Anglican Church Gympie & Region

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***



15th November 2026

Gracious God, thank you for the gifts and opportunities you have entrusted to us. Free us from fear and hesitation, and help us use our abilities with courage, love and faithfulness to serve our neighbours and build a more compassionate community. Amen.

Weekly Pastoral Reflection

Each of us has been entrusted with gifts, abilities, time and opportunities. In the parable of the talents, Jesus reminds us that faithfulness is not about how much we possess, but what we do with what we have been given.

Sometimes fear holds us back. We worry that we are not good enough, that our contribution is too small, or that our efforts may fail. Yet God does not ask us to compare ourselves with others. God calls us to be faithful with our own gifts.

A kind word, a listening ear, a helping hand or a willingness to serve can make a real difference. This week, let us step forward in faith and use what God has entrusted to us for the good of others.

Sentence & Prayer of the Day

Sentence: God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other. 1 Thessalonians 5.9, 11

Prayer of the Day: Everliving God, before the earth was formed, and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading from Judges 4.1-10

[1]The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord , after Ehud died. [2]So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. [3]Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years. [4]At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. [5]She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. [6]She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The Lord , the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun.

[7]I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand." ' [8]Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.' [9]And she said, 'I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.' Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. [10]Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.
Hear the Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Biblical Background: God calls Deborah, a prophet and judge, to lead Israel, while Barak is summoned to confront the oppression of the Canaanite king.
Meaning and Relevance Today: God can work through unexpected people, including women and ordinary leaders, to bring courage, justice and freedom.
Reflection Question: *Where is God calling me to show courage and take action for what is right?*

Psalm 123

[1] To you I lift up my eyes:
you who are enthroned in the heavens.
[2] As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master:
or as the eyes of a maid toward the hand of her mistress,
[3] So our eyes look to the Lord our God:
until he show us his mercy.
[4] Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have had our fill of derision.
[5] Our souls overflow with the mockery of those at ease:
and with the contempt of the proud.

Second Reading from 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4]But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5]for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6]So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; [7]for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.
Hear the Word of the Lord **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Biblical Background: Paul reminds believers that the day of the Lord will come unexpectedly and encourages them to remain spiritually alert, faithful and hopeful.

Meaning and Relevance Today: Rather than living in fear of the future, we are called to live with faith, love and hope, encouraging and supporting one another.
Reflection Question: *How can I bring encouragement and hope to someone facing uncertainty or difficulty?*

The Holy Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 25.14-30

GLORY TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property
to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according
to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents went off at
once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who
had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent
went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the
master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had
received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you
handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." 21 His master said to
him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I
will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 22 And the one
with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two
talents; see, I have made two more talents." 23 His master said to him, "Well done, good
and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge
of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 24 Then the one who had received the
one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping
where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I was afraid,
and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." 26 But his master
replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and
gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the
bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take
the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have,
more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing,
even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the
outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

For the Gospel of the Lord **PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST**

Biblical Background: Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which servants are entrusted with their master's resources and held accountable for how they use them.
Meaning and Relevance Today: God calls us to use our gifts, abilities, time and opportunities faithfully in the service of others rather than allowing fear to keep us inactive.
Reflection Question: *What gifts has God entrusted to me, and how can I use them more faithfully for the good of others?*

News & Notices

BAPTISMS

Holt Family: We warmly welcome parents Jesse and Anita, along with Priya and baby Holly, to St Peter's. Holly will be baptised in the company of St Peter's congregation on at today's 8.30 am Service. Priya is the granddaughter of Neil and Dana Wildey.

Dale Family: We are pleased to welcome the Dale family, Christopher, Jessica, Mollie with baby Millie back to St Peter's for Millie's baptism on **Sunday, 29th Nov.**

GUEST PREACHER / COMBINED SERVICE / COOKED BREAKFAST: On Sun, 29th Nov., at 8.30 am we will welcome to St Peter's, the Rev'd Kaye Pitman OAM to officiate and preach. Rev'd Kaye was one of six women ordained priest in 1992, the first time it was possible in Brisbane. She was a teacher, student, MOW member and the director of the deacon and priestly formation programs in Brisbane. We are delighted she will join us for the combined service, baptism and cooked breakfast following the Service. We welcome our all our congregations to join us for this last combined service for 2026.

ANGLICAN & CATHOLIC EVENING PRAYER: We've been invited to join St Pat's for evening prayer **Mon 30th Nov. at 5:30 pm in St Patrick's Church**. Wine and cheese will follow. Please add your name to the attendance list at the back of St Peter's or call Marissa at our office to RSVP.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT & SOCIAL EVENING: Featuring Pitch-In Choir on Thursday, 10th Dec 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm in St Peter's.

MUSIC FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS: Performed by CCO Strings, Sunday 15th Dec, 4 pm.

PARISH PANTRY: Donations of non-perishable food supplies, such as: tinned soups, veggies, fish etc; Snack food; porridge; long life milk; packets of cereal; pasta; packet meals etc. Thank you for your continued donations of non-perishable food supplies for our community assistance pantry.

THIS WEEK: Sun: 8.30 am & 5.30 pm Gympie; 9.30 am Rainbow Beach **| Mon:** 9.30 am Mainly Music **| Tue:** 5.00 pm Meditation **| Wed:** 12.00 noon Service. | **Thurs**: 1 pm Bible Study.

Sunday's 5.30 pm ZOOM Link*: Zoom* information is the same each week
Web address: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7246788483 Meeting ID: 724 678 8483

Prayers for those in need

Jim Alford; David Arthur; Azzrah; Nicholas Barrett; Pam Dorman; Jill, Holly & Alby; Christian Ford; Joyce Gall; Allan Gall; Peter Gall; Glennys; Narelle Hosking; Jenny; Lillian Lochel; Val McClurg; Daniel Saunders; Shirley Summerville; Graham and Beris Trainer; Robyn Vagg; Melodie Zylstra.

How to contribute to our Church financially

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* ***Accnt Number****: 0000 5910*
Please use all the four zeros when entering the Accnt No*.*

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ADVENT CLASSICAL MUSIC PERFORMANCE

featuring
GYMPIE STRINGS

WHEN: Sunday, 15th December
at 4 pm

WHERE: St Peter's Church
Cnr Amy St & Lady Mary Tce Gympie

Entry by gold coin donation
Light refreshments will follow

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Christmas Events & Services

Christmas Concert & Social Evening

Featuring Pitch In Choir

(Songs of hope, love and joy)

Thurs, 10th Dec, 6.30-7.30 pm - St Peter's Church

Advent Classical Music Concert

performed by Gympie Strings

Sunday 15th Dec 4 pm - St Peter's Church

Entry: Gold Coin donation

Christmas Eve Thurs, 24th Dec

St Peter's Church Gympie Cnr Amy St & Lady Mary Tce

6 pm Family Service & Nativity Play

9.30 pm Carols

10.00 pm Midnight Service

Christmas Day Fri, 25th Dec

Gympie - St Peter's - Cnr Amy St & Lady Mary Tce

8.30 am All Ages Christmas Service

Rainbow Beach - Good Shepherd - 17 Carlo Rd

8.30 am All Ages Christmas Service

Merry Christmas! ✨

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