

Calendar

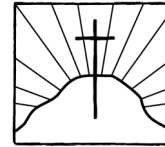
Sunday 12 September Back to Church Sunday
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Readings: Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14
 1 Timothy 1.1-2 12-19; Luke 15.1-10
 4.30pm Evensong: Holy Nativity, Cooroy
followed by dinner at the Cooroy RSL

Tuesday 14 September 9.00am Study Group: in the Cooroy hall
 12.00pm Deanery Chapter, Buderim
 Wednesday 15 September 7.30am Eucharist, Holy Nativity, Cooroy
 2.00pm Training for Pastoral Visitors, Parish Office
 7.30pm Kin Kin Community Group
 Thursday 16 September 7.00am Eucharist, Good Shepherd, Pomona
 9.00am Study Group: Good Shepherd, Pomona
 10.00am Eumundi Care & Share
 7.00pm Study Group: in the rectory

Sunday 19 September Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Readings: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9
 1 Timothy 2:1-10; Luke 16:1-13
 Tuesday 21 September 9.00am Study Group: in the Cooroy hall
 5.30pm Eucharist, Good Shepherd, Pomona
 6.00pm Parish Council, Parish Office, Pomona
 Wednesday 22 September 7.30am Eucharist, Holy Nativity, Cooroy
 9.30am Eucharist, Kabara
 Thursday 23 September 7.00am Eucharist, Good Shepherd, Pomona
 9.00am Study Group: Good Shepherd, Pomona
 9.00am Eucharist, Holy Nativity Cooroy
 9.30am Cooroy Ladies Guild Meeting, Cooroy hall
 7.00pm Study Group: in the rectory

Sunday 26 September Eighteen Sunday after Pentecost
Readings: Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91.1-6, 14-16
 1 Timothy 6.6-19 Luke 16.19-31
 Tuesday 28 September 9.00am Study Group: in the Cooroy hall
 Wednesday 29 September 7.30am Eucharist, Holy Nativity, Cooroy
 2.00pm Training for Pastoral Visitors, Parish Office
 Thursday 30 September 7.00am Eucharist, Good Shepherd, Pomona
 9.00am Study Group: Good Shepherd, Pomona
 7.00pm Study Group: in the rectory
 Saturday 2 October 11.00am Wedding: Denise Berry & Hugh Bingham

Sunday 3 October Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Readings: Lamentations 1:1-6, Psalm 137
 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10
 Tuesday 5 October 9.00am Study Group: in the Cooroy hall



The Anglican Parish
 of Coorooora
 Cooroy Pomona Kin Kin Boreen Point
 ABN: 97 237 754 986



welcome to our worship

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

12th September 2010



Are you new or visiting us today?

*Please join us for refreshments
 after the service and
 ask our welcomers for a 'Welcome Kit'!*



Worship Times

<u>Sundays</u>	
<u>Good Shepherd, Pomona</u> Cnr Memorial Ave & Rectory St 7.30am Eucharist	<u>Holy Nativity, Cooroy</u> Cnr Miva St & Tewantin Rd 9.30am Eucharist
<u>St Luke's, Kin Kin</u> Main St (off the roundabout) 5.30pm Eucharist (1st, 2nd & 3rd weeks)	<u>Roberts House, Boreen Point</u> Orchard Ave 5.30pm Eucharist (4th week)
<u>Mid Week</u>	
<u>Combined Parish Eucharist</u> <i>commencing at 10am and followed by lunch</i>	
17th October St Luke's, Kin Kin	Morning Prayer, Good Shepherd, Pomona 8.30am Monday & 7.00am Tuesday
9th January 2011 , Holy Nativity Cooroy	Eucharist, Good Shepherd, Pomona 7.00am Thursdays
15th May , Good Shepherd, Pomona	Eucharist, Kabara Hostel, Topaz St, Cooroy 9.30am 2 nd & 4 th Wednesday of the month
26th June , Roberts House, Boreen Point	Eucharist, Holy Nativity, Cooroy 7.30am Wednesdays 9.00am 4 th Thursday of the month

Parish Prayer

Praise to you, Father God,
for the life you have given us and the fellowship we share.
Bless this parish in which we live,
make us sound in faith, holy in life and unselfish in heart,
that we may serve you in truth,
and know your blessing as your children.
Grant us, Lord, a steadfast heart in serving you,
an understanding mind in knowing you,
and a loving spirit in embracing you,
for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God,
exultant you bring home the found:
touch our hearts with grateful wonder
at the tenderness of your forbearing love;
grant us delight in the mercy that has found us;
and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiven sinners.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING - Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse – a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgement against them. ‘For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.’ I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Commentary: This passage is part of a larger poem. God, speaking through Jeremiah, warns that a foe “from the north” (most likely the Babylonian army) is approaching. God uses the invasion to express his anger for their lack for conversion. While false prophets have deceived Judah into complacency, religious leaders will be appaled and the political leaders will lack courage, however the

Please pray for:

- ♦ **Those in need:** Nell & Dick McGilchrist, Bob Rattray, Vic & Ruth Webber, Gwen Hemsall, David & Bev Apel (Parish Family); Doris Bowles (Wilma Dunn); Violet Gaven (Melodie Zylstra); Paul & Kath Lye (Clare Lee); David & Verna Solomon (Dorothy Cooper); Robert & Jo Smith (Elizabeth Smith); Dudley Cone (Stephen Hilditch), Dorothy Cush (Gloria Taylor), Anthea Evans-Walsh (Robyn Ladbrook), Elaine Herron (Prue Herron)
- ♦ **Anniversaries of Death:** Jean Downes 13/9, Vera Galloway 15/9, Valerie Nugent 26/9, Stanley Topper 30/9.
- ♦ Give thanks for **Back to Church Sunday** and the Mission **with the Little Brothers of Francis**. Pray that both activities will continue to bear fruit in the coming months.

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Natural Church Development Update - A couple of weeks ago, we received the results of our NCD surveys (completed in June). Results were positive and have offered us some directions for future growth. Overall those from the Cooroy Congregation have identified a need to reach out to the local community to spread the gospel through loving service. The Pomona Congregation have identified a need for deeper Bible reflection and application in our daily lives. There is much the two congregations can learn from one another as we both have similar needs but also some complementary skills to assist us!

In addition, it appears that that as a parish we need to identify our gifts and find ways of using our gifts, talents and skills to build up our parish. Some further reflection in the coming months will help our parish to continue grow and for each one of us to understand how God has given us all gifts and talents to build up one another.

Training for Pastoral Visitors continues this week with the Revd Christine Woolner (Julie's mum). The group are using the book - God's Love in Action - please bring your copy. If you don't have one, copies are in the parish office. **Training continues on Wednesday 15th & 29th September, 20th October, 3rd & 17th November from 2~4pm in the Parish Office.**

Anglican Church Calendar 2011 - The Australia Anglican Church Calendar 2011 is now available at a cost of \$12.00. Funds raised go towards AngliCORD to assist with their international relief and development work. Please order on the noticeboard (pictures of the churches represented this year are also available).

Bush Church Aid Boxes - It's time to count the BCA boxes, so please bring them in so we can count them and we will send off the money.

A big thank you to Bob and Sharon Haylock who spent many hours in the rectory and the garden while I was away. They have hung curtains and sourced materials for the inside and mowed, weeded and 'regravelled' to restore the garden after the trenching work completed earlier in the year. Thanks also to Nev and Stephen who have arranged the shelving to be installed in the office shortly.

Celebrations in September

Birthdays: David Morwood 2/9, Leo Perez 2/9, Tricia Ashton & Julie Woolner 7/9, Joan Goeldner 14/9, Marita Haylock 15/9, Carol Blake 17/9, Bob Paget 18/9, Rory Dingel 27/9

Baptism Anniversaries: Noah Varlet 9/9, Isobel Maddock & Sophia Maddock 15/9, Scout Newberry 30/9



enemy will still come. (A normal wind was used to "winnow or cleanse" to separate the wheat from the chaff).

The second section (verses 23-28) present another picture of the coming devastation. It will be as though the earth has returned to its primordial un-ordered (chaotic) state, "waste and void"; the scene will be shocking to "the heavens". But this will not be the end of life on earth, for some (not necessarily people of Judah) will see the disaster and "mourn". Those remaining will see the darkening of the skies ("the heavens above [will] grow black") as though the end times have come.

Psalm 14

**Fools have said in their hearts 'There is no God':
they have all become vile and abominable in their doings,
there is not one that does good.**

**The Lord looked down from heaven
upon the children of Adam:
to see if there were any who would act wisely
and seek after God.**

**But they have all turned out of the way,
they have all alike become corrupt:
there is none that does good, no not one.**

**Are all the evildoers devoid of understanding:
who eat up my people as they eat bread,
and do not pray to the Lord?**

**They shall be struck with terror:
for God is with the company of the righteous.**

**Though they frustrate the poor in their hopes:
surely the Lord is their refuge.**

**O that deliverance for Israel might come forth from Zion:
when the Lord turns again the fortunes of his people,
then shall Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.**

SECOND READING - 1 Timothy 1.12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display

the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*Commentary: Paul, writing to Timothy has warned against false teachers who have deviated from the faith (in the sense of the facts of Christianity) rather than living the kind of life these truths demand. Love should be the basis for Christian conduct – through **personal integrity, a good conscience and sincere faith**. While the law of Moses is good, those who lead Christ-like lives have no need of it. God has given his free gift of love to Paul, even though he previously distorted God's message and persecuted Christians. God showed him mercy because he did not know Christ but God pardoned even him. Paul therefore becomes an example for all of us – no matter how sinful we are and how wrong our actions, God offers forgiveness and welcomes us home.*

GOSPEL - Luke 15.1-10

All the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

*Commentary: Jesus is keeping company with tax collectors and sinners, and other people to be avoided and despised by apparently godly people like the Pharisees and the scribes. Their observation begs the question: **is any person beyond God's mercy?** Tax collectors were known for their unethical behaviour. The Roman authorities contracted out collection of taxes; how a tax collector got the money was up to hi - usury, fraud and excessive profits were common. Tax collectors worked for tax farmers, who were usually foreigners (and as such they were ritually unclean). Jesus defends associating with these people using three parables (the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin and the Lost Son). Our reading includes the first two. God is the shepherd/housewife; the lost sheep/coin are people who repent, who turn to God. God willingly accepts them; in fact, he rejoices, as does the community! Neither the sheep nor the coin can find their owner; God cares about those unable to find him; he seeks them. While the shepherd and the housewife seem to go to extreme lengths to find their lost sheep and coin, the stories tell us that God is like that.*

Julie's Reflections

I am delighted to welcome you to our worship today. Our worship marks two important events in our parish life - Back to Church Sunday and the continuation of our Mission: Valuing the Spirit Within - with the Little Brothers of Francis.

Back to Church Sunday is an annual event in the life of the Anglican Church throughout the world. It began in the UK as a way of encouraging people to make a connection with a worshipping Christian community. The concept acknowledges that many people in our communities used to belong to a church community at some time - perhaps as children or as adults, even if that sense of connection has lessened in recent times. This is a chance to invite people to see that the church, like our secular community, has changed (at least we think so!). If you have come as a friend of one of our 'regulars' please take this opportunity to meet others, to receive a welcome pack and experience the unconditional love that God gives to each one of us. And, we'd love you to come again.

The success of Back to Church Sunday, is as we've said, each person inviting one person. Even if your friend was unable to come today, you have helped us to change the culture of our parish from waiting people to come to worship to one of inviting people to come. The more we can do this, the more confident we become in asking people to 'Come and See' the value we see in worshipping and connecting with the Christian community.

The Mission: Valuing the Spirit Within has been a weekend to spend some time with Brother Howard of the Little Brothers of Francis (a contemplative Christian community based in Tabulum, NSW). On Friday night, our shared meal was a chance to get to know Brother Howard a little more and to experience compline (night prayer) according to the brothers tradition. Our Quiet Afternoon in Kin Kin yesterday was a fantastic time out of our busy daily lives to reconnect with the presence of God which dwells within each one of us and to reflect more deeply on our connection with one another.

Our mission weekend continues tonight at 4.30pm with Sung Evensong at Holy Nativity, Cooroy which will be followed by wine and cheese and then dinner at the Cooroy RSL.

For those who have been able to participate in both activities, I trust that these have been rewarding and fruitful experiences. Whether it has been to take time out for personal reflection or to have courage to invite a friend, everything we do draws us closer to the living God who restores, establishes and strengthens us.

