



Hendra Clayfield

SERVICE SHEET

Parish Vision Statement:

"To be a welcoming Christian family, filled by the Holy Spirit and caring for the community."

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



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Notices

Mothers Union Branch Meeting: The Parish is invited to the MU next meeting on Deanery Day. The speaker The Reverend Jan Crombie is coming to talk about **the revisioning of the Sisters of the Sacred Advent (SSA)**. Sister Sandra and Sister Gillian. will be in attendance. All are welcome. Location: St Colomb's Clayfield.

Next date: **Wednesday 24th August 2022.**

Parish Pantry: Giving of non perishable food to those in need. Blessing of donations on the last Sunday of the month at 7am and 9am services.

Next blessing: **28th August 2022.**

Morning Teas St Colomb's: Please stay for a coffee or tea and a chat.

Morning Tea St John's: TBA

Men's Breakfast: Fellowship time for men of all ages to eat and talk. Location: St Colomb's Centre at Clayfield.

Next date: **7am Saturday 13th August 2022.**

Parish Council Meeting: St John's Office,

Next Meeting: **7.30pm 8th September, 7:30pm.**

FOLLOW THE SERVICE

Hymns: 268 (lower) Have faith in God my heart
757 (lower) Ye servants on the Lord
486 Of the Father's love begotten
262 (new) Happy are they, they that love God

Service: APBA page 119

Sentence: Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. *Matthew 24:42, 44*

Gloria: p121.

Collect: Kindle in our hearts, Father, the same faith that impelled Abraham to set out from his home and to live as a pilgrim in a foreign land. As we, like him, look for the city that none but you can design and build, keep us watchful for your Son's coming, that we may be found faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A reading from Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

¹The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

¹⁰Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah! ¹¹'The multitude of your sacrifices – what are they to me?' says the Lord. 'I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats. ¹²When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts? ¹³Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations – I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.

¹⁴Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood!

¹⁶Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. ¹⁷Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

¹⁸'Come now, let us settle the matter,' says the Lord. 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

¹⁹If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land; ²⁰but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.' For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

*Hear the word of the Lord....***THANKS BE TO GOD**

***** **Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24** (page 272) *****

A reading from Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for. ³By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. ... ⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹²And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. ¹³All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Hear the word of the Lord.... **THANKS BE TO GOD**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke, Chapter 12 beginning at the 32nd verse.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

³²Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will make them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or towards daybreak. ³⁹But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise To You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon Notes

Where is our treasure?

Are we ready for the Master's return?

These questions are connected. If our heart is with God then it is more likely that we are ready for the Master, but if our heart is somewhere else then we will not be ready for the master.

The treasure God offers us is love, acceptance, forgiveness and that there is eternal life waiting for us.

Look at Abraham, he was offered three things by God but there was no time limit to when he would receive them. Those three promises were land, to become a nation and to bless the world.

The truth is, Abraham lived in the land but he never owned it. He had one son, not really a nation, and it would take 18 Centuries before the world would be blessed.

Abraham did not do what God asked because he had received the promises, but he had faith that God would give them. It does not mean Abraham was perfect. He told people his wife was his sister in fear of being killed and he questioned God's promises a couple of times.

Faith is believing the promises of God. This is meant to lead us to live God's way. Being faithful does not stop the doubts and fears. It is the weapon we use to fight them. It is not the solver of the tragedy and grief, but the hope to live through them.

We all have a faith in God's promises, but how great is that faith? Would we leave and/or lose all happily in the certainty of them?

Creed: p24 Apostles' Creed.

INTERCESSIONS

Intercession Response: God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

PARISH PRAYER FOR HENDRA/CLAYFIELD

Renew in us, O God, the zeal for your love. Let our Parish come alive with the power of your Spirit. Where we have failed, forgive us. Where we have persevered, encourage us. Where we are in doubt, direct us. Help us to see new opportunities for witness and service for the sake of Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Intercessions: We pray for God's healing of our family and friends who are sick at this time, especially John Mackenzie-Smith, Michael, Stacey Manicaros, Lynette DeVries, Jorge, Niroshan, Kamala, Kerri and Joe Rolfe, Michelle Aldridge, Marcelle Haidley, Kelly's Aunt, Claire Juler, Daniel and Ursula Poyser. Ann Howe, Brett, Bill Henderson, Kenneth and Peter Taudevin, Oliver, and also those on our Parish Notes Intercessions list and those with Respiratory/Infectious Diseases or Cancer.

*(Permission must be obtained from the person concerned **FIRST** before someone's name can be added to our intercession list.)*

Year's Mind: Emily Fraser, Franc Balthes, Blue Matthews.

Lord's Prayer: p124.

Prayer of Approach: p125 no21.

Intro to Confession: p158.

Confession: p126 no22.

Greeting of Peace: p127 no24.

Communion: Gifts of the People p127.

Thanksgiving: 1 p128.

Breaking of the Bread: As this broken bread ...

Post communion Prayer: p158

Responsorial prayer: p149 no31 - Most loving God...

NEXT WEEK: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7; Ps 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2;
Luke 12:49-59.

Hymns: 494 O God our help in ages past
69 Be thou my guardian and my guide
649ii The king of love my shepherd is
262 (new) Happy are they, they that love God



Services	
Wed 10th August	10am Eucharist Clayfield
Thurs 11th August	10am Eucharist Hendra
Sat 13th August	6pm Eucharist Hendra
Sun 14th August	7am Eucharist Clayfield 9am Eucharist Hendra ZOOM ID: 822 1216 6243 Password: 530925 Facebook Hendra Clayfield Anglican Facebook

Faith

*is seeing light
with your heart
when all your eyes
see is darkness*

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