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Bellthorpe Community

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Pentecost 19 *September 29th 2024*

Welcome

St. Mary's, Kilcoy
Sundays, 8.00 am
Wednesdays, 9.30 am

St. Matthias', Woodford
Sundays, 10.00 am
2nd Tuesdays, 9.30 am

Bellthorpe Service
Cancelled: 29th September 5.30pm

*Our help
is in the name
of the Lord:
who has made
heaven and earth*
Ps 124: 6

Holy Communion is available to all baptised & communicant members of Christian churches. All are invited to come forward to receive either a blessing or Holy Communion. Please join us at the end of the service for refreshments.

TODAY'S LITURGY

Sentence:

Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can it be seasoned? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.

Mark

9:50

Collect: O God, your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: open our eyes to see those who are in need, and teach us to set no store by riches and earthly rewards, so that, in surrendering ourselves to serve you in your children, we may labour for the treasure that endures; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Today's Hymns

Be still my soul the Lord is on your side – As a chalice cast of gold
Here, Lord, we take the broken bread – Jesus loves me this I know

First Reading: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22 *A reading from Esther, Chapter 7, beginning at verse 1:* So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me — that is my petition — and the lives of my people — that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.' Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?' Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, 'Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.' And the king said, 'Hang him on that.' So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor. *Hear the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.*

Psalms 124 (APBA p 361)

Second Reading: James 5:12 - 20 *A reading from James, Chapter 5, beginning at the 12th verse:* Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your 'Yes' be yes and your 'No' be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. *Hear the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.*

Gospel: Mark 9:38 - 50 *The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark, Chapter 9, commencing at the 38th verse:* John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. 'If any

of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. 'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

For the Gospel of the Lord, praise to you Lord Jesus

Christ.

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

For those who are sick/ in need: Len and Jules, Norma and Cameron, John, Patricia, Wendy, Val, Cindy, Bonnie, Sandra, Della, Tanisha, Bevan, Tim, Bob, Clyde and Mandy.

For our parish: Loving God, bless and enable each person in this parish; inspire us in our vision and guide us in our planning and working together. May our lives so reflect the light of your kingdom that others may see and be drawn to your presence. May they come to know the grace and peace of your everlasting love for all your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for: Our wonderful School Chaplains: Mt Kilcoy Peter Robertson; **Kilcoy High:** Vacant; **Woodford:** Amy Head; **Delaneys Creek:** Tracy Sbresni.

Pray for: All experiencing: domestic & family violence; child abuse; homelessness; rental & mortgage stress. Peace & justice for Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and Lebanon. Food & medical aid for Gaza; Victims of war; Afghanistan; Syria; Sudan, Refugees. Country Parishes; Climate change.

Praise God for: For the peace of Christ that fills our hearts during the difficult time of life.

WEEKLY & COMING EVENTS

Mondays: Bible Study at St Mary's 2pm: In recess until October

Tuesdays Bible study at St Matthias 10.00am: First and third Tuesdays of the month

Wednesdays 9.30am: Weekly Service at St Mary's. Not this week: Rev Jilleen away for two weeks

Tuesday 1st October 10.00am: Bible study at St Matthias' Everyone welcome

Wednesday 2nd October 9.30am: Service at St Mary's followed by the Guild meeting

Thursday 3rd October 10.30am: Hymnfest at Woodford Manor

Tuesday 8th October 9.30am: Service at St Matthias' followed by the Guild meeting

Friday 11th October 5.30 for 6pm: Kilcoy School Chaplaincy Dinner at the Kilcoy Bowls Club

Monday 14th October 10.30 am: Hymnfest at Aloaka Lodge. Note change of week.

CHURCH NOTICES

NB: Kilcoy School Chaplaincy Dinner: Friday 11th October 5.30 for 6pm. Kilcoy Bowls Club – 11 Royston Street. Tickets \$40. <https://brushfire.com/sua/dinner/576248>

Or ring: Ph: Julie 0437 917 206. Bring your family and friends to support School Chaplaincy.

Thoughts to Ponder: Praying the day with Jesus by Br. Geoffrey Tristram SSJE

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56 'The disciples gathered around Jesus and they told him all that they had done.' The disciples had been out on mission, and what an exciting experience they must have

had! Jesus had sent them out two by two, with no provisions, just sandals on their feet and a staff in their hand. They preached, cast out demons, anointed the sick, and healed many people of their sickness. They must have been so excited. In our Gospel today, they have just come back from the mission, and they are telling Jesus all about it.

I have a really vivid picture in my mind of what that must have been like: all talking excitedly together; 'Jesus, guess what happened! I anointed this man with oil and immediately he was made well. There were so many sick people coming to us, and we laid our hands upon them and prayed, and they were all made well. It was amazing. God be praised! When a town refused to listen to our teaching, we were really disappointed. But we did as you said, we left shaking off the dust on our feet.' It must have been very moving for Jesus to hear his spiritual children recounting their experiences. They had clearly grown and learned so much through the experience, and it is now that Mark's Gospel for the first time calls them 'apostles' – they had kind of 'graduated'! But Jesus could tell that they were also really exhausted. Ministry is hard work. So, with the kindness and gentleness of a good shepherd or a good parent, he says to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile.'

This image of the disciples gathered around Jesus reminds me of when I was at school, with my two brothers and my sister. Every afternoon we would come home on the bus at about 4 o'clock, and as we walked through the front door, always, always, there was our mother waiting to greet us, with the kitchen table prepared for tea; sandwiches, biscuits, cakes, all waiting to be wolfed down by hungry children. We all gathered around our mother, all of us talking excitedly about our day. Guess what happened in chemistry today. Lunch was awful. I got a brilliant grade in my geography homework. Someone tripped me up in the playground. And all the while our mother listened, encouraged, consoled, handed out more cakes. We didn't know at the time of course, but looking back I can see how that daily gathering over the tea table was incredibly important for our growth as children. As we gathered around our mother and described our day, the fun bits, the sad bits, our hopes, our fears, our anger, our confusion, we were learning, and growing in understanding and maturity. The same thing was happening when those disciples gathered around Jesus to talk about their days on mission. They described their experiences and feelings, their hopes and fears, and as they spoke, Jesus was gently guiding and encouraging them, feeding their souls, restoring their spirits. *(to be continued)*

PRAY DAILY: * The Church of Pakistan (United) * The Parish of The Gap: Ann Edwards, Clergy and People * Anglicare SQ Out of Home Care, South West Region – Roma Foster & Kinship Care and Family Intervention * Northern Region Bishop Bp Sarah Plowman * Theological students

PEW REFLECTIONS. September 29th 2024 – Pamela Davey and the Rev'd Sr Jan Crombie SSA (ABM Board) © Anglican Board of Mission, 2024 Jesus encourages us to be aware of our own failings and do something about them rather than look to others' misdeeds. We are also encouraged to pray for one another, as a source of healing – for oneself. **We pray** that we do have "salt in ourselves, and be at peace with one another." **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

FUTURE READINGS and HYMNS

6th October – Pentecost 20 – Green

Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Ps 26 God has spoken by his prophets – Lord Jesus, we belong to you
Hebrews 1:1 - 4, 2:5 - 12 Mark 10:2 - 16 My song is love unknown – Thanks to God ...

13th October – Pentecost 21 – Green

Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Ps 22:1-15 And can it be ... – How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17 - 31 O Jesus, I have promised – Mine eyes have seen ...

BLESSING: God stir up within you the gift of the Spirit that you may confess Jesus Christ as Lord and proclaim the joy of the everlasting gospel wherever you may be; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen

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