



Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday 7 am: Holy Communion

(Hymns: TIS 447, TIS 584, vv1,3,4,6, TIS 457, vv1,2,4,5, TIS 276)

Sunday 9am: Family Service (also streamed via ZOOM*)

(Hymns: MP 746, MP 1, TIS 880, TIS 52)

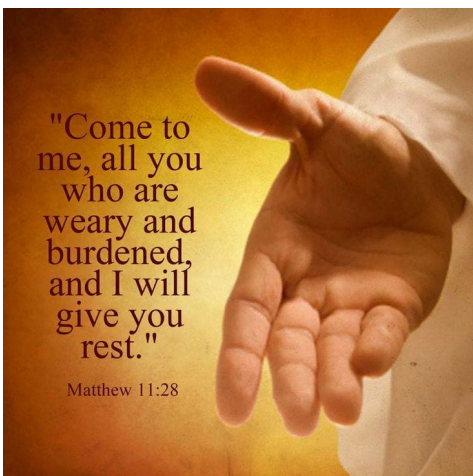
* <https://zoom.us/j/7210725462> or by telephone (07 3185 3730, meeting ID 721 072 5462).
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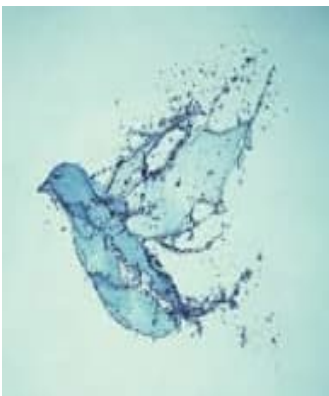
Rev'd Timothy writes...

The lectionary compilers have done it again! In the verses set for this Sunday, we miss out five verses. Take a look at these (Matthew 11:20-24). Perhaps we are happy that we don't need to address the 'woes'; warnings to the cities of Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum. Perhaps we prefer the imagery of schoolchildren calling one another to play games in verses 16-19.

But these are telling the same message. They are telling what happens when people fail to engage with each other. They refuse to play and dance, just as they refuse to weep and mourn. Both are a picture of what happens where relationships are ignored. It leads to stubbornness, obstinance, rejection, judgmentalism, and hypocrisy, those things that Jesus sees in Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum. Jesus calls on his listeners to reject this way of living, and to follow Jesus' way, "gentle and humble in heart" (verse 29).



The familiar verse 28, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest," is usually applied to claiming Jesus' healing of our souls of various ills. But in the context of Jesus' words here, it is more about us resting from the apparent ways of wisdom and intelligence in the world (verse 25), and learning how to think in Jesus' economy, where everyone is welcomed to table, little ones are included, and the best wine is saved for last!



We welcome for Baptism at 9am today....

Percival Rose Grenfell-Dexter

along with his parents, Samuel and Amy
godparents, Emily, Toby and Emily,
and family and friends.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God.

Readings for the 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67 God’s work unfolds through the actions and decisions of ordinary people—a servant, Rebekah, and her family—as God’s promise to Abraham continues. We notice Rebekah’s generosity and her choice to leave all that is familiar and step into a new future within God’s ongoing story.

Psalms 45:10–17 Psalm 45 celebrates a royal wedding filled with beauty, honour, and promise. Words of blessing send the bride forward into a new future. In the vision of future generations, we hear echoes of Rebekah’s story, where the journey continues beyond what is known.

Romans 7:15–25a gives voice to the struggle many experience between what we long to do and what we actually do. The passage unfolds in a way that invites careful listening, as this tension is expressed honestly and with vulnerability.

Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30 opens with a parable that reflects the contrary responses of people to the different ministry styles of John and Jesus. Even where this hospitality is resisted or misunderstood, Jesus continues to reveal God, inviting others into relationship—in words of rest and an image of yoke.

First reading

A reading from the book Genesis

³⁴ So he said, ‘I am Abraham’s servant.

³⁵ The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. ³⁶ And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has.

³⁷ My master made me swear, saying, “You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; ³⁸ but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.”

⁴² ‘I came today to the spring, and said, “O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! ⁴³ I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall

say, ‘Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,’ ⁴⁴ and who will say to me, ‘Drink, and I will draw for your camels also’—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.”

⁴⁵ ‘Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, “Please let me drink.” ⁴⁶ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, “Drink, and I will also water your camels.” So I drank, and she also watered the camels. ⁴⁷ Then I asked her, “Whose daughter are you?” She said, “The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.” So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. ⁴⁸ Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to

obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹ Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.'

⁵⁸ And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' ⁵⁹ So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. ⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.'

⁶¹ Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

⁶² Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. ⁶³ Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. ⁶⁴ And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, ⁶⁵ and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶ And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done.

⁶⁷ Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67

Psalms 45:10-17

¹⁰ Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear:

forget your own people and your father's house.

¹¹ The king desires your beauty: he is your lord, therefore bow down before him.

¹² The richest among the people, O daughter of Tyre: shall entreat your favour with gifts.

¹³ The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is embroidered cloth-of-gold.

¹⁴ In robes of many colours she is led to you, O king: and, after her, the virgins that are with her.

¹⁵ They are led with gladness and rejoicing: they enter the palace of the king.

¹⁶ In place of your fathers you shall have sons: and make them princes over all the land.

¹⁷ And I will make known your name to every generation: therefore the peoples shall give you praise for ever.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Romans

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. ¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹ For I do not do

the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand.

²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Romans 7:14-25

Gospel reading

A reading from the gospel of Matthew

¹⁵ Let anyone with ears listen!

¹⁶ ‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

¹⁷ “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”;

¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

Matthew 11:15-19,25-30

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Word for the Day

In today’s gospel reading, Jesus speaks of a different kind of support, inviting us to come to him, find rest, and walk alongside him, sharing the load.

Like Rebekah, who chose to step into something new, we too are invited into the unfolding story of God—called not alone, but to walk alongside Christ.

Jesus describes this as taking up his yoke. This is not about following a set of rules, but about being in relationship with him—walking together, learning his way, and

sharing the weight of what we carry.

This is not a promise of an easy life, but an assurance that we do not carry life alone. As two animals work best when they move together, so we grow in faith as we come to know Christ more deeply and are aligned with his way. The invitation is simple: to come as we are, and to find rest in his presence.

Ideas for Reflection

Jesus speaks of a yoke that is easy and a burden that is light.

- What are some things we carry that feel heavy or tiring?
- What might it mean to lay some of these down and walk alongside Christ?
- Who in our community may be carrying heavy burdens at the moment?
- How might we walk alongside them with care and compassion?
- Jesus invites us to come as we are and find rest in his presence.

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JIGSAW JAMBOREE

Thank you to all who either donated jigsaws to our Jigsaw Jamboree, or who purchased the wonderful puzzles.

Current fundraising from this “event” stands at \$455 – well done all!

We’re hoping to make this an annual event, so keep putting your jigsaw treasures to one side.

Thanks, June



Thank you all for your prayers,
I have recovered well from my
surgery and back at work.
Thanks be to God. *Sharon Moy*

Parish Camp 2026

Our Parish Camp is on again this year at the Glengarry Boy’s Brigade site by the beautiful Lake Atkinson. It is on from Saturday morning 1st August to Sunday afternoon 2nd August (or come just for a day). We have kept our prices the same as last year.

Book NOW via trybooking.com/DNHKI
(or via booking form available in church).



For our Prayers

Prayer for the day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us; yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The World

Pray for those providing food, core items and temporary shelter to those affected by the earthquake in Venezuela.

The Anglican Communion

The Church of South America; The Diocese of Bathurst: †Mark Calder; Clergy and People;

The Parish of Pittsworth: Tony Swansson;

St Francis College – current Grow (Formation) students: Paul Alcorn, Naomi Armstrong, Stephen Bartlett, Alison Bray, Juliet Briner, Troy Bullock, Elise Christian, Keith Gibson, Fionn Griegg, Hilda Lamani, Kevin Lapthorn, Rachel Tew, Simon Tinkler;

Coomera Anglican College, Coomera: Principal – Patrick Innes-Hill; Lay Chaplaincy Team: Dom Fay and Rachael Stelzer; Chair of School Council – Michael Temperton; members of College Council; staff & students

Our missionary partners

Danie Middeldorp, SU chaplain at Wellers Hill State School

Local Schools and colleges

Wellers Hill Primary, Junction Park Primary, Moorooka Primary

Our parish

Pray for parish families travelling over the school holiday period, for a safe and refreshing time.

Those who are sick, frail or emotionally stressed

Ryan, Sharon L, Rev'd Shane, David F, Peter G, Lauren, Rita, Don, Margaret, Peter F., Maxine and Robyn McElnea, Glen and Rose, Mon McNeill, Ian Basham, Scott L, Tim Vassella

From the Parish Book of Remembrance

5 July: Evelyn Alice De Voil, Tamara Jane Gebert ; 6 July: Samuel Albert Wonnacott Dowling, Corrinne Valda Lawson; 7 July: Eric John Newman, Roy Alexander Willson, Cynthia Mina Hook, Michael Serafini; 8 July: Hayley Susan Smith, Joyce Kennedy; 9 July: Alexander Friend McLaren, Joyce Audrey Trace, Constance Elvie Dowling, Rev Canon Geoffrey Harold Williams; 10 July: Ellen Newman.

Children's Church

We start Children's Church again for Term 3 on 19th July, but Children are always welcome at our services and there is always a Children's talk at 9am Sunday.



Church News

The June issue of Church News is out now, online at www.stlukesekibin.org.au/church-news. Printed copies are available in church TODAY.

Containers for Change

Donate your '10c refund' bottles and cans to St Luke's. Either bring them to church or take them direct to TOMRA (9/655 Toohey Road, Salisbury) and use the parish code: C10686424

Also part of St Luke's:

**Little Angels
Tarragindi**

Anglican Childcare
opening soon:

littleangels.qld.edu.au



St Luke's Theatre Society:
stluketheatre.asn.au

Services This Week:

Tuesday-Friday

6pm: Evening Prayer on Zoom

Sunday 12th July:

7th Sunday after Pentecost

7am: Holy Communion at St Luke's

9am: Family Communion
with baptism

*Readings: Genesis 25:19-34, Psalm 119:105-112,
Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

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