



The sheep and goats are lined up before Jesus, waiting for him to pronounce judgment on them. Judgement is a strange thing as it depends greatly on the person passing judgement. We tend to judge from our own perspective whether something is good enough or not, beautiful enough or not, whether a thing or a person is acceptable to us. Even though they are both hairy animals, sheep and goats are very different in so many ways, but Jesus didn't look at their hair and how useful it would be, or their size or disposition.

Those superficial characteristics weren't included in the assessment.

What Jesus looked at was the way they'd treated each other, whether they'd given others a helping hand or a lift in spirits. As Charles Dickens said:

'No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.'

Songs for a Saviour's Birth

ADVENT STUDY

William Philip looks at the 'songs' of key characters in the Christmas story: Elizabeth (joy for the hearers) Mary (joy for the humble) Zechariah (joy for the helpless) The Shepherds (joy for the heavens) Simeon and Anna (joy for the hopeful). This is a book to engage the heart and head, as it moves between key passages from Luke's Gospel, from the song of the heavily pregnant to the song of a humble peasant, from the song of the helpless priest to the song of the heavenly proclaimers, and finally to the song of the hopeful 'pensioners'.

Wednesdays at 1:30pm - Montville

Booklet \$12.00 each



COMING OF the LIGHT: ARCHBISHOP'S NOVEMBER APPEAL

ABM invites you to celebrate and support the vibrant ministry and mission of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Church. Funds donated to this project will be used to: support the establishment of the Melanesian Brothers' ministry in the Torres Strait, provide for the work of the Ministry Development Officer for the Cape York Peninsula, and assist with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministry formation in the Diocese of North Queensland.

HOW TO DONATE - Online: You can make an online donation to the Archbishop's 2020 November Appeal. **Mail:** you can enclose a cheque/money order (made out to the Anglican Board of Mission - Australia. Please include the campaign name *Archbishop's 2020 November Appeal* with your donation) and send it to: **Anglican Board of Mission – Australia, Locked Bag Q4005, Queen Victoria Building NSW 1230**

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Or by an envelope with your details through the Offertory and the Parish will forward to ABM.



Christmas Concert & Hamper Raffle -

Saturday 5 December 4pm

Seat Tickets \$20 - Zoom tickets \$15

Book through Trish 0448 989 621 or www.trybooking.com/BIYS

It would be wonderful to provide a generous basket of goods and so we ask for donations of items that are suitable for Christmas. If each family can donate one item we will have a wonderful hamper.

Please bring in your donations by Sunday 29 November.

Thank you so much for your generosity.



*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

Christ The King Sunday 22 November 2020



Stir up,
we pray you,
O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people,
that they,
plenteously bringing forth
the fruit of good works,
may by you
be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

WELCOME

to our worship today

Today's Services

St Mary's Montville	7:30 am	Rev'd Jim McPherson
St George's Maleny	9:00 am	Rev'd Ann Shepperson
St Luke's Kenilworth	9:00 am	Rev'd Jim McPherson

Morning Prayer is being presented on our Maleny Anglican Parish Facebook page each day at **9.00am** on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and **8.30am** on Wednesday each week with a number of different presenters.



8.30am Weds Morning Prayer with live attendance at St Mary's, Montville
9am Thursday Morning Prayer with live attendance at St Luke's, Kenilworth

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MalenyAnglicanParish/>

Readings for 29 November <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> Isaiah 64.1-9, Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1.1-9, Mark 13.24-37	Readings for 6 December <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> Isaiah 40.1-11, Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3.8-15a, Mark 1.1-8
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Sentence of the Day: O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy. *Psalm 100.1*

Prayer of the Day: God of power and love, who raised your Son Jesus from death to life, resplendent in glory to rule over all creation: free the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, and to live in his love. Unite the human race in Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

READINGS FOR THE DAY

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET EZEKIEL
CHAPTER 34: BEGINNING AT THE 11TH VERSE: (Pew Bible page 702)

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Psalms 95.1-7 (A Prayer Book for Australia page 322) We say alternate verses

O come, let us sing out to the Lord: let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation. **Let us come before his face with thanksgiving: and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.** For the Lord is a great God: and a great king above all gods. **In his hand are the depths of the earth: and the peaks of the mountains are his also.** The sea is his and he made it: his hands moulded dry land. **Come, let us worship and bow down: and kneel before the Lord our maker.** For he is the Lord our God: we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

St Luke's Christmas Hampers 2020 

We are appealing now for food and small drinks as well as any of the following :
Soaps, shampoos, toiletries, combs, brushes, note paper, pens, pencils, puzzles & crosswords, tissues, washers, hand towels, small torches etc.

Anything that you think our friends who receive the hampers would enjoy.

Thank you!

 **Online study of the weekly Psalm with Rev'd Jim McPherson**
Thursdays 7:45pm
Zoom ID: 605 553 0924 Password: 300520 Ph: 3185 3730

Meditation
The Maleny meditation group will not meet next week, November 25th, but everyone is welcome to join the Montville group at the Hall, on the Green, at 9am. Both groups will continue meeting in December on 2nd, 9th and 16th.
We break over the Christmas period and meet again at the end of January. Further details closer to the date in 2021.
Thank you for your support, Maureen Cooper

Containers for Change Update - Total for 2020 so far is \$1,100.90

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Acknowledgement of Country
As we gather in this Church, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Kabi Kabi and Jinibara people, and pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging.

We ask your prayers:

- For **peace and justice in the world**: we pray particularly for those parts of the world that are in the news this week
- For the **Church of Bermuda** (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury): †Nicholas Dill - Bishop of Bermuda
- For the **Diocese of Rockhampton**: †The Very Rev'd Peter Grice - Bishop Elect; The Venerable Tom Henderson-Brooks - Administrator; Clergy and People
- For the **Parish of Kilcoy**: Jillian Chambers
- For **Anglicare SQ Brisbane North Community Services**
- For the **St John's College UQ**: Warden - Rose Alwyn; Chaplain - Ceri Wynne; Chair of Council - John Peden; members of College Council; staff & students
- 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.
- Remembering the faithful departed & all those whose years mind occurs at this time.



Within our Parish - Maleny: Roger Byrne, Mabel Crosby, Margaret Drake, Des Ham Roy Gesch, Matthew Dawson, Amelie, Peter Horrell and Pat (Patricia) Bourke
Montville: Keith Allwright and Heather Wade

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.

Christ The King (Last Sunday After Pentecost) Sunday 22 November 2020
 Praxis means essentially doing the Gospel, not simply thinking or talking about it. Today's Gospel contrasts positive and negative examples of Christian praxis. Not only are the sheep carrying out the Gospel in practice, they are not even aware of it. Likewise, the goats are unaware that they are not caring out the Gospel, by not caring for the least members of His family. Believing and doing cannot in fact be separated in the Christian life. Both are essential and interdependent. Jesus is Lord of all our believing and all our doing.

- May God help us to be doers of the Word not hearers only.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

Text: The Very Rev Phillip Saunders, Dean of Canberra and Goulburn
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Prayer at the time of choosing an incumbent (APBA p 212)
 Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

Prayer and Bible Study Group are still meeting on Tuesday nights at 6:45 p.m. at Neil and Judy Payne's home (phone 5429 6544).
We welcome new members.

Maleny Neighbourhood Centre - PANTRY REQUESTS

November: Canned Spaghetti / December: Rolled Oats

A READING FROM LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

CHAPTER 1: BEGINNING AT THE 15TH VERSE:

(Pew Bible page 949)

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

THANKS BE TO GOD

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

CHAPTER 25: BEGINNING AT THE 31ST VERSE:

(Pew Bible page 807)

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

FOR THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

Sunday Devotion - Petra Dalle Cort

(Year 11 boarding student at St Hilda's School)

(Excerpt Anglican Focus)

Not just following the flock

Supplementary Readings: Psalm 68.1-18; 1 Corinthians 2.1-10;
1 Samuel 16.2-13; Psalm 93; Matthew 21.1-11

*"I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged;
and I will judge between sheep and sheep." (Ezekiel 34.22)*

Have you ever kept livestock as pets? Not a goldfish, cat or dog but farm animals, such as chickens or ducks. My family lives on a sugar cane farm in Northern Queensland, so we had chickens. They were entirely dependent upon us to care for them, but we looked to them for eggs. Some were better layers than others. A shepherd in Biblical times would be in a very similar situation. He would care for his village's sheep and every day walk them to good pasture and plentiful water. The shepherd was faithful, demonstrating concern for each and every one of his sheep – ensuring that none were lost. However, he also looked to them to provide wool for weaving and meat for food. God is often depicted in the Bible as a shepherd and the analogy is quite clear.

However, we often forget that there is discernment in the role of a shepherd and not just care. The sheep needed to be sorted from the goats that they were mixed with and also from each other.

If we say that we believe in God as our Shepherd, then we have to recognise that our words, actions and behaviours are to be worthy of him.

REFLECTIONS - The Rev'd Pauline Harley

(Excerpt Anglican Focus)

Cursillo and the Camino de Santiago

When I was first asked to go to a Cursillo retreat weekend in 2006 by The Rev'd David Cox, I was like most people when asked, with my response being, "What? Why? What for?" My 'sponsor' (who explains Cursillo and guides you in your first year) had to take on the responsibility of looking after my two small children and driving me from the Gold Coast to the other side of Brisbane so I could attend. The weekend retreat at Queensland Conference and Camping Centres (QCCC) in Brookfield, was an opportunity to remove a lot of negative stuff and allow myself to be emptied before being filled with love...It was during the *Clausura* (Spanish for 'opening and closing') that I realised that it was okay to be loved. I was allowed to be loved! God loved me! Wow!

That weekend experience remains a significant part of my faith journey. It wasn't an 'altar call' response, but I went home and made the decision that God would be first in my life – that everything I do would be for the glory of God and that I would give to God first. That I would give my time, my energy, my commitment and my money to God first. Believe me, as a single struggling mum this wasn't a light-hearted choice. Giving God everything first was a massive leap of faith. I did this with no expectations from God. None.

Yet something amazing happened. My life changed. Sure, I still struggled to pay the bills and put food on the table at times for the kids. I even had times when I wasn't sure how the rent would be paid in full. Even when I literally had only 5c left and it would be three to four days before pay day, somehow God always provided. God has turned my world upside down by inviting me to listen to God's call for my life's direction. God made sure that I didn't stray too far from the path that God has now set for me.

And, believe me, I did try! I tried ever so hard to ignore the call into ordained life; however, God kept me on the path to where I needed to be. Cursillo originated in Majorca, Spain in the 1940s with a group of men who dedicated themselves to bringing other young men to know Christ. Before the Spanish Civil War of 1936-1939, a pilgrimage to the shrine of the apostle St James at Compostela had been planned. This spiritual journey to the great Spanish pilgrimage centre of the Middle Ages would provide a time for the young men and women of Spain to dedicate themselves in a renewed way to the work of the apostolate. The pilgrim style has marked much of the spirituality of the Cursillo movement. Once learning of this, my husband, Peter, and I were drawn to make our own pilgrim walk through Spain on The Camino de Santiago (known in English as 'The Way of St James') to the shrine of the St James at Compostela. Starting on Anzac Day in 2019, Peter and I walked from Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port on the French side of the Pyrenees to Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Spain. And, then on to the rock-bound peninsula of Finisterre, which was known as the end of the world in medieval times. We completed just over 900km in 33 days carrying all our gear and trusting in God at the end of each day for a place to rest.

A highlight of my pilgrimage was reaching a place known as Cruz de Ferro, or 'Iron Cross', located between the Spanish villages of Foncebadón and Manjarín. At its base, a rocky mound (now a fair climb up) has been forming over the years. The tradition is to lay a stone, brought from the place of the pilgrim's origin, at the top of the mound, so I placed a Kiwi stone given to me by my brother just before he died in 2001. Another highlight that moved me to tears was the final pilgrims' service in Santiago de Compostela where thousands of people said the Lord's Prayer together in their own national languages. Cursillo has an ongoing element to it where folk meet on a regular basis. I've found Group Reunion (a conversation about the presence of Christ in our lives) is a key tool in moving me forward in faith, as it keeps me accountable as we share the highs and lows of life together. I have been fortunate enough to 'group' with some women for many years who have become like sisters to me. I see Cursillo as one tool for clergy and laity alike to help discern a call into a ministry or reaffirm one that they are already serving in. It can also be a pathway to help heal past hurts and to celebrate current blessings. Moving away from the Gold Coast and my dearest friends to Toowoomba, where I am now serving as a parish priest, has been the most challenging part of my call into ordained life. Yet I know that I must look forward, not back, and give thanks to God for the gift of love, friendship and family. My Group Reunion sisters have been key supporters in my faith journey. My 'fourth day' journey (which refers to the rest of the person's life from the time the initial three-day Cursillo weekend closes) thus far since my first Cursillo weekend in 2006 has been bright and remarkable. Thank you, Jesus! *Ultreya!* ('onwards and upwards')

Coming Events

Sunday, 22 November, 7.30am - Holy Communion at St Mary's Montville and
9.00am at St George's Maleny (also via Facebook) and St Luke's Kenilworth

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday - 23 - 28 November, 9.00am with
Wednesday 8.30am** – Morning Prayer on Parish Facebook site

Wednesday, 25 Nov, 8.30am – Morning Prayer with live attendance at St Mary's, Montville
Wednesday, 25 Nov - 9am - Meditation at St Mary's

Thursday, 26 Nov - 9am - Morning Prayer with live attendance at St Luke's, Kenilworth

Thursday, 26 Nov - 9.30am - Meditation at St John Bosco, Kenilworth (opp. St Luke's)

Thursday, 26 Nov - 7.45pm Online Bible Study with Rev'd Jim McPherson (Details pg 7)

Saturday, 05 December, 4 - 5pm - Christmas Concert—St George's Maleny

NB: Please sign the attendance sheet on arrival.