



Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday 7am: Holy Communion

(TIS 586, TIS 580, TIS 584, TIS 138)

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

(MP 37, MP 170, The Summons, MP 1259)

* <https://zoom.us/j/7210725462> or by telephone (07 3185 3730, meeting ID 721 072 5462).
Contact the Parish Office for the password.

Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

Rev'd Timothy writes...

After last week's gospel passages about the nature of the Kingdom of God, we move on in Mark chapter 4 to the account of Jesus calming a storm on the Sea of Galilee. A miracle, perhaps pointing towards Jesus' power: 'even the wind and the sea obey him' (v.41). But it much more than this. Mark is echoing the words of



Psalm 107, where the psalmist tells of God rescuing God's people crying out in distress in the storm. In this, and in Jesus' words of command to the storm, ('even the wind and the sea obey him', v.41) he is clearly being identified as one with God.

Miracles, as recorded by the gospel writers, also have layers of meaning, and we are encouraged to see that the calming of the storm means more than just acting on the forces of nature, but on all the 'storms of life' to which Mark's readers, both in the 1st century and today, are beset. If we think that God is not listening to our distress, this miracle/parable reminds us that God is indeed with us and will respond.

Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the mighty waters;
they saw the deeds of the LORD,
his wondrous works in the deep.
For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.
They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths;
their courage melted away in their calamity;
they reeled and staggered like drunkards,
and were at their wits' end.
Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he brought them out from their distress;
he made the storm be still,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.
Then they were glad because they had quiet,
and he brought them to their desired haven.

Psalm 107:23-30

Please take care when lighting the **votive candles**. It is safer to use the gas-lighter provided and to place candles starting from the back of the sand tray. Please also avoid queuing after Communion – it might be easier to light a candle before the service when you arrive. Children should always be supervised in this area.



Next weekend we will remember the work of CMS, as they pursue their mission to bring about 'A world that knows Jesus'. In particular we will pray for our link missionaries, Bruce and Libby Hayes, working in Nepal.



Readings for Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading (7am only)

A reading from the first book of Samuel

³² David said to Saul, 'Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.' ³³ Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.' ³⁴ But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.' ³⁷ David said, 'The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.' So Saul said to David, 'Go, and may the Lord be with you!'

³⁸ Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. ³⁹ David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, 'I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.' So David removed them. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

⁴¹ The Philistine came on and drew near

to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. ⁴² When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. ⁴³ The Philistine said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ The Philistine said to David, 'Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.' ⁴⁵ But David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷ and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand.'

⁴⁸ When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly towards the battle line to meet the Philistine.

⁴⁹ David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

1 Samuel 17:32-49

Psalm 9:9-20

⁹ The Lord is a strong tower to those that are oppressed:
he is a tower of strength in time of need.

¹⁰ All who heed your name will trust in you:
for you have never forsaken those that seek you.

¹¹ O sing praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion:
tell among the peoples what great things he has done.

¹² For he that avenges blood has remembered the poor:
he has not forgotten their cry.

¹³ The Lord has been merciful toward me,
he saw what I suffered from my foes:
he raised me up again from the gates of death,

¹⁴ That I might tell all your praises in the gates of Zion:
that I might rejoice in your deliverance.

¹⁵ The nations have sunk into the pit they dug for others:
in the very snare they laid is their foot taken;

¹⁶ The Lord has declared himself and upheld the right:
the wicked are trapped in the work of their own hands.

¹⁷ The wicked shall be given over to death:
and all the nations that forget God.

¹⁸ For the needy shall not always be forgotten:
nor shall the hope of the poor perish for ever.

¹⁹ Arise, Lord, let no human power prevail:
let the nations be judged before you.

²⁰ Put them in fear, O Lord:
and let the nations know they are but human.

Second Reading (7am & 9am)

A reading from the second letter to the Corinthians

¹ As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ² For he says,

‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

³ We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷ truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹ We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹² There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³ In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Gospel Reading

A reading from the gospel of Mark

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion;

and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' ³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' ⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

Mark 4.35-41

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Authentic Leadership

In the past weeks we have focused on the biblical characteristics of a leader. This Sunday, we examine a classic text: David and Goliath. Through this story and the other texts in the lection, we encounter examples of authentic leadership. As we explore the texts, ask yourself, who are you as an authentic leader?

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4–11, 19–23), 32–49 Preceding this text, Samuel listens to God regarding the appointment of a leader for Israel. Although David was anointed to replace Saul as king, David has not yet challenged Saul. Instead, David continues to serve both Saul and his own family.

The setting is a battle between Israel and the Philistines, which has been ongoing for years. It continues as each group battles to retain control and power in the land. The dramatic defeat of the Philistines sets the scene for David to emerge as the budding leader for the people of Israel.

As we enter this week's story, the two countries have been at war for a least 40 days, each group stationed on their hill with a valley stretched out between them. The two sides are in a standoff as the Philistine champion Goliath challenges Israel to produce their hero for a duel to serve in place of a full battle. Petrified, Saul and his army are unable to act. Jesse, David's father, sends David on an errand to deliver provisions to his brothers, and David finds himself drawn into the conflict. He volunteers to go head to head with a giant in the Philistine army. David faces a great challenge, yet he surrounds himself with tools of leadership that are authentic to him, a shepherd staff, stones, a slingshot, and his faith in God. David ultimately succeeds in bringing the Philistine down with one flick of his slingshot. What are the tools that are authentic to you in your leadership?

David, an emerging leader, exudes the confidence in God that the others lacked. He

subverted the system and did not use the established power structures of war to lead God's people. Instead, David relied on his strength and faith in God. How has your faith in God sustained you in challenging times?

The violence in this text is undeniable. David chooses not to enter into battle, but he does kill the Philistine, and, further in the text, cuts off the Philistine's head and carries it around. However, consider David's words to Goliath in verses 45–47 where he professes that "the Lord does not save by sword and spear." Whereas some will use this story to condone violence, David himself testifies to the ineffective nature of pairing violence with more violence.

Psalm 9:9–20 is a cry of despair to God by those who are oppressed. The psalm invites the reader to find themselves in the text, and join the psalmist's cry for justice.

2 Corinthians 6:1–13 threads back to the David story. Paul comes in weakness, humility, and the power of God. In this pericope, weapons are not weapons of war that hurt or kill, rather weapons of righteousness that point people to God. How does the language of weapons instead of tools change the meaning of the passage?

Mark 4:35–41 The disciples are in a boat with Jesus in the middle of a storm and, in their fear, accuse Jesus of not caring for them. Jesus' words, "Peace. Be still!" calm the storm. God is always with us, and we can rely on God.

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This week's texts stand to testify that God remains close by God's people. We are each created uniquely in God's image. As leaders, we are called to stay true to who God created us to be and to lead authentically. God is not for or against one group or people but for justice and peace throughout the world. How are you allowing God to use your authentic self and act courageously for justice for all?

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This weekend is the annual meeting of the Diocesan Synod. This is the chief decision making body in our diocese. Details of topics to be discussed can be found at:
<https://www.anglicanchurchsq.org.au/synod>.
Our synod representatives are Rev'd Timothy, Jen Basham and Elizabeth Lamb.

Parish Study: The Creeds

Our next session of our study looking at the Creeds is this week:
25th June at 10am
or 27th June at
7.30pm.



St Luke's Connect



The next St Luke's Connect will be held this Wednesday, 26th June. Service at 9.30am, followed by 'Biggest Morning Tea', and bingo, raising money for Cancer Council.



For our Prayers

Prayer for the day

O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid: rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The World

Pray for those affected by the very high temperatures in places such as India and Saudi Arabia.

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The Parish of Burleigh Heads: Eron Perry, Peter Uther, Harry Reuss

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St Francis Theological College, Milton: Principal – Ruth Mathieson; Academic Dean – Peter Kline; staff, sessional lecturers & students

Our missionary partners

For the work of the Anglican Board of Mission and Anglicans in Development and the projects they support

Our parish

Pray for diocesan synod meeting this weekend, and our synod reps Jen Basham and Elizabeth Lamb.

Local Schools & Colleges

Marshall Road Primary, Salisbury Primary, Yeronga Primary schools

Those who are sick, frail or emotionally stressed

Ryan, Jocelyn Hawes, Peter F, Peter Pressdee, David F., Jan Moody, Robyn and Maxine McElnea, June McNicol, Rita Johnson, Sharon L., Margaret Sheehan, Don Rennie, Georgina Crawford, Glenda, Sue, Liz and Angie Lockhorst, Rev'd Shane Hubner, Robyn Maxwell.

From the Parish Book of Remembrance

23 June: Alma Rose Bertwistle, Anne Elizabeth James, Lancelot Stephen Rawlinson, Solomon Mayen Alier; *24 June:* Lilian Harrison, Lydia Myra Fox, Tony John Barlow, William Leslie Hamilton; *25 June:* Audrey Marie Clarence, Annie Josephine Jenkins; *28 June:* William George Moody, Catherine Dopson.

Parish Camp

The camp is booked for 3rd-4th August, back at Glengarry Boys Brigade campsite, so mark these dates in your diary NOW!

Booking forms (online or paper) are available TODAY.



← Scan this QR code to book now!

100th year planning

2025 marks the 100th anniversary of our parish (as well as the opening of our new facilities).



If you would like to be part of a group researching the history of the parish and planning celebrations for next year, you are welcome to a meeting on Saturday 29th June at 11am.

Services This Week:

Tuesday-Friday

6pm: Evening Prayer on Zoom

Tuesday 25th June

1.30pm: Holy Communion at Regis

Wednesday 26th June

9.30am: Holy Communion at St Luke's

Sunday 30th June

(6th Sunday after Pentecost)

7am: Holy Communion (St Luke's)

9am: Family Communion (St Lukes's / Zoom)

Readings: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27, Psalm 130, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43

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