

# The Beacon on the Hill

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
ANGLICAN PARISH COOLUM BEACH

## Ordinary Time: An Anglican Guide to the Season after Pentecost

It's the time when we all go Green.

We call this time between Pentecost and Advent "**Ordinary Time**". If you're like me, the title suggests Ordinary time as "boring time". But that certainly is not the case. These Sundays are named in order and so we have "Ordinary Time", but they are by no means ordinary.

Entering into an Anglican church during this time, one sees splashes of green everywhere, from the wall hangings to the vestments the priest wears. Green is the colour of God's creation, so during this time the theme of the readings focuses on the life of the Church as it lives and grows in the midst of the world.

Unlike the other Seasons of the Church, this long period of Ordinary Sundays is not connected to a particular theme as the other Seasons of the Church year are.

In **Advent** we await the coming of Christ; during **Christmas**, we celebrate his arrival; and at **Epiphany** we proclaim that Christ is revealed to the world as Messiah. During **Lent** we prepare for Jesus' death by walking with him to the Cross; then at **Easter** we celebrate his Resurrection. The cycle is completed with the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit at **Pentecost**.

But **Ordinary Time** does not celebrate a particular time in the life of Jesus. Instead, it is a time for growth, a time for us to listen to Jesus' teachings in parables and proclamations, a time for us to learn from his encounters not only with his disciples but also with those who are often referred to as "outsiders", a time for us to focus on the public life of Jesus and honour the mystery of Christ in all its fullness.

The "Greening" of the Church takes place when we focus on ordinary people coming to faith in both the past and present; in our lives and in the lives of those who share our earthly journey.

"**Ordinary Time**" might well refer to living out our "ordinary" lives as Anglican Christians. But, since we follow the Risen Lord of the Universe, there's nothing "ordinary" about it!

Fr Richard Gowty  
Locum Priest-in-charge



On 16 July Fr Bruce Sligo celebrated his last Eucharist with us. The service was followed with a lovely celebration morning tea. Fr Bruce had been our locum for seven and a half months, since December, and we greatly appreciated his service to us.



Fr Bruce was wonderful in instigating a new front entry walkway in the church

He also led the much-needed new roof appeal, and represented our Coolum parish by attending Synod with Jim and Lynne Raw.



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Two years ago, we welcomed Jim and Lynne Raw into our parish.

We didn't know then how dynamic, wonderful and fruitful the following two years would be for us all. Their commitment to our parish in their many and various roles included: Members of parish council, Synod representatives, Parish Council Chair (Jim), Priest's Warden to Cathy, Ingrid, Bruce and Richard (Lynne) and church roof fundraising coordinator.

We held a morning tea in their honour, wishing them health and happiness in their new and exciting venture of returning to South Australia to live. We thanked them for their grace, wisdom and care for our Coolum parish in their respective leadership roles.



We really look forward to welcoming Jim and Lynne back when they return to the Sunshine Coast to visit their family.



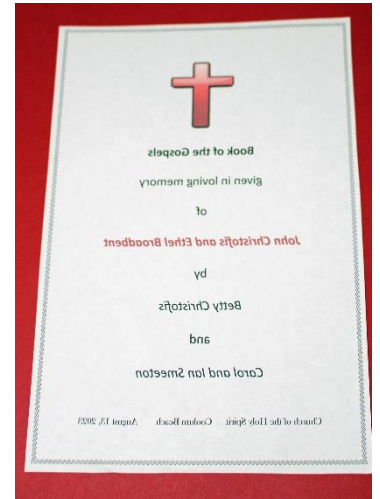
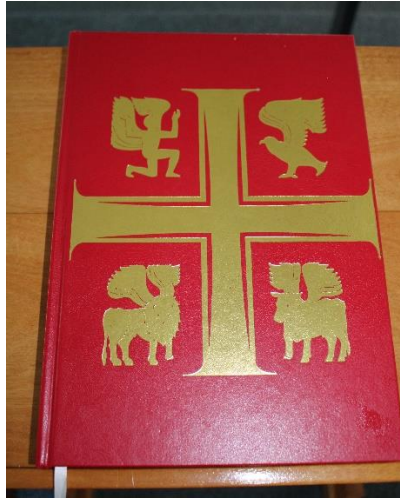
On Sunday, 17 September we celebrated Nancy Anderson's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

On 27 September the celebrations continued when Nancy and her daughter, Beth, joined the Cuppa Time group for morning tea at Curly's on the Boardwalk.



## Book of the Gospels

Betty Christofis and Carol and Ian Smeeton generously donated a Gospels book in memory of John Christofis and Ethel Broadbent. The book contains the Gospels for each of the Sundays of the year and enables the Gospel to be read from the centre of the church each Sunday.



## CUPPA TIME

The July group journeyed to Montville where they enjoyed a lovely morning tea overlooking the water at Secrets on the Lake.



In August the group visited Fairhill Gardens where they had a lovely morning tea and wandered around the delightful Sculpture Garden.



The past few months have seen the completion of several projects around our church building.

## The replacement of the entry deck

A hearty group of volunteers removed the old entry deck. As you can see from the photos below it had reached a dangerous state.



Our lovely new deck was installed.

Special thanks to Fred Walton and his crew of helpers.

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## The erection of a new sign

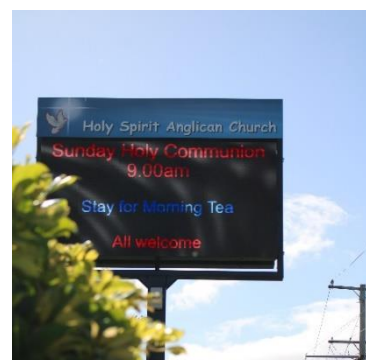
In late 2021 we were informed that the sign at the front of the church had to be lowered as it was considered hazardous. That meant we would need an expensive LED sign to replace it and despite seeking grants none were forthcoming.

On Monday 17 January 2022 there was a car accident after a driver had a 'medical episode'. The car came down Greenoaks Avenue, crossed Beach Street, narrowly missing the telegraph pole, drove through our sign and hit next door's wall which collapsed. It was a miracle that nobody was injured and the only damage was structural.

### The long process to replace the sign.:

In February 2022 an insurance claim was lodged with the Diocese. In March Beaumont Signs quoted \$34,870 for a replacement sign. In September Council approved the sign. In November the insurance funds came though. In February 2023 half the cost of the sign was paid to Beaumont Electrical. In March Beaumont Electrical advised the sign was undergoing manufacture in China which would take 30 days. It would then be shipped and should arrive in about 6 weeks, then it would be held in customs in Brisbane for a week. It would then be tested and fitted to aluminium powder coated frame. In June the artwork was approved

On 21 July the underground cabling and concreting of the base were done.



**AND FINALLY ON 31 JULY** our new digital sign was craned into position and connected.

## Our first advertisement went up in lights!

### The replacement of the church roof



At last we can look forward to summer without the thought of having to place buckets around the church to catch the leaks. This was made possible by generous donations from parishioners, the sale of bananas and jams.

As well as all the fundraising and generous donations from our parishioners we also received two generous grants: Coolum Surf Club presented us with a cheque for \$5,000 and Sunshine Coast Council gave us a grant of \$1,100.

We sincerely thank both organisations for their support.



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Sunshine Coast Council's grants program



We were also able to draw on the remaining funds in the Benson Bequest, which was a very generous bequest from a former parishioner.

Special thanks to Lynn Rostirolla. Lynn did an amazing job engaging contractors and dealing with the Council and the Diocese. We thank her very much for what was a very time consuming and, on occasions, frustrating process.

### Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



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The Hoy morning on Sunday 27 August was a lot of fun



## PARISH AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**The SOS Pantry** provides food and other essentials for vulnerable people in our community

The items required are: 6 packs of UHT milk, 1 litre cartons of UHT milk, muesli bars, plain and savoury biscuits, pull-top tinned meals, small cans of fish (eg tuna) small cans of spaghetti and baked beans, cups of noodles, bottled water, small packs of cereal, fruit in jelly cups, jars of honey, Vegemite and peanut butter/paste, cheese and biscuit combined snacks, 4 pack of Butane Gas..

Speak to Pat Tolley or Simone Hayden if you would like more information.

**Coolum High School Chaplaincy** provides breakfast for students each Tuesday Morning

The items required are UHT milk, Nutella and milo. Volunteers are also needed for serving the breakfast.

Speak to Jan Willacy if you would like to help.

### **Drop in Coffee.**

This outreach programme is held every second and fourth Tuesday in the “backyard” of the church. Coffee and tea and some lovely home-made snacks are provided.

Speak to Carol Roth, Simone Hayden or Pat Tolley if you would like to know more.

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## OUR PRAYER MINISTRY

A group of dedicated parishioners pray regularly for others. This group of people offer a special prayer ministry for anyone who is seeking confidential prayer support for all situations and issues.

You are assured that the strictest confidentiality will be maintained and that your concerns/needs will not be discussed outside the prayer chain members. It is acceptable to ask for prayer without giving any details.

God knows all our needs.

Please contact Prayer Chain Co-ordinator Mary Lupton [djmel@bigpond.com](mailto:djmel@bigpond.com).



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### **Prayer Point**

Since Cathy Laufer retired in late November we have had 2 locum Priests-in-Charge; Fr Bruce Sligo and Archdeacon Richard Gowty. Fr Richard is licenced to the position until the end of this year.

The search for a new Priest-in-Charge is continuing. Three parishioners have been appointed to liaise with our bishop to appoint a new priest. Please make this search a priority for your prayers.

## VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

As several parishioners have moved away and others have retired after many years of service volunteers are urgently needed for the following jobs that make the services each Sunday happen.

**Readers** The readings are printed out each week and placed on the lectern, with the correct introduction and end for the reading. If you prefer, to read from the Bible ribbons are placed at the relevant page in the Bible.

**Sides people** Arrive at church by 8.30am  
Greet people at the door and hand out books and pew bulletin.  
Ask two parishioners to take the elements (carafe and ciborium) up to the altar.  
Count the number of people present.  
Take up the collection, hand it to the LA and advise LA of the number of people.

**Sacristan** On Friday or Saturday prepare the items which are to be used on the altar during the Sunday service. There is a list on the wall in the Vestry of what is required and a photo of how the tray should be set up.  
Mark the readings in the Bible on the lectern with the seasonal coloured ribbons.  
Change the banner and Bible ribbons if necessary – check Roster sheet for seasonal colour.  
Put the hymn numbers and psalm number on the board.  
After the service on Sunday:  
Take down the hymn & psalm numbers.  
Wash the wash up delete chalice and other items used during the service in very hot water.  
Take the linen used during the service and any other linen that is in the box on the bench in the vestry home for washing, ironing and return during the week or the following Sunday.

**Flowers** On Friday or Saturday arrange flowers for the service. This can be done in conjunction with sacristan duties.

**Counting** After the service collect the offertory from the table in the sanctuary, count it, write it up in the deposit book and put it in the safe or give to Margie

**Morning tea** Set up for morning tea before the service and serve it after the service.

**Liturgical Assistant.** – If you would like to become and LA please speak to Fr Richard or one of the current LAs.

None of these jobs are onerous - they just need you to give a little time every so often. The more people who volunteer the less often we all have to do the tasks.

As the proverb goes: *Many hands make light work.*

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Another very successful car boot sale was held at the Uniting Church. Thank you to all who supplied baked goods and plants and those who purchased items both at the stall and after our service on Sunday.

Approximately \$1,000 was raised.



## WHAT'S ON WHEN AT HOLY SPIRIT

**BIBLE STUDY** – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 10.30am in the Undercroft.

Contact: Jocelyn Pitt Ph 5448 8059

**BEER ON THE PATIO** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month 4.30pm-5.30pm. All men invited. Join with other men for a beer and chat (non-alcoholic drinks available). Pick up and drop off can be arranged.

Contact: John Roth 0411 690 056

**GUILD** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month following a short service at 9am and morning tea. The Guild is a group dedicated to organising various activities with the aim of promoting fellowship opportunities. Membership is open to men and women and new members would be made very welcome.

Contact: Roslyn Thurairatnam 5471 7755

**CUPPA TIME** – 4<sup>TH</sup> Wednesday of each month

Join with others for morning tea at a local café.

Contact: Jan Christian: 5448 2092

**CRAFT MORNING** – 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month at 9.30am in the Undercroft. This informal group meets to enjoy working on craft items, learning new crafts, and chatting over a cup or two of coffee or tea. Everyone welcome to either participate or just have a cuppa and a chat.

Contact: Roslyn Thurairatnam 5471 7755

**HEALING SERVICE** - Last Friday of each month at 5pm. This is a service of Evening Prayer with a focus on prayer for the sick. As all of us need healing in some way, anointing is available for all present, for our own healing and for those for whom we pray. Everyone is welcome.

Contact: Mary Lupton: [djmel@bigpond.com](mailto:djmel@bigpond.com)

**MEDITATION GROUP** – Each Thursday in the church at 10am.

Contact: Marcia MacPherson 0409 789 002

**CURSILLO GROUPS** – Meet regularly

Contact: Jan Christian: 5448 2092

**DROP IN COFFEE** – Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the church backyard at 10.30am. This is part of our outreach program.

Contact: Carol Roth: 0411 690 058

## REGULAR SERVICE TIMES



### Sunday

9.00am Holy Eucharist

**Healing Service/Evening Prayer**  
5.00pm LAST Friday of each month

**Morning service:** 9.00am  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

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