



Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday 7 am: Holy Communion

(Hymns: MP 41, vv1,3,5,6, TIS 129, MP 760, TIS 414, vv1-4,7)

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

(Hymns: TIS 821, TIS 640, JP 275, MP 376)

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

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rev'd Timothy writes...

In the NRSV translation of the bible, the translators add headings to each section to help us in our reading (these are not part of the original Hebrew or Greek). The portions of Matthew 9-10 that we have been reading over the last couple of weeks have been headed: 'The Harvest is Great, the Labourers few', 'The Twelve Apostles', 'The Mission of the Twelve', 'Coming Persecutions', 'Whom to Fear', and 'Nor Peace, but a Sword'. It has been the call of Jesus to his chosen disciples to be part of Jesus' mission to tell of the Good News, and his instructions to them, accompanied by warnings of how hard and challenging it will be.

The section of the gospel that we are reading this week has the heading 'Rewards'. A focus at the end of these missionary instructions on rewards is not so much about the reward themselves (which Jesus does not really spell out) but is meant to encourage the disciples (and remember that by extension this include us) to remain faithful to their call. The reward is the work itself. The disciples tell the message of the gospel. As those who hear them, welcome them, they welcome God. But the reverse is true as well. As we welcome those to whom we come, we too welcome God. Our 'reward' is to give and receive in the ways that God wants, to enter into the mystery of God's love, to be surrounded by God's grace, to bring joy and goodness into the world in Jesus' name.

WHOEVER RECEIVES
YOU RECEIVES ME

Matthew 10:40



WHEN WE HEAR
JESUS' WORDS,
WE WELCOME
JESUS...



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YES! AND WHEN WE
SPEAK JESUS'
WORDS, WE BRING
JESUS **HIMSELF!**



THAT SOUNDS LIKE
A LOT OF
RESPONSIBILITY!



NO, IT
SOUNDS LIKE
JESUS!



MATTHEW 10:40-42

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Readings for 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 22:1–14 The binding of Isaac is a hard text: it exposes the danger of confusing God with violence. At the brink, God interrupts and provides; the name given is YHWH-yireh—'the Lord will see/provide.'

Psalms 13 'How long, O Lord?' is a cry of honest sorrow that ends in stubborn trust.

Romans 6:12–23 We live a new life shaped by grace, which frees us for holy living. Freedom is not aimlessness but a life that belongs to God and reflects God's ways.

Matthew 10:40–42 The smallest welcome, 'a cup of cold water,' shares in Christ's reward. God notices humble hospitality.

First reading

A reading from the book of Genesis

¹ After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ² He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' ⁸ Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-

offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ¹² He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

Genesis 22:1-14

Psalms 13

¹ How long, O Lord, will you so utterly forget me:
how long will you hide your face from me?

² How long must I suffer anguish in my soul, and be so grieved in my heart day and night:

how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

³ Look upon me, O Lord my God, and answer me:

lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

⁴ Lest my enemy say 'I have prevailed':
lest my foes exult at my overthrow.

⁵ Yet I put my trust in your unfailing love:
O let my heart rejoice in your salvation.

⁶ And I will make my song to the Lord:
because he deals so bountifully with me.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Romans

¹² Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸ and that you, having been

set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:12-23

Gospel reading

A reading from the gospel of Matthew

⁴⁰ 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

Matthew 10:40-42

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Word for the Day

This week's readings bring us into the tension between faith, fear, and trust.

Genesis 22 is one of the hardest texts in scripture. It exposes how easily devotion can be confused with violence. At the brink of tragedy, God interrupts the harm and provides another way. The story refuses to sanctify violence and instead reveals a God who sees and provides.

Psalms 13 gives voice to the human heart that lives in the space between promise and provision. 'How long, O Lord?' is not a failure of faith but one of its most honest expressions. The psalm holds lament and trust together, ending not with certainty but with stubborn confidence in God's steadfast love.

Paul's words in Romans remind us that grace changes our allegiance. We are no longer captive to the powers that shape fear, harm, or despair. Freedom in Christ is not independence but belonging—belonging to the life of God.

In **Matthew 10:4–42**, discipleship appears in a surprisingly ordinary form. A cup of cold water offered in Christ's name becomes a sign of God's reign. Small acts of welcome carry the weight of the gospel.

Across these readings, we see a pattern of God's work: God interrupts harm, God provides a way forward, and God invites us to participate through simple acts of welcome.

The life of faith may face cost and confusion, but it is sustained by trust in the God who sees, provides, and meets the world through the smallest gestures of grace.

This week, preach interruption, provision, and welcome:

God stays the hand. God provides. We offer water.

Ideas for Reflection

- Where might God be interrupting a harmful script in my life or community?
- What 'how long?' prayer am I bringing before God today, and where do I glimpse God's provision?
- What small act of welcome could I offer this week (a cup of cold water in Christ's name)?

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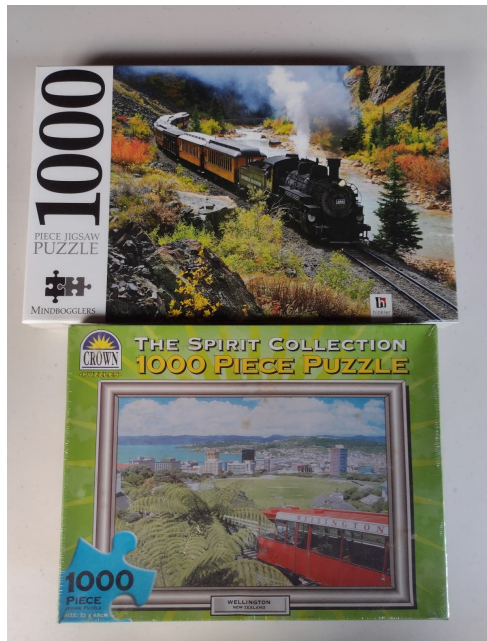
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Parish Camp 2026

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

O God, your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: open our hearts to the needs of your children, and in all things make us obedient to your will, so that in faith we may receive your gracious gift, eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The World

Continue to pray for the more than 1,000 people in the Democratic Republic of Congo who have contracted Ebola, and for the medical personnel who are working to contain the outbreak.

The Anglican Communion

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

The Parish of Nerang: Andrew Schmidt, Joy White, Ross Burnett

Anglicare SQ Edwin Marsden Tooth Memorial Home – Manly

Our missionary partners

David and Zoë Browne, Bush Church Aid in Gladstone.

Local Schools and colleges

Marshall Road Primary, Salisbury Primary, Yeronga Primary

Our parish

Pray for the diocesan synod meeting this weekend, and for synod representatives Jen Basham, Elizabeth Lamb and Rev'd Timothy.

Those who are sick, frail or emotionally stressed

Ryan, Sharon L, Rev'd Shane, David F, Sharon, 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

28 June: William George Moody, Catherine Dopson; 1 July: Linda Jane Goodwin, Jack Coulson Baxter; 2 July: David James Leyburn Richardson, Evelyn Mary Shaw, Audrey Dell Marshall, Norma Rae Bernardin; 3 July: Hazel Jean Park; 4 July: James Alexander Florence, Estelle Margaret Malcolm, Malcolm John Gerrard.

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

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Anglican Childcare
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littleangels.qld.edu.au



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

Services This Week:

Tuesday-Friday

6pm: Evening Prayer on Zoom

Sunday 1st June:

6th Sunday after Pentecost

7am: Holy Communion at St Luke's

9am: Family Communion

*Readings: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67,
Psalm 45:10-17, Romans 7:14-25,
Matthew 11:15-19, 25-30*

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