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The Anglican Parish of Maleny in the Diocese of Brisbane is committed to protecting your privacy. The people on the list of the sick have personally requested prayers.

Maleny Anglican Parish

*Our vision is to "Love one another as Jesus loves us"
Our mission is to obey Jesus' commandment,
"Love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12)*



*Day of Pentecost /
Whitsunday
15th May 2016*



*God's love has been
poured into our hearts
by the Holy Spirit who
has been given
to us.*

Romans 5.5

WELCOME to our worship today.
*Please stay for fellowship and refreshment
after the Service.*

TODAY'S SERVICES

Services:

St. Mary's Montville 7.30am

St George's Maleny 9.00am

St Luke's Kenilworth 9.00am

Celebrant:

Fr Harry Reuss

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Mrs Val Pearson

Today's Readings:

Acts 2.1-21
 Ps 104.26-36
 Romans 8.14-17
 John 14.8-17

**Readings for next Sunday:**

Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31
 Ps 8
 Romans 5.1-5
 John 16.12-15



The Sentence for the Day: God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. **Romans 5.5**

Prayer of the Day: O God, who in smoke and fire upon Mount Sinai gave the law to Moses, and who revealed the new covenant in the fire of the Spirit: grant, we pray, that, kindled by that same Spirit which you poured forth upon your apostles, we may fulfil with joy your commandment of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READINGS FOR THE DAY**A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES CHAPTER 2 VERSE 1-21:**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their native language. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS:**We give thanks for the coming of the Holy Spirit.**

- For the peace of the world and for the Holy Catholic Church
- For the Anglican Church of Melanesia: +David Vunagi
- For the Diocese of Melbourne: +Phillip Freier; Regional Bishops: +Philip Huggins, +Paul White, +Genevieve Blackwell, +Bradley Billings.
- For our Archbishop, Phillip and our Bishop Jonathan and their families.
- For the Parish of Goondiwindi: Kay Hart, Priest and her people.
- For CMS and for all missionaries.
- For our Parish Priest and Honorary Clergy and for our Wardens and Parish Council and for all who worship and minister in this place. We pray for the child, Heath Paulger, who was baptised at St Luke's yesterday and his family.
- For people who are sick, in body, mind or spirit, for those whom we have listed in our bulletin, and for those known to us personally—that God may heal them.
- For Canon Ralph and Sylvia Bowles who have been involved in a serious car accident in New Zealand.
- For all the faithful departed giving thanks for the life of the Rev'd Geoffrey Paxton, Clem McMillan and Gregory Ball and remembering those whose year's mind occurs at this time — *'Rest Eternal Grant Unto Them O Lord and Let light perpetual Shine upon Them.'*



Bishop Jonathan will be visiting St. George's and St Mary's on Sunday 24th July. If anyone wishes to be confirmed on the day, or if there is anyone who would like to be admitted into the Anglican Church please contact the office on phone 5499 9130.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY:

These have now recommenced and are being held on Tuesdays at 9.00am at Montville and 11.00am at Maleny studying the Gospel of St Luke.

Donate to our food pantry for the Neighbourhood Centre to assist families in emergency need. Suggested items are dry goods and tinned food.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY: is held every Tuesday at the home of Neil and Judy Payne at 7.00pm. Please contact Neil Payne 5429 6544.



PENTECOST—‘The Lord is here—His Spirit is with us’

Pentecost is generally regarded by Christians as the Church’s birthday. It is on this day, 50 days after Easter, that we celebrate the Holy Spirit coming to the Apostles giving them the power to speak to all people ‘each in his own tongue’, telling them the Good News of Jesus' life, death and resurrection and thus the promise of forgiveness and eternal life.

The Christian Church, the body of people inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit has now lived and thrived for over 2000 years. This is a great reason for us to rejoice and be glad. We also have received the gift of the Spirit, at our baptism and thus we are members of Christ’s body, the living church. We are inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven and best of all we are children of God the Creator. This is worth proclaiming! Pentecost should be a time for the joyous shout ‘Jesus Lives, He is Here, His Spirit is with us.’

The Holy Spirit is not about ‘just getting on with life.’ God’s Spirit is about living life in all its fullness today and every day. It is about continuing the work that Jesus started and being prepared to share the good news of his life, death and resurrection and its meaning that our sins can be forgiven when we believe in him.

We are the Easter people who need to be telling others of God’s love for us all and showing by our lifestyles that Christ does indeed live on in our hearts and in our lives. Let us show Christ’s presence in our everyday lives in such a way that others will want to know about him and welcome him into their lives too. **Fr Harry**



MESSY CHURCH is at St George’s is on the 1st Sunday of every month from 4.00-6.00pm Come along and enjoy the fun of Messy Church, invite others. Families are very welcome. Fun and fellowship together with creating, sharing, singing, storytelling and eating. Further details phone June on (07) 5435 2941.

St Mary’s has a broom cupboard that is 600 x 600 x 2 metres high and is available to anyone who can use it and collect it from St Mary’s. Best contact would be Jocelyn Bannister on 5442 9207.

If you shop at Maleny IGA don’t forget to quote your CBC card number and earn money for the Parish from your normal purchase. It’s free for you and benefits the Parish.

HOME VISITS: If you would like a home visit or Home Communion please phone the office on 54999130. Fr. Harry is happy to visit at any time.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

THANKS BE TO GOD

PSALM 104: 26-36: We say alternate verses:

O Lord, how manifold are your works! in wisdom you have made them all;

Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great.

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them, they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face and they are terrified; you take away their breath and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please him; I will rejoice in the Lord. Alleluia!

THE EPISTLE IS WRITTEN IN THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS CHAPTER 8 VERSES 14-17

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST JOHN CHAPTER 14 BEGINNING AT THE 8TH VERSE:

Philip said to Jesus, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

WELCOME: We welcome as our Guest Speaker today, Duncan Barlow. Duncan was the guest speaker at the Ecumenical Men's Breakfast yesterday and is speaking at Montville and Maleny this morning.

Duncan is married to Alison and they have two little girls - Evangeline and Ella. The family have been with the Church Missionary Society in Indonesia. Duncan has been teaching at a Bible college where he was teaching and modelling cross-cultural evangelism. Currently they are uncertain about their future because the Indonesian government has tightened up visa requirements for Christian workers. We look forward to Duncan's words to us this morning and thank him for his visit to our parish this weekend.

THANK YOU LETTER:

Dear Harry, Thank you so much for a perfectly nuanced funeral service for my old mate Clem McMillan. The final messages you gave were beautiful and there was grateful words said by friends in the church hall afterwards, as to your delivery and the ending messages.

Again, I want to thank you and I am so grateful it was you who conducted the service. Sincerely, Richard Cranbrook

THANK YOU to everyone who has helped with the catering for the two funerals held in the Parish this week—one at Maleny and Montville and also with the successful Men's Breakfast that St George's hosted yesterday. Thank you.

Rev'd Derek Barrett's Commentary on the Readings:

Acts 2

Our first reading on the Day of Pentecost can hardly be any other than this depiction of how the Christian Church was founded and the new spirit-filled community of Jesus began its mission. The writer of these words makes an event into the beginning of a new era and the birth of a new language the whole world can hear and understand. This had been anticipated and longed for in the pages of the Old Testament and so this new community of faith saw itself as being on a new Sinai burning with new fire and in thrall to a new Moses, but this time the Old Covenant has a new dimension so that by the time we reach the end of Acts what was begun on the Day of Pentecost was beginning to penetrate "to the ends of the earth"...."Hail, Thee, Festival Day, Day that is blessed for ever!"

Psalm 104

The writer of this poem would have loved what we have just read and heard, for he would see it as he sets down these creative thoughts with the eyes of the Creator Spirit. He parades before us heaven, earth, winds, fire, seas, rivers, birds, beasts. He even includes the sea monster Leviathan which he believes the Creator made to be His play-mate!

It is all thoroughly jolly and we are meant to enjoy it as we humans regard ourselves as the crowning glory of the creation of the Lord of Life. Julian of Norwich wrote many times that The Lord loves us and enjoys us and we should bask in that love and joy. Nearer our own time a West African wrote in similar vein: "enjoy the world gently, enjoy the world gently, for if the earth is spoiled it cannot be repaired, enjoy the earth gently".

John 15 and 16

Our gospel writer is reflecting on what was being said at the Last Supper when among other things the disciples were told that they would be hated by the world because if they are true to their commission they will be challenging the world's rulers just as Jesus had thrown down the gauntlet at the feet of the Roman Governor. We should be worried that we are not so much being hated in our part of the world so much as cheerfully ignored. The establishment does not like being criticised or questioned. All pioneers need to show tremendous courage. The Holy Spirit is not so much the giver of comfort, He is more the Source of strong power. The first Christians were described as "turning the world upside down", and it was in this sense that Jesus was subversive. John does not have an equivalent of Acts 2, but he does have Jesus telling the disciples to let Him go so that the "Advocate" would come alive in them to lead them with the spirit of love and truth to confound the world and its way of thinking and acting.