

All Saints Anglican Church Preston

Welcome to Worship

If you are new or just visiting, make yourself at home.

We are a gathered multi nation group of Anglicans who worship in English, Mandarin, and Nubian/Arabic.

You may like to complete a card so that you may be included on the Parish Roll or if you wish to speak with one of the priests.

The 9.00am Eucharist is celebrated in the St Cecilia Chapel.

Following Eucharists at 10.30am and 2.00pm we have refreshments in the Hall.

The seasonal order of service booklet and this leaflet has the prayers we use and in the red hymn book you will find the hymns for today.

SEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST 12 July 2026

The Prayer for the Day

We pray together,
Bountiful God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word:
by your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and to live according to it,
that we may grow in faith and hope and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymns and Songs

Setting:	757
First	100
Gradual	405
Offertory	431
Communion Nubian	
After Comm	164
Final	147

News and Information

Kid's Church is in recess today. Resumes next Sunday 19th July.

Fr Michael and Kris will be away on leave from Monday 6th to 12th July inclusive. Please speak with Fr Prashant for any pastoral matters during this time.

Certificate of Service Changes to the Professional Standards legislation now requires more roles to be captured requiring people to hold a 'Certificate for Service' from the Church's Professional Standards body, Kooyoora. People who volunteer will be contacted asking them to complete the necessary documentation.

Diocesan Clergy Conference Fr. Michael Fr. Prashant and Fr. Fan will be attending the conference from 12th to the 14th of July at St. Paul's Cathedral. For any pastoral needs contact and schedule your appointments accordingly. Please pray for God's guidance in the conference for futuristic direction.

Volunteer Opportunities for the food bank operations on Thursdays for those who can drive the bus and lift food packages. Please Contact Fr. Prashant.

A Reading from Genesis 25: 19 - 34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife because she was barren, and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other; the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle, so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel, so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau because he was fond of game, but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom. Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Hear the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 119: 105 - 112

We say the Psalm together:

**Your word is a lantern to my feet:
and a light to my path.**

**I have vowed and sworn an oath:
to keep your righteous judgements.**

**I have been afflicted beyond measure:
Lord, give me life according to your word.**

**Accept, O Lord, the freewill offerings of my mouth:
and teach me your judgements.**

**I take my life in my hands continually:
yet I do not forget your law.**

**The wicked have laid a snare for me:
but I have not strayed from your precepts.**

**Your commands are my inheritance for ever:
they are the joy of my heart.**

**I have set my heart to fulfil your statutes:
always, even to the end.**

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans 8: 1 - 11

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law - indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Hear the Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia. The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
All who come to him will live forever.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Matthew's Gospel 13: 1 – 9, 18 - 23

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

+++Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!" "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

For the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Our Prayers and Intercessions

Response to the Intercessions:

Christ Jesus, intercede for us, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those in need:

(Names may be added in the Prayer Request Book on the information table)

David, George, Nadia L, Li, Julius, Nadia G, Jamie, Damian, J.M., Kirsty, Fiona.

Year's Mind for the Departed:

Dale Summerton, Coral Johnston, Ernest Butler, David Cahill, Kenneth Hodgson, Russell Hiscock, Joyce Shand, Gladys Mackenzie, Craig Garside, Vanessa Garside, John Watson, Scott Janger, Dorothy Sutton.

Our Giving last Sunday

Source	Giving	Budget
0900	\$ 290.00	\$ 192.30
1030	\$ 670.40	\$ 769.23
1400	\$ 665.00	\$ 288.45
Total	\$1625.40	\$1249.98
Op Shop	\$ 975.61	\$ 998.80

Receiving Communion

*All are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or to receive a blessing.
Wine is distributed using two Chalices:
The first, if you wish to drink from the common cup, and the second, if you wish to intinct your bread.*

Views and Actions

A small beginning yields a rich harvest

Jesus compares God's word to seeds, tiny things that grow into something greater than themselves. Under the right conditions, a small beginning yields a rich harvest. Some seed fell on a path and birds came and ate it up. The seed did not really go into the soil, only on it, and then it was gone.

When we are not listening at all to the Word of God, it has no effect on us. It doesn't change us. Some seed fell on rocky ground. It had some growth, but not enough depth, and it withered in the sun without the moisture and nutrients from deep roots. Perhaps we listen to the word of God for a time but fall away when discipleship becomes difficult.

Some seed fell into good, rich soil and produced a huge amount of fruit. This is the type of soil we want to be. We want the Word of God to grow in us richly and have a lot of fruit.

Let your hope in God become fruitful action.

Plant a hopeful seed in someone who needs it by an encouraging word or act

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How to Give

Envelopes are available for your weekly giving. See Mandie Emmett or one of the clergy, for a set.

Online Banking is also available:
Anglican Parish of Jika Jika
BSB: 083 202
Account: 7528 50956
Reference: 'Your Surname'