



# THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF WYNNUM

**Anglican**  
Church Southern Queensland

77 Charlotte Street, Wynnum

## WELCOME

If you are a baptised communicant member of any church, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please "X" your arms across your chest and bow your head.

Anyone wishing to receive The ministry of Healing or Prayers, please come to the altar rail at the end of Communion.

*After worship please stay for refreshments in the Parish Centre.*

## PARISH INFORMATION

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St Peter's Anglican Church  
Wynnum

## ST PETER'S PEW SHEET SERVICES THIS WEEK

**TODAY**  
7am Traditional Sung Service  
9am Family Service  
Sunday School  
**WEDNESDAY**  
10am Holy Communion

## PENTECOST 12

12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2018

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

1ST	2 SAMUEL 18:5-9; 14:31-33
PSALM	130
2ND	EPHESIANS 4:25-5:2
GOSPEL	JOHN 6:35; 41-51

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*I am  
the Bread  
of Life*  
John 6:35



## SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY



**Sentence:** Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. Ephesians 5.1-2



**Prayer of the Day:** Grant, O Lord, that we may see in you the fulfilment of all our need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on the true and living bread that you have given us in Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## PARISH PRAYER POINTS



**Leading Our Church Into Growth:** God of Mission who alone brings growth to your church, come Holy Spirit and give vision to our planning; wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Pray Daily for the Church, Local and International:**

- \* **PRAY for Church of the Province of South East Asia,** †Ng Moon Hing Archbishop of South East Asia & Bishop of West Malaysia
- \* **The Diocese of Grafton:** Murray Harvey–Bishop Elect; Clergy and People
- \* **The Parish of Goonaneman**
- \* **St John's Anglican College**



**Urgent or Immediate Prayer List:** Michael McDonald, Wendy Harris, Thomas, Vi, Gerry Vanderkroft.

**Long Term Prayer List:** Lurline Davis, Nancy, Sharon, Maurice, Neil, Janette, Sophie George, David, Tony, Oriol, Ron, Nan, Nev, Mavis, Carmel, Phyllis, Barry, Joanne, Sally, Alice, Edna, Maud, Pam, Jane, John, Joyce, Lyn, Peter, Joan.

**Please give thanks for the lives of the departed:** Ken Miles, Mark Gammon, Adriaan Sparreboom, Nathaniel Jackson-Andrews, Florence Green whose anniversaries occur at this time. (+) May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

## WHAT'S ON @ ST PETER'S

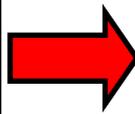
**St Pete's Fete Meeting** is being held today at 11am in the Parish Centre. We would love your feedback on the fete and what we could look forward to in 2019.

**ROSTERS** *September and October Church Rosters* Could you please advise the office if you are not available by THIS Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August. If you would like to join the church roster, we would love to hear from you. Instruction is available.

**Child Protection Policy Training** there will be held a session on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August at St George's Birkdale hall from 10am. RSVP 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Please register with the office 3822-1110 or Peter Downie 3137-0000 so that literature is made available for all who are attending.



Due to Exhibition Wednesday, this week's mid-week service has been cancelled.



We are pleased to announce  
**Pandoras Annual OP-Shop Fashion Parade**

is back on  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August  
at 2pm in the Parish Centre.

Admission \$8  
including

lucky draw number  
and afternoon tea.

Raffle on sale.

Some Designer Labels

Good range of sizes and styles.

Incredibly low prices

RSVP by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at Pandoras;  
St Peter's office or phone 3893 2492

## DATE CLAIMERS

- ♦ **Coffee and Chat with the Vicar** this Tuesday from 8.30am - 11.30am @ Coffee Club on Bay Terrace, Wynnum.
- ♦ **Car Boot Sale** this Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> August (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat each month), from 8am \$10/site.
- ♦ **Parish Council Meeting** next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August in the Parish Centre at 11am.
- ♦ **Pandoras and Jumble Sorting** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 9am in the Parish Centre. Why not join us and enjoy a great time of fellowship and a cuppa.
- ♦ A Christmas interest meeting will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August at the Rectory from 6.30pm. Could you please advise us the office if you wish to attend.



## THE VICAR'S PRATTLE

A reflection from the Clergy and Lay conferences with a view to change at St Peter's Wynnum.

What do you use Digital Technology (DT) for?

As well as computer, tablet, and phones, we now use DT, more specifically, internet technology for Shopping, Banking, Netflix, in place of video or DVD. Catch up TV, Book review and reading, Skype, FaceTime, Email, Researching a purchase, booking holidays/tickets etc. We use it to play games; stay connected, especially via social media, as well as for many of us, our entire music collection is stored on a device or many devices and of course we still use it for creating and storing material, documents etc, on our PC/tablets/phones/devices.

But what else do we use it for?

Do you think some in our society, might use their DT for worship or prayer? What? I know right? DT for prayer. Did you know that there are hundreds of apps already, for prayer, spiritual reflection, study, bible engagement, thought and connection with Christianity? Some are centred around daily or weekly worship, some around prayer, but they are all online. Perhaps you could check out the Scripture Union daily prayer site, or Bible Gateway's commentaries or studies. For some people this is the only engagement with God they might ever, EVER have.

Here's another question; Can you use DT for church and worship? Do you think we can? Better still, can you at least see the benefit in having an Anglican presence here in Wynnum in the form of digital prayer, worship or intentional engagement?

Another couple of fun facts. If you are under the age of 30, you have never really known a world without DT. If you are under the age of 20, you have never known a world without constant and consistent internet connection and engagement with technology. If you are under the age of 10, you have never known a different way to research what you need, other than Google or Wikipedia. In fact in the last two decades alone, words like Google, Yahoo, Internet, surfing, bites, quads, rams, memes, sound bites, etc have been added to the Oxford and other dictionaries, as real words, with real definitions. Never before in the history of humanity have we, as a culture, been changing and adapting at a rate faster than a single generation. Back in the 'old days' before technology, humanity evolved at about the rate of 1-3 generations. It took 50-150 years to change a culture from one state of being to another. Now, our culture and our way of thinking is so fluid that most change happens within 5-15 years, and it's getting faster. Think about what that means for us and for our children. Instead of a constant, for the whole of our life, with perhaps only one major change, our kids are experiencing major upset and cultural change at least 5 times in their life time. In fact, someone Caleb's age will experience technology change as often as 20 times in his life. Now that is not only scary for some of us, but it's a fact. For me it is scary, but it's exciting as well. And my question is, what can I do with this, but more importantly what does God do with this?

Digital Tech and the internet have revolutionised the way we live, work and communicate.

As I write this, I am enthused and energised by last week's clergy conference, with John Roberto, as are those who attended the subsequent lay conference. The topics of DT, more specifically digital religion and spirituality, have affirmed for me how it is not only important for us to include DT in our everyday dealings, but how necessary for our church, local and wider, to grow and be relevant to those around us. We simply can't sit still and wait for folk to come and sit in the pews and get what we get, simply because we want them to. That's not how it works. We are dying. This is not a phase, we are in serious decline. Not just us, the Anglicans, but Christianity as a whole. People no longer find peace or presence within our traditional, ordered, slow, style of worship and engagement in church on Sunday morning. We are not loud enough, short enough, engaging enough, technical enough. We are not relevant to their lives enough, we are not *(fill in the blanks here)* enough.

But. BUT! People are still spiritual. People still seek and crave engagement and relationship with God and with the spiritual realm and with spiritual people. But they only know how to do that from their own life experience, just like you do. If they live DT, then that's how we must connect. If you yourself live, work and have your being from your own life experience, then so do they. Their life experience contains, nay, is continually wrapped in technology and the internet. If we ever have a hope of grabbing the young people we all want so much, we can't expect them to come to us. We must invest our time and resources into going out to them, digitally. WE MUST! I believe this is what God is calling us to.

So, how do we reach our wider, dispersed community either digitally or otherwise? How do we pray, or engage with Scripture, work for justice and serve people in need, if we can't connect in traditional ways? How do we use and implement new and diverse ways, such as DT to connect? The 'Digital Natives' – those who have grown up using technology - expect to meet, communicate and find what they need on the internet. The knowledge and absolute truth that they are always connected and constantly carry their connection with them is also true. If we're not there, on the web, sharing our faith and what's important to us, then how will they know and how can they engage?

So, we possibly need to ask ourselves some questions.

What is our primary aim? Not necessarily simply St Peter's aim, but our Christian aim.

I think and believe that it is to make Christ known to **ALL** generations, **ALL** people – not just the ones who come to church on Sunday morning. Our aim is to make and grow disciples for Christ. And our aim is to teach and mentor those disciples, so that they can become Christ's apostles in the 21st century.

But how can we do that, I hear you say? Digitally is the answer.

At the conference we were pointed to some resources, like a website developed by a couple of IT designers from Stanford. They design and develop Pop Up Rituals – bite-size spirituality that is personal, meaningful and relevant. It's letting people integrate spirituality into their day-to-day lives – into their relationships. Into their sleeping, working, praying, exercising and lived life in short, punchy, relevant to them ways. They've even developed a Pop-Up Prayer Kit and if you want to have a

look, you can find it at, [www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2018/05/ritual-design-lab-secular-atheist/559535/](http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2018/05/ritual-design-lab-secular-atheist/559535/)

"Hang on" I hear you say, that is not what church is about? Actually, if we believe that the church of Christ is the body of Christ and the body of Christ is its people, then this is absolutely what church is about. But my other question to you is: Does it truly matter? Does it matter if you do church in your way and others do church in theirs? Isn't Jesus for everyone? And if Jesus was here in 2018, don't you think he would 'totes' (totally) be in for some DT, to help spread the word of God's all-encompassing forgiveness and grace? Don't you think he would 'totes' feed the crowd in bites, instead of bread? I do!

Ritual is not just about our self-focused need to get through the hard times in our lives – good ritual widens our horizons, inviting us to look outside ourselves and our experiences and situates them within the larger framework of the meaning and purpose of our lives lived in relationship with each other and with the Divine. Good rituals ground us in truth, reminding us that we are connected in time and space to creation, and to the creator. DT is the newest way this is possible. I might argue that in the very near future, this might even be the only way, at least initially for most people to connect.

What's happened to us? How has our tradition become more important than God's word and work? How have we, the religious institutions, stopped listening to some of the people, (ie, those under 30). Why do we say to them, believe what I believe, and behave like I behave and then we can have a relationship? Why do we think they will do this? We have been so consumed by protecting and perpetuating our own way of life and culture within the church, that we've forgotten and lost the ability to recognise that the church is not inside. We have kept quiet within our culture, trusting that those "out there" understand and value what we have in here and without even realising it, our culture has moved and have now prioritised self-sufficiency and success, instead of dogged ritual and boring worship, as their primary goals in life. We are not relevant! I wonder do you know how hard this is for me to say to you. We are not relevant to them in their lives! This cuts me to the quick. I am fed and nourished by Sunday worship. I find immense relevance in what I do for God within the bounds of worship on Sunday. Many of you have heard me say that Sunday is my favourite day of the week. But it's not enough. I challenge you to ask some 20 or 30 something's, that have never been to church, or refuse to come back to church, why? They will say things like: "You always do the same thing over and over" and "it's boring" Why? Your rituals are formulaic, they lack immediacy, intimacy and connection with our lives; they are irrelevant. I'm positive that God is not irrelevant for them, but for many in our society, local and international, our church as it stands, is.

I know this is hard for some, or even most of you to hear. But it's necessary. We are failing in our divine commission, which is to bring people to Jesus, not to church on Sunday; to Jesus.

We are failing to bring people to a place, where they can hear him say, 'follow me', 'learn from me', 'believe in me', 'feed on me', 'have your thirst quenched by me'. Of understanding that 'I am the way the truth and the life', your life' says Jesus.

We have failed to open pathways where people can grow in their trust and unity with Jesus and so hear the truly provocative and evocative and intimate words of the Gospel – ‘come, eat, live’.

What are you hungry for? What is the world hungry for? Does any of this strike a chord with you? Do you believe our millennials have this longing for connection, communion, intimacy, and love that you do? And if you do, then wouldn't you do everything in your power to help them realise it and engage with it?

We all hunger! All people everywhere in the world, possess a desire to know and to be known, deeply, intimately and authentically. We all have a hunger for delight, joy, and for creative engagement with the world and those in it; engagement in all its complexity, mystery, and beauty. We all have an ongoing need for healing, and wholeness. And we all need steady courage in the face of fear. We, in the church, know that Jesus is the bread that will fulfil and satiate this hunger for them? So much so, that even when it's cold and boring, we come to him, week after week in our worship, ravenous, expecting to be fed by him? Would we deny that to the other 90+% of Wynnum's population, simply because we don't know how to have a digital presence or its too hard, or worse still, because it doesn't fit with what we want, or think is the only way, or because it upsets our sense of what constitutes engagement with God in 2018 and beyond.

The facts are people, they are not coming to us! They are not hearing God's good news from us. We've got the most fabulous news the world has ever known, but we are not speaking the right language; we have lost the ability to speak their language and they ours. Fight or flight; kill or be killed. Digital or traditional. We MUST move. We MUST embrace technology. God demands it of us.

So, we the parish, need help from you the parish.

Those who were at the Lay Conference will know there's a whole raft of ideas we need to be exploring – ideas that will build on our plans for Worship both inside and out there. There are a multitude of ideas. We need plans for growth and engagement both within our existing groups, but more importantly, to generate and create more. We need to engage those outside the parish. We need to rethink even the simplest things, like **KISS; Keep It Simple Silly**. Like working smarter not harder. We need to embrace using the internet to provide resources to engage families and all age groups, we need to have more presence 'out there'. And, we ALL need to do this. This is not something only I can do, or only a couple of us can do. The world is changing, and we need to change with it. The train is leaving the station, and by golly, we need to jump on board and move with it.

Whoa, I hear you all think and perhaps say. There'll be nothing left of what gives us life and hope in Jesus. That's not true. Of course, this will not all happen overnight, or even over the next week or month or year. However, there are things we should implement immediately, like a new and improved Website and bigger, more consistent presence on social media and we need major help with this. Other initiatives will take longer and will naturally require much prayer, and some research before commencing. Like an outside service, perhaps on the beach or in a

park. A new inside service, but in the hall not the church which doesn't include a Eucharist. Perhaps some online forums or webinars, perhaps, we need people who can not only video what we do, but then edit and post these videos in short punchy additions which are attractive to those outside, and which show them that inside is relevant and engaging.

This is where you all come in. I know many of you are more proficient than me in some of these areas, such as social media and website design or maintenance, video etc. Immediately we need website stuff, research and data collection and collation. Ideas, inspiration and innovation. What can you do to help? Please come and have a conversation with me, the wardens, or Marilyne, Margaret, Lesley, Neil or Gary who all went to the Lay Conference. Please don't speak or whinge in your own circles, but then not give us feedback, because then nothing will happen. I know this is scary, but it is absolutely necessary, and I hope and pray that you will embrace this innovative and relevant move for our church of St Peter.

One last thing. If as a parish, you decide that you don't want to do some or all of this, I will respect that decision and we will continue on in the same manner. However, I cannot guarantee that we will survive our own decline.

Please, please, pray, about this. Speak to others, speak to me. Offer to help and/or resource us. If you yourself can help with DT, or know of someone who could help, please make them known to us. Even if you can't do this, perhaps you could help fund those who do. DT is not cheap, or even easy, but it is necessary and should be our priority.

Can you help with our website, which will be redesigned, or social media, Facebook, twitter, Instagram? Can you engage with DT and then share and pass on to your friends and families the things that feed your soul and capture your spiritual imagination and those things which link with St Peter's? Lastly, firstly and always, pray. In whatever capacity you are able, pray that God's kingdom will continue to be realised through the people of St Peter's in Wynnum.

***Holy God pour out your Spirit on your church,  
encouraging and renewing us  
with the Good News of Jesus.  
Give us courage to take up the tools available to us  
so, your Word may go out to all generations;  
this we pray in Jesus name. Amen.***

The Lord be with you all

Donna.

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## THE WEEK @ A GLANCE

Morning or Evening Prayer.			By arrangement, please contact Donna.		
Sunday	August	12	<b>Pentecost 12</b>		
			Traditional Sung Service	7.00am	St Peter's
			Family Service	9.00am	St Peter's
			Sunday School	9.00am	Chapel
			Parish Fete Meeting	11.00am	Parish Centre
Monday	August	13	St Peter's & St Paul's Bible Study	3.30pm	Wynnum Library
			Men's Study Group	7.30pm	Parish Centre
Tuesday	August	14	Coffee and Chat with the Vicar	8.30am	Coffee Club Bay Tce
			Meditation	7.00pm	Chapel
Wednesday	August	15	Exhibition Wednesday Office Closed & No Holy Communion		
			Parish Executive Meeting		
Friday	August	17	Meals On Wheels	10.30am	
Saturday	August	18	Car Boot Sale	8.00am	

### NURSING HOME & RETIREMENT VILLAGE SERVICES

Saturday	August	18	Palm Springs	10.00am
Monday	August	27	Regis	9.30am
Saturday	September	1	Palm Springs	10.00am

### FUTURE DIARY DATES

Sunday	August	19	<b>Pentecost 13</b>		
			Parish Council Meeting	11.00am	Parish Centre
Wednesday	August	22	Holy Communion Service		
Saturday	August	25	Pandoras Fashion Parade	2.00pm	Parish Centre
Monday	August	27	Vicar on leave		
Wednesday	August	29	Friendship Morning Tea		Parish Centre

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

#### PENTECOST 13

1ST            1 KINGS 2:10-12; 3:3-14  
 PSALM       111  
 2ND           EPHESIANS 5:11-21  
 GOSPEL     JOHN 6:51-58

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**WEEKLY PARISH  
 UPDATES  
 CAN BE FOUND  
 ON THE  
 NOTICE BOARD**

### DIRECT DEBIT DETAILS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE YOUR  
 GIVING EASIER?  
 BELOW ARE DETAILS FOR GIVING BY  
 DIRECT DEPOSIT.

Bank: Anglican Financial Services  
 Account Name:  
 Wynnum Anglican Parish  
 BSB: 704-901  
 Account Number: 00000530  
 Reference: Weekly Offering

Low Gluten Wafers  
 are available.  
 Please advise Donna  
 if your require one.



**REMEMBER ST PETER'S  
 WHEN YOU MAKE  
 YOUR WILL**

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