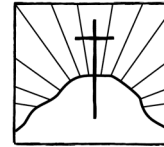


Calendar

- 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
- Sunday 26 September Eighteenth 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
 5.00pm St Andrew's College Council, Peregian Springs
- 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
- 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
 3.00pm Blessing of the Pets, Good Shepherd, Pomona
- Tuesday 5 October 9.00am Study Group: in the Cooroy hall
- Wednesday 6 October 7.30am Eucharist, Holy Nativity, Cooroy
 5.00pm Leadership Team, Parish Office
- Thursday 7 October 7.00am Eucharist, Good Shepherd, Pomona
 9.00am Study Group: Good Shepherd, Pomona
 7.00pm Study Group: in the rectory
- Sunday 10 October Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**
Readings: Jeremiah 29:1,4-7; Psalm 66:1-11,
 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19
- Tuesday 12 October 9.00am Study Group: in the Cooroy hall
 12.00pm Deanery Chapter, Gympie
- Wednesday 13 October 7.30am Eucharist, Holy Nativity, Cooroy
 9.30am Eucharist, Kabara
- Thursday 14 October 7.00am Eucharist, Good Shepherd, Pomona
 9.00am Study Group: Good Shepherd, Pomona
 11.30am Religious Education, Federal State School
 7.00pm Study Group: in the rectory



The Anglican Parish
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welcome to our worship

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
 AFTER PENTECOST**

19th 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

Sundays

<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)

Mid Week

<u>Combined Parish Eucharist</u> <i>commencing at 10am and followed by lunch</i> 17th October St Luke's, Kin Kin 9th January 2011 , Holy Nativity Cooroy 15th May , Good Shepherd, Pomona 26th June , Roberts House, Boreen Point	<u>Morning Prayer, Good Shepherd, Pomona</u> 8.30am Monday & 7.00am Tuesday <u>Eucharist, Good Shepherd, Pomona</u> 7.00am Thursdays <u>Eucharist, Kabara Hostel, Topaz St, Cooroy</u> 9.30am 2 nd & 4 th Wednesday of the month <u>Eucharist, Holy Nativity, Cooroy</u> 7.30am Wednesdays 9.00am 4 th Thursday of the month
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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

O God,
you are rich in love for your people:
show us the treasure that endures
and, when we are tempted by greed,
call us back into your service
and make us worthy to be
entrusted with the wealth that never fails.
We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING - Jeremiah 8.18 - 9.1

The word of the Lord through the prophet: My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: ‘Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?’ ‘Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?’ ‘The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.’ For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Commentary: Jeremiah was a prophet in the Southern Kingdom of Judah from about 627 BC to 587 BC, when Jerusalem and the people of Judah were defeated by the Babylonians and deported into exile to Babylon. Jeremiah continually raised the spectre of disaster because of Judah’s failure to be true to God. The passage today foresees that disaster, and is a poignant lament by Jeremiah over the destruction of his people. The passage reveals the inner anguish of Jeremiah. The balm of Gilead was an aromatic resin, which was probably brought by caravans from the east bearing the balm, and stopping at Gilead.

Please pray for:

- ♦ **Those in need:** Nell & Dick McGilchrist, Bob Rattray, Vic & Ruth Webber, Gwen Hemsall, David & Bev Apel, Joan Morwood (Parish Family); 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), Stephen Butler (Judy Topper), Jan Balfour (Bonita Balfour)
- ♦ **Anniversaries of Death:** Jean Downes 13/9, Vera Galloway 15/9, Valerie Nugent 26/9, Stanley Topper 30/9.
- ♦ Pray for the members of the Parish Council and for the members of Parish Council Working Groups. Pray particularly as members seek to develop programs, functions and worship to make greater connections with people outside the parish.

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Giving Boxes...

It's been a while since we've mentioned our **Parish Giving Boxes**, but we hope you have been collecting your small change to donate to our four organizations (Little Haven, Cooroora Woodworker's for their Men's Shed Project, Bibles for the Persecuted and Hospital Chaplaincy). If you haven't got a box, spare boxes are available on the entrance table. While it's only our small change, last year we collected \$1200 to support organizations outside our parish.

Next Sunday, we welcome **Judy Burt - our Anglican chaplain at Nambour Hospital** to share with us of the important work performed by the Diocesan Chaplaincy Team.

Over the coming months, we will have presentations from the other organizations about their work and the way in which our donations will help them to provide their services.

Our Thursday night study group are commencing a new study on **The Life of Jesus**. It starts with some segments from a DVD and some reading and then begins the discussion proper. Overall the study considers new historical evidence for Jesus' life and shows the places where he performed his and teachings. If you would like to participate, please speak to Julie or Bob so we can order a book for you. Discussions are held in the rectory or parish office from 7 to 9pm on Thursday nights.

Thanks and Giving Sunday - 10th October

As you know there is much for us to give thanks to God for this year. We have had a successful fete, a wonderful mission with the Little Brothers of Francis, growth in attendance, management of our parish properties (including some enhancements) - as well as our health, healing, happiness and an additional grandchild or two!

To mark this occasion, we have decided to have a Thanks and Giving Sunday. This Sunday will give us a chance to identify things that we are thankful for and to highlight them before one another and say thank you to God for these things.

There will also be a chance for 'Thank Offerings'. You may like to express your thankfulness to God with some extra giving to the Parish. This can be done by 'earmarking' your donation for a particular project or goal for the parish, or by simply making a special one off donation to the work of the parish.

I encourage you to ask your friends to come to our services at Pomona, Cooroy and Kin Kin that Sunday so that we can give thanks for all the blessings we have received from God.

Psalm 79. 1-9 (Page 306)

SECOND READING - 1 Timothy 2.1-10

My dearly beloved, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument; also that the women should dress themselves modestly and decently in suitable clothing, not with their hair braided, or with gold, pearls, or expensive clothes, but with good works, as is proper for women who profess reverence for God.

Commentary: It is uncertain whether Paul or a Pauline imitator composed the two letters to Timothy. Although they are written as personal correspondence, they probably were intended for wider dissemination. Together with the Letter to Titus they are called the 'Pastoral Epistles' because the letters deal with the good, pastoral ordering of established churches. In today's passage, the author begins with the need for prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings for all people. He breaks off for a moment to add some theology: God desires everyone to be saved; and God's mediator of salvation is Jesus Christ alone. This paragraph (that begins 'there is one God') looks like a fragment of an early creed. With the unusual word 'mediator', it was perhaps used to counter suggestions that there were others apart from Christ, who could be seen also as mediators to God.

GOSPEL Luke 16.1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.'" Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty."

And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

Commentary: This parable is puzzling. On the face of it, the manager's action was dishonest and unscrupulous, and we are astonished to read at the end, that the master commended the dishonest manager. Certain details have to be read into the story to make it read 'morally'. Possibly the debtors were borrowers, who had to make occasional repayments to the master. The repayments included interest due to the master, plus added interest repayments that the manager could legally add as his own personal profit. It is the manager's personal profit that he decides to forgo, as a way of ingratiating himself with the debtors and others, who would hear of his generosity.

If we knew the context to this parable it may be that we would understand better the reason why Jesus told it in the first place. Jesus' original point may have had something to do with a manager taking radical action in the face of an imminent crisis. Judgement was imminent, Jesus may be saying: no time must be lost in remitting debts, forgiving offences and preparing oneself for the Kingdom. Luke himself seems to have been equally puzzled by the parable and its meaning. He provides three of his own interpretations. Firstly, the children of this age are more shrewd than are the children of light, (presumably meaning Christians). That is, if a self regarding manager can forgive debts how much more readily should altruistic Christians. Secondly, be like the manager and use your wealth to make friends for yourselves. Thirdly, whoever is faithful in very little is faithful also in much. Sayings about trustworthiness follow.

Blessing of the Pets

Sunday 3rd of October at 3.00pm at the Good Shepherd, Pomona. All animals welcome, please ensure they are on a lead or in a cage. Please take an invitation and give it to anyone you know who has pets...



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Synod Representatives, overseeing publicity and advertising and administration for the ROW Programme. It is appropriate that today we will have a short farewell to Frank and Clare at morning tea at Cooroy.

Natural Church Development Update - Parish Council this week will consider our goals for the remainder of the year in accordance with the results from our NCD surveys (completed in June).

Results have offered us some directions for future growth. Overall the Cooroy Congregation identified a need to reach out to the local community to spread the gospel through loving service. The Pomona Congregation identified a need for deeper Bible reflection and application in our daily lives.

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 with the Revd Christine Woolner (Julie's mum) **on Wednesday 29th September, 20th October, 3rd & 17th November from 2~4pm in the Parish Office.** The group are using the book - *God's Love in Action* - please bring your copy.

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.

The **Fundraising Group** gathering planned for September 30th has been cancelled due to lack of time to arrange anything for Kin Kin to be celebrated on St. Lukes' day. I will contact Edna re whether she needs another gathering before the Cent Sale on Saturday 13th. November.

Dawn Williamson.

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



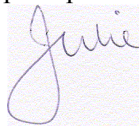
Julie's Reflections

As many of you will be aware, I recently took some sick leave to attend Living Valley Springs Health Retreat in Kin Kin. This was a much needed time of healing and refreshment as I had become so emotionally and physically run down, nothing seemed to be working. Life was getting on top of me and the workload was overwhelming me. The situation reached a climax when I was diagnosed with an elevated tumour marker in some recent blood tests. I am pleased to say that after this time away my health is much improved (although still needs some improvement) and my emotional state has been restored.

One of the very big lessons for me in all of this is the workload I have been carrying is, as I have commented a number of times, far too much for one person to manage. In addition, the load is comprised of a number of functions that are not (or should not) be the responsibility of the Parish Priest. The Parish Priest has primary responsibility for the pastoral and spiritual care of the parishioners and the responsibility for worship. That said, none of these responsibilities are carried out without the support and assistance of parishioners. In fact, lay people are needed to ensure these responsibilities are met and function as part of the work of the parish. In addition, programs designed to spread the gospel and further God's kingdom and mission are joint responsibilities of parishioners and priest, under the direction of Parish Council. On the other hand, the property and financial sustainability of the parish are two main areas that are the responsibility of Parish Council and the Church Wardens and not the priests.

While Parish Council have done some work to identify areas for sharing the workload and sharing the burden with the priest, there is still much work to do. Some of the findings and outcomes from the NCD surveys highlight some ways in which we can develop the parish together. I am hopeful that Parish Council will have a full and robust discussion about some of these possibilities on Tuesday night.

Overall, my hope is that each parishioner knows that they have something of value to contribute to the life of the parish. Each one of us has specific roles and tasks assigned by God to us. Each one of us can contribute to the overall 'workload' to get the balance between priest, parish councillors and parishioners right so that no one person feels overloaded or overwhelmed. My prayer as Parish Council meets is that each of us will offer our gifts to build up the parish - so we have a sustainable and optimistic future together.



Farewell to Frank and Clare Lee

It is with sadness that I received the resignation of Frank and Clare Lee this week in preparation for their move to Tasmania. Frank and Clare have both been faithful members of this parish for eight years - and have taken on a variety of roles on Parish Council - Church Warden, Parish Nominators,

Psalm 79 Verses 1-9

**O God, the heathen have come into your land:
they have defiled your holy temple,
they have made Jerusalem a heap of stones.**

**They have given the dead bodies of your servants
as food to the birds of the air:
and the flesh of your faithful ones
to the wild beasts of the earth.**

**Their blood they have spilt like water
on every side of Jerusalem:
and there is none to bury them.**

**We have become a mockery to our neighbours:
the scorn and laughing-stock of those about us.**

**How long, O Lord, shall your anger be so extreme:
will your jealous fury burn like fire?**

**Pour out your wrath on the nations that do not know you:
on the kingdoms that have not called upon your name.**

**For they have devoured Jacob:
and made his dwelling-place a desolation.**

**Do not remember against us the sin of former times:
but let your compassion hasten to meet us,
for we are brought very low.**

**Help us, O God our saviour,
for the honour of your name:
O deliver us and expiate your sins, for your name's sake.**

A Desert Love Story

Once upon a time there was once a very handsome male camel with two huge camel humps.

He fell in love and married a beautiful female camel who had one perfect camel hump.

As time progressed, they became the proud parents of a wonderful baby camel who had no humps.

They contemplated long and hard on what to call their beautiful little boy.

Naturally, they decided on 'Humphrey'.

Oh stop groaning, it's a very nice story.