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***



22nd November 2026

CHRIST THE KING, REIGN OF CHRIST

Lord Jesus Christ, our Shepherd and King, open our eyes to recognise you in the hungry, the lonely, the sick and the forgotten. May our worship become compassionate action, and may our lives reveal the love, justice and mercy of your kingdom. Amen.

Weekly Pastoral Reflection

Today we celebrate Christ as King, but Jesus reveals a kingdom very different from the kingdoms of this world. His throne is not a symbol of worldly power, but of self-giving love. In the Gospel, the King identifies himself with the hungry, the stranger, the sick and the forgotten.

This challenges us to look beyond the walls of our church and recognise Christ in the people around us. A meal shared, a visitor welcomed, a lonely person heard or someone in distress visited can become an expression of our love for Jesus.

As we celebrate Christ the King, may we remember that we honour his kingship not merely through our worship, but through the compassion we offer every day.

Sentence & Prayer of the Day

Sentence: O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy. Psalm 100.1

Prayer of the Day: God of power and love, who raised your Son Jesus from death to life, resplendent in glory to rule over all creation: free the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, and to live in his love. Unite the human race in Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading from Ezekiel 34.11-16; 34.20-24

11For thus says the Lord God : I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 12As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.

16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. 20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.
21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the Lord , will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.
Hear the Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Biblical Background: God promises to seek, rescue and care for the scattered sheep of Israel, raising up a faithful shepherd from David's line.
Meaning and Relevance Today: Christ is the Good Shepherd and just King who cares for the vulnerable, seeks the lost and calls us to practise compassionate leadership.
Reflection Question: *How can I reflect Christ's loving care towards those who are vulnerable or forgotten?*

Psalm 100

1 O shout to the Lord in triumph, all the earth:
serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his face with songs of joy.
2 Know that the Lord he is God:
it is he who has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
3 Come into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:
give thanks to him, and bless his holy name.
4 For the Lord is good, his loving mercy is for ever:
his faithfulness throughout all generations.

Second Reading from Ephesians 1.15-23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.
Hear the Word of the Lord **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Biblical Background: Paul prays that believers will know God's hope and power, revealed through the risen Christ, who reigns above every authority and is head of the Church.
Meaning and Relevance Today: Christ's kingship offers hope beyond the powers and uncertainties of this world, calling the Church to live faithfully under his loving authority.
Reflection Question: *How can I allow Christ's wisdom, hope and power to guide my daily life?*

The Holy Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 25.31-46

GLORY TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit or
the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate
people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he wil
put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those a
his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared fo
you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty
and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked
and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited
me." 37 Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and
gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw
you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it tha
we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" 40 And the king will answer them, "Truly I tel
you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did i
to me." 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me
into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave
me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did
not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did no
visit me." 44 Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty
or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" 45 Then he wil
answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did
not do it to me." 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into
eternal life.'

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

Biblical Background: Jesus describes the final judgment, where the King welcomes those who fed the hungry, welcomed strangers, cared for the sick and visited prisoners, identifying himself with those in need.
Meaning and Relevance Today: We honour Christ as King by recognising his presence in people who are hungry, lonely, sick, excluded or struggling.
Reflection Question: *Where might I encounter Christ in someone who needs my compassion, welcome or practical help?*

News & Notices

BAPTISM: Dale Family: We are pleased to welcome the Dale family, Christopher, Jessica and 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. Note: There will be no 5.30 pm service this day.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: This week Vonnie Nipperess celebrates her birthday. All the best Vonnie! Wishing you a happy 94th year.

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*.*

FLYERS FOLLOW BELOW


St Peter's Anglican Church
Christmas Concert & Social Evening
featuring Pitch In Choir
Songs of hope, connection, love and joy for the festive season
Thursday 10th December 6.30 - 7.30pm
Light refreshments provided.
St Peter's Anglican Church, 15 Amy Street, Gympie
ALL WELCOME


ADVENT
CLASSICAL MUSIC
PERFORMANCE
All Welcome
featuring the wonderful sounds of
GYMPIE STRINGS
Pride and Prejudice with Lee;
Trish and Clair - Vocals
Seth - French Horn
playing Mozart,
Viotti, Martines.
WHEN: Sunday, 13th December - 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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