

## SERVICE TIMES

**Sunday Services** 8am traditional  
10:30am family contemporary

**Wednesday Services** 10am

**Wooli Services** 2nd Saturday of the Month at 5pm

## EASTER SERVICES

- ◆ **Maundy Thursday 6pm:** Sedar Meal combined with Service  
Tyson St. South Grafton
- ◆ **Good Friday 9am Service**  
Tyson St South Grafton
- ◆ **Easter Saturday 4pm Wooli:** Contemporary Easter Celebration  
St Margaret's, Wooli
- ◆ **Easter Sunday 8am:** Service plus lighting of candle  
Tyson St South Grafton
- ◆ **Easter Sunday 10:30am:** Contemporary Easter Celebration  
Tyson St South Grafton



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INSPIRED BY GOD'S GRACE -WE SEEK TO SHARE HIS UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

## WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 8TH MARCH

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES

We warmly welcome Bishop Murray to our services today. If this is your first time here, please make yourself known to the welcomers. All are invited to stay for a cuppa and a chat after the service. We would love to get to know you better.

### A TASTE OF SUNDAY'S SERMON.—REV TIM

Entangled in the reading from today's Gospel reading, is the most noted single passage from the Bible. John 3:16. It begins with the colossal weight of God's love. His love goes out for everyone. His love is to the extreme of giving Himself so we can be one with Him. This passage rattles with the intensity of a God who will do, and did the ultimate, so we can come 'clean' before Him. God's love is played out by God's sacrifice. This is followed by God's promise: that whoever believes in him; that is Christ, may have eternal life.

This passage has been worked to appear as to opening the doors of heaven to anyone and everyone. But there is a process, that many ignore.

Just as entering the world took process, so does entering the Kingdom of God.

Putting aside the procreation aspect of our births, we all went through a gestation process of some 40 weeks, our little developing bodies went through three stages, called trimesters: first trimester, second trimester, and third trimester.

The first trimester is the first 12 weeks of the developing little human. Spinal cord, heart, nervous system, arms & legs— its all starting to happen. The face is forming! Trimester 2: weeks 13 to 28, fingerprints are forming and basic functions are forming. Hair is growing and this little human is starting to look good. Trimester 3: from week 29 to birth, the final formation is taking place, ready for little lungs to breathe. And then we are born. Just like a physical birth, we pass through spiritual trimesters in faith. We start small and grow by the Word of God, when, not at our birth, but at our death, we are born into the New Kingdom. But nothing happens without conception. Read the passage for yourself. John 3:16 is more than nice words. It is conception. It is warning. It is Grace. It is a promise.

## OPENING SENTENCE & READINGS

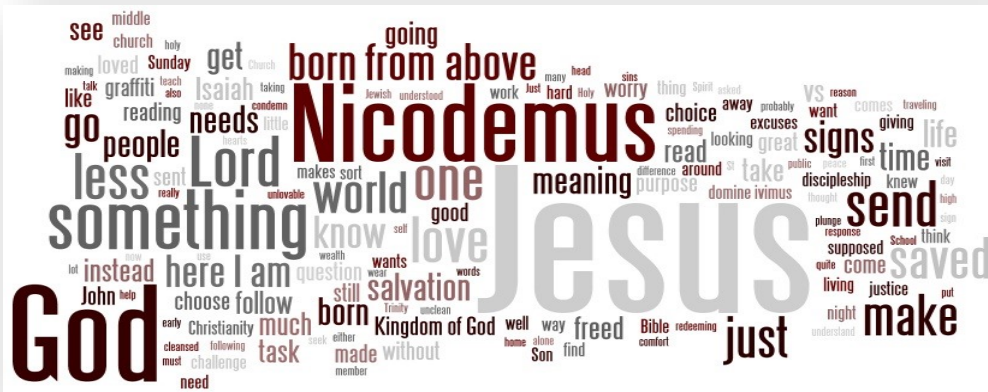
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3.16

Genesis 12.1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4.1-5, 4.13-17

John 3.1-17



Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere Psalm 84 v 10

## THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:

**THE PARISH OF DORRIGO:** The Reverend Michael Ridge (Stephanie)

**Licensed Lay Ministers:** Stephanie Ridge

**Please Pray:** • The continued growth of messy church and our Kids club GLUE • For the success of our holiday club • For continued growth both spiritual and numerical as we reach out to our community • That we would stay true to our vision of sharing Gods love through word and action everyday.

**THE DIOCESE OF BUNBURY** Bishop Ian Coutts Clergy and Laity

**DIOCESE OF GRAFTON: Bishop in Council** The Right Reverend Dr Murray Harvey The Venerable Tiffany Sparks The Venerable Matthew Jones The Venerable Stuart Webb The Very Reverend Dr Greg Jenks The Reverend Canon Zoe Everingham The Reverend The Reverend Christian Ford The Reverend Angela Dutton The Reverend David Hanger The Reverend Greg March Mr Chris Nelson Canon Terry Shorten Canon John Bryen Mr David Ford Mrs Pamela Langford Mrs Desley Ryan Mrs Stephanie Ridge

**MISSIONS:** Anglican Aid Abroad Patron: The Most Reverend Phillip Aspinall, Archbishop of Brisbane

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

### KIDS MUSICAL PLAYTIME:

Term One has commenced Friday weekly 9.30am. All parents, grandparents and carers welcome.

**STITCHES :** Stitches meet weekly Tuesday at 9.15am

**Do you have the desire to serve at our TEN30 service?** Grab a form off the back table, and drop it off to Reverend Tim and be prepared to dive in the deep end

### Volunteers For Brass Cleaning

We are still seeking volunteers please let Chris Cable or Gwen Bowman know if you can help. "Many hands make light work".

### Lenten Study at Chris & Jan Nelson's House

The first of 6 sessions starts at 6pm Wednesday 26 February at 6pm . A contribution to a shared Supper afterwards would be appreciated . For more information Phone 66447973.

**BIBLE STUDY AT THE NELSON'S RESUME 11 MARCH.**

**BCA MISSION BOXES** —please return to Joyce for collection

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

**Exodus 17.1-7**

**Psalms 95**

**Romans 5.1-11**

**John 4.5-42**

