## **PSALM** 78.1-7

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- <sup>1</sup> Give heed to my teaching, O my people: incline your ears to the words of my mouth;
- <sup>2</sup> For I will open my mouth in a parable: and expound the mysteries of former times.

<sup>3</sup> What we have heard and known: what our forebears have told us,

- <sup>4</sup> We will not hide from their children, but declare to a generation yet to come: the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, his mighty and wonderful works.
- <sup>5</sup> He established a law in Jacob and made a decree in Israel: which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,
- <sup>6</sup> That future generations might know, and those yet unborn:
  - that they in turn might teach it to their children;
- <sup>7</sup> So that they might put their confidence in God: and not forget his works, but keep his commandments,

### A Prayer at this Time

Loving God, source of healing and comfort, at this time of fear, fill us with your grace, that the sick may be made whole, the virus contained and a cure found. Strengthen those who care for the sick, calm the anxious, and protect the most vulnerable in the power of the Spirit and in the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

### A Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

# **Diocesan Prayer**



God in whom we live, and move and have our being, we thank you for Jesus Christ who is the Good News. By the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us to be people who transform lives, make disciples and grow communities, that your glory may be revealed in all creation. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.



# Readings for 15th November 2020—Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Judges 4.1-10; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30.



# St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church Tweed Heads

Our Vision: Transforming lives through Jesus Christ. Our Mission: Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, Making disciples and Growing faith communities.

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost 8th November 2020

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Sentence: Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Matthew 24.42, 44

**Collect:** Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes we may go out joyfully to meet him, and with him enter into the marriage feast that you have prepared for all who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

## Readings for Today:

Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78.1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4.9-18; Matthew 25.1-13.

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Weekly Services: Sunday 9am & 11am. COVID-19 safety plan in place. <u>BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL</u>, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE ON THURSDAY OR FRIDAY MORNINGS BETWEEN 9am & 12 NOON TO BOOK.

### Reflection

Today's parable is the second in a series of three about how to live in the context of the coming glorious Son of Man. The parable fits in with marriage practice of the time, as far as we know it. The bridegroom goes to the bride's house to sign the marriage contract with the bride's father and then returns with the bride.

His household would greet him. It was assumed that his meeting would take some time, because the young women had all brought lamps. Those who were unprepared missed out. *Watch and wait* is about living each day as if it is the Day.

- Help us to live each day in the light of Christ's coming Kingdom.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*, the Anglican Church of Japan.

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# Faithfulness in Service Training

Saturday 21st November 2020, 10am to12 noon. Very important training, please put your name on the list at the Church to register.

# My Christian Story

Have you written yours yet? What is *your* story about how you became a Christian? Grey flyers can be emailed or sent to you on request. There are ideas for you to think about and inside a place for you to write 'your story.'

# Personal Notes



**Birthdays:** 10th: Ron Pyle, 11th: Stephen Blaney, 12th: Janelle Winter, 12th: Ian Manwaring.

Years Mind: 10th: Geoffrey Rankine, 12th: Margaret Rankine.

## NAME BADGES

Name badges will be ordered this week. To order your name badge, please PRINT your name on the envelope provided, and hand it to a sides person. The cost is \$8.00 for a pin badge and \$9.50 for a magnet badge. Please include the money in the envelope today as badges will be ordered this week. Thank you. Maria Gandey.

#### <u>Prayer List</u> The following people are in need of our prayers at this time:

Fay Flaherty, Loretta Flaherty, Abbey Nash, Joy Kendrick, Iris Pyle, Jacqueline Kerr, Maureen Baxter, Andrew, Val Chapman, Barbara, Cressa Bartosek, Margaret Dudgeon, Trish Hooley, David Leigh, Cliff Boyd, Janis Hepburn, Liz Tanke, Wynn Gilliland, Christine Charlton, Ruth Conlan, Brian Scrase, Colin Hawtin, Nancy Walker, Mervyn Fitzpatrick, Elan, Sid and Evelyn Eccleston, Robyn Hobson, Susan & Bob Gale, Tony de Kievit, George Greenway.

Our Church is committed to protecting your privacy. People on this list have requested prayer. <u>Please contact the Parish Office for any changes to the Prayer List</u>

### COVID-19 Update

We have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place. Worship times are Sunday at 9am and 11am. Bookings are required each week, so please call the office on 07 5536 1060 on the Thursday or Friday prior between 9am and 12 noon to reserve your place. There are a number of differences with our COVID-19 Safety Plan in place, but I believe it is a joy to be worshipping together in person again. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to call me on 07 5536 1060. God Bless Dway

#### COVID Safe App

If you feel you are able to, please download the app onto your phone. It will help with contact tracing if the need arises.

### Booking in for Church

If you would like to attend Sunday worship, please call the office on Thursday or Friday mornings between 9.00am and 12 noon to register - **PHONE 07 5536 1060**.

Defence Sunday Today

### Face Masks

The NSW Government put out a statement on 2nd August encouraging people to wear face masks, and one of the places named was in Worship Services. I encourage you to wear a mask where you are able. God Bless Dway. Bishop Grant Dibden, the Anglican Bishop to the Defence Force has advised that this Sunday 8th November has been designated as "Defence Sunday" and is the Sunday prior to Remembrance Day. This is an opportunity to highlight the work of the Anglican Church among Defence personnel and their families and to pray for this ministry.

### National Anglican Family Violence Project

"Help us to build a safer and more supportive Anglican Church for people who have experienced domestic violence. Join a research project aimed to help improve church practices. If you have had an experience of domestic violence and a current or previous link with the Anglican Church, please share your perspective. The online survey is anonymous and anyone can take part.

Go to surveys.ncls.org.au/NAFVP/experience to find out more".

### FINDING SPIRITUAL WHOLENESS

This six week workshop will give you tools to better understand how you think. You will learn about some of the patterns which have influenced your life and shaped the person you are. Saturdays—7th November to 12 December 2020: 9.00am to 10.30am (NSW time) Cost: \$20 or what you can afford. Venue: St. James Hall 41 Pearl Street, Kingscliff. Contact: John Power 0403 905 543 johnpower9@gmail.com to register.

Please see Church notice board for more details.

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A Big Thank You to All those who have continued to financially support our Parish either by the normal means or now electronically. It is appreciated. If you would like to contribute electronically to the mission and ministry of our Parish,

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Please call Rev. Dway on 07 5536 1060 or the Treasurer John Gandey on 07 5599 7269 if you have any queries, or would like to discuss this further.