

**TODAY**

**Peace, Justice, Reconciliation, Outreach and  
Creation Care**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 5pm at Vic Lucas Park.**

Bring a chair and a beverage of choice and we will watch the river and talk about how we can take action in our patch.



**HOW YOU CAN HELP US.** Are you able to help clean our church? Cleaning usually occurs on a Saturday, but can be done Friday afternoon after the 10am service. If you can help, please contact Sarah Davies, our Parish Secretary (33991508) or Sue Garrett

### LENT GOODNA FLOOD APPEAL

To help our friends at the Goodna Anglican Welfare Ministry support flood affected families, we are collecting money and gift cards. Phone cards, grocery cards and petrol cards of all denominations please. There is a bucket for donations in church.



### LAST CALL for a Concert Organising Group

We're still looking for a planning group to get this off the ground.

**If we can't get some folk to help we might need to give up on the idea.**

To volunteer or get a bit more information have a chat with Howard Greaver or send him an email [hgreaver@hotmail.com](mailto:hgreaver@hotmail.com)



### Children's Church

**Every Sunday at 9am term time.**

In church this week it's all about the Parable of the Fig Tree...

a story Jesus told to teach us we need to bear fruit in our life.

You might even get a piece of fruit to eat!

If you'd like a yarn about kids and church, contact

Kate Down on [kate.down@mail.com](mailto:kate.down@mail.com) or call 0414689669



20th March 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

**7.30AM—EUCHARIST**

**9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST**

ST JOHN  
THE BAPTIST

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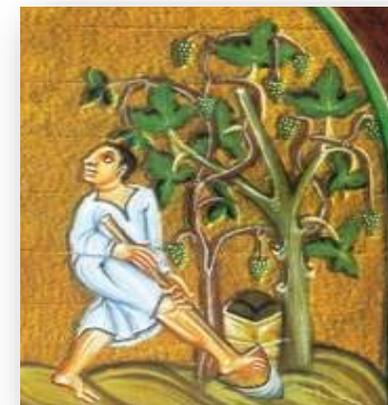
ANGLICAN CHURCH

IN THE HEART OF BULIMBA

THE  
BARREN  
FIG TREE

### Fig Tree Luke 13:1-9

I think, perhaps, we miss the point  
If we think God condoned  
The cutting of that fig tree which  
The vineyard grower owned;  
For note the gard'ner said to him,  
"Then you can cut it down;"  
He must have said it with a grin,  
And not some judgment frown,  
Since first, the owner'd said to him  
That he should do the deed;  
But Jesus' gard'ner knew the owner's  
Nature supersedes  
The "Fix yourself right now—or else"  
View we think others need;  
Thus, we can cut some slack for all,  
Since God's love none exceeds.  
Scott L. Barton 2022



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## OUR SERVICE

### SENTENCE FOR THE DAY.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

*Isaiah 55.6*

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water that springs from the Rock, our Saviour Jesus Christ: stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may profess our faith with freshness and announce with joy the wonder of your love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen**

THIS COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH			
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	23	10.00am 7.00pm	Stations of the Cross Lent Groups Lenten Study via Zoom
<b>FRIDAY</b>	25	10.00am	Eucharist
<b>SUNDAY</b>	27	7.30am 9.00am	Eucharist Family Eucharist , Baptism

ROSTERED DUTIES 27/3	7.30 AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Roslyn	Roland
READER	Allan	Kelly-Ann
INTERCESSOR	Tony	Charmaine
MORNING TEA		Lisa or volunteer
WELCOMER	Allan Thomson	Sue Garrett
IT MANAGER		
FLOWERS	No flowers in Lent	
CHURCH CLEANING		

COVID: MASKS ARE STILL MANDATED. PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING,  
HAND SANITATION AND MINIMISE ANY PERSONAL CONTACT.

### Priest-in-Charge

Reverend Andrew Cooper. Mobile phone: 0447 409188  
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### OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 55.1-9

Roslyn Rachel

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

### PSALM 63.1-9

- O God, you are my God: eagerly will I seek you.
- My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you: as a dry and thirsty land where no water is.***
- So it was when I beheld you in the sanctuary:  
and saw your power and your glory.
- For your unchanging goodness is better than life: therefore my lips shall praise you.***
- And so I will bless you as long as I live:  
and in your name will I lift my hands on high.

**6. My longing shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness:  
my mouth shall praise you with exultant lips.**

7. When I remember you upon my bed:  
when I meditate upon you in the night watches,

**8. How you have been my helper:**

**then I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings,**

9. Then my soul clings to you: and your right hand upholds me.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13**

Roslyn Rachel

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

**Gospel: Luke 13.1-9**

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." ' **For the Gospel of the Lord, praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## Parish Prayers

**The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

**In The World: -**

- ◇ La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico
- ◇ The Diocese of Perth: †Kay Goldsworthy;  
Assistant Bishops - †Kate Wilmot, †Jeremy James; Clergy and People

**In The Diocese:**

- ◇ The Parish of Boonah-Harrisville: Helen Paget
  - ◇ St John's Cathedral Shop
- West Moreton Anglican College, Karrabin: Families; staff & students

**Locally:** We pray for...

- ◇ Regis Aged Care Centre and give thanks for the loving professional provided by staff. May we commence our regular pastoral care and worship visits as soon as possible.
- ◇ Religious Instruction at Bulimba State School. We give thanks for the commitment of RI teachers and for the privilege of sharing the Good news in our schools.

***A prayer in times of conflict***

*Merciful God, In the glaring light of exploding shells, we hear the cry of our sisters and brothers for peace. In the deafening noise of weapons, we see eyes full of tears and sorrow longing for justice. God of peace, we feel helpless and weak.*

*We pray to You, God of reconciliation. Transform the heart of those who are armed to kill. God of love, see the tearful eyes of mothers and fathers who fear for their children. God, we beg you, hear the crying of their children!*

***Loving God, we entrust the world in its fragility to you.***

**Pray for those in need:** Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Gloria, Kerry, Joseph, Douglas, Nancy, Peter, Cath, Graham and Pat, Helena, Don

## In Memory

March 14– March 27

*Jack Thurlow Craswell (1962) Joan Nell Hazell (2016)*  
*Daphne Violet Kirby (2021) Guinevere Kay Blaikie (2015)*  
*Thomas Walter Nugent (1985) Florence Hilda May Fletcher (1991)*  
*Ivy Agatha Penny (1988) Sandy Muir (2008)*

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE TRAPS

Don't know if anyone noticed but I was away last week in country New South Wales at the Memorial Service for my Uncle and Aunt. I might have mentioned my family a few times in my sermon on Sunday... well ruthlessly mined the experience for sermon fodder... but they are used to that... and I suspect you will get used to that too. Those with good eyes will see that the genetic pool is small in the Cooper family... lots of 'robustly' built folk.



It's a bit weird being "The Religious One" in the family. There's an element of mystique and appreciation but there is also a teensy bit of resistance to pushing that God stuff too much. I was chuffed to be asked by my cousins to give a small reflection and blessing at the end of the service... and I think there was a bit of nudging of stereotypes as I could do the religious stuff AND have a laugh and a drink afterwards.

Sometimes I sigh at the image we have promoted about ourselves. Many of my family see religion as outdated and oppressive, fixated on misogyny and homophobia while allowing child sexual abuse to run rampant. They certainly don't think there is any fun or joy involved.

So I encourage you to join me in shifting the stereotype. Tell the good news stories with a smile and regularly. Resist efforts by loud oppressive voices to dominate the narrative of what it means to be Christian. Radiate the joy and love you find here at St John's so that folk think "I want what she's got" rather than "Look out, the crackpot is here." Being loving and joyous and reflective and affirming and open... you know... like Jesus... will help spread the Good News more effectively than forcing laws on folk for whom our institution is disconnected, peripheral or even toxic to their lives.

**May you have a blessed Lent**

*Andrew*

### Welcome Reverend Bronwyn.

Please give a big St John's welcome to Rev Bronwyn.... More correctly known as the Venerable Bronwyn Pagram, Priest in Charge of the Parish of Goodna and Archdeacon of Oxley. She is also a member of the Diocesan Committees for Social Responsibilities and the Anglican Board of Mission. She worked in the global energy sector for 25 years before reading for a Masters in International Development from the University of Birmingham, UK, and a Bachelor of Theology from CSU, Australia.



Rev Bronwyn will be joining us today while Rev Andrew will be out at Goodna.

We will all learn a little more of the work of the parish of Goodna and the Goodna Anglican Welfare Ministry.



### LENT Wednesdays @ ST JOHN'S

10am Stations of the Cross followed by Lent Study Group  
Meet in the church

7pm Lent Study Group and reflection via Zoom

**You can still sign up via email [andrew.cooper@anglicanchurchsq.org.au](mailto:andrew.cooper@anglicanchurchsq.org.au)  
or on the sheet at the back of the church**

### Lent Week Four: Dad's gone mad!!!

In Luke 15:11-32 we hear the familiar parable of the Prodigal Son.... Perhaps better known as the Parable of the Forgiving Father. Join us as we poke about to take a fresh look at this story which is often told but still challenges us with the profound call to love extravagantly ... even when it seems unjust and ridiculous to those around us.