

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Services

8am traditional

10:30am family contemporary

Wednesday Services 10am

Wooli Services TBA. Currently on hold



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

WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Happy Fathers Day to all you Dad's who are reading this. I pray that this special day will survive the changing environment of society. The role of a father is a valuable one that needs to be provided with the upmost love and respect.

Too often we hear where the role of fatherhood is either disrespected ignored for self prowess or control.

The Bible is an amazing resource for teaching fathers how to not only love their families but maintain that balance of care and protection. The bible doesn't state for the man of the house to lord it over his wife and family, far from it.

Ephesians 6:4 states: Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the LORD.

Colossians 3:21: Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

And again in 1Thessalonians 2:11-12: For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

The greatest role model is our heavenly Father. Some will site Him as a cosmic bully however there is so much in the bible that this comment simply dissolves to nothing.

We are the ones that let the heavenly family down. God puts up with our tantrums, our lies, and all the things that we do that He despises. Yet He waits for us to come to Him, like a child when they discover they have done wrong, seek the care and forgiveness without judgement.

And that is what God gives us. That judgement in His eyes was dealt with. That judgement is represented by the nails that held Jesus to his death.

Fathers, continue to love your family with all that you have. Pray for those that hold you at arms length and embrace those who need it.

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Happy Fathers Day. - Revd Tim

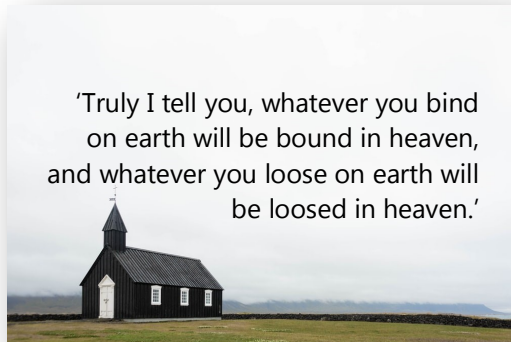
OPENING SENTENCE & READINGS

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him. Matthew 16.24–25

READINGS:

Exodus 12.1-14
Romans 13.1-10

Psalm 149
Matthew 18.10-20



THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:

Our Nation:

That our nation will work together, to encourage the economy to bring life to our communities. We pray for wisdom in border openings and fairness to all who need to move around our country

Prayer points:

- Countries that are heading into, or are in the midst of elections. We pray for the raising up of caring leaders who have a heart for the people. We pray for leaders who have a genuine interest in bringing peace to their regions and rest to their lands
- That the moving of the Serbian embassy to Jerusalem will be received without violence or national upheaval and that all who work there will be safe
- That the signs of life among the Beirut rubble will bring miracles of life to those who are trapped
- That an unstable peace in The Sudan will become stable as a major rebel group agrees to resume peace talks
- For peace in France as President Emmanuel Macron decries 'Islamic separatism', and defends the right to blaspheme

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

KIDS MUSICAL PLAYTIME:

Picnic in the park this coming week. Whose excited? I am!

NOTICES IN BRIEF

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a project of Samaritan's Purse.



It partners with local churches in developing nations to reach out to children by providing gift-filled shoeboxes and bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

After receiving shoebox gifts, many children are also invited back to

participate in The Greatest Journey – an evangelism and discipleship program.

Will you join with us this year to help us reach more children with gift-filled shoeboxes for distribution to children in the developing world?

Please see Narelle and Francis Keane for more details and to get your kit.

Synod will be taking place this month on the 26th and 27th September in Tweed Heads. Esther Clancy and Dianne Ginter will be attending with Revd Tim for this annual gathering of the diocese.

Synod is made up of the house of bishops, the house of clergy and the house of laity.

This year the opportunity to observe synod has been removed due to the control of covid-19 in house protocol. There is the opportunity via zoom for observers to be included on a case by case basis.

Yes, Synod occupies a Sunday. On Sunday 27th September there will be only the 8am service, with Revd Jenny taking the service.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

EXODUS 14.19-31
ROMANS 14.1-14

PSALM 114
MATTHEW 18.21-35