Church Office.

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