



## Health and healing

‘A healthy mind in a healthy body’ or ‘as long as you’ve got your health’: what are we thinking when we say these things? Perhaps our minds govern our bodies. Perhaps health is the clue to Salvation. The psalmist seems to be saying that God does not abandon us even though Judaism did teach that sickness was a punishment from God for sin. Isaiah prophesied that the God ‘makes weal and creates woe’. Isaiah 45:6. We are flawed humanity and we worship God the Creator and endeavour not to make idols of our bodies or our minds.

*“The Lord sustains them on their sickbed; in their illness you heal all their infirmities Psalm 41:3”*

Mothers’ Union in Canada is committed to assisting parents and all who care for children to do one of the most important jobs in the world – to bring up healthy children in healthy families. Their program is called Parents Supporting Parents.

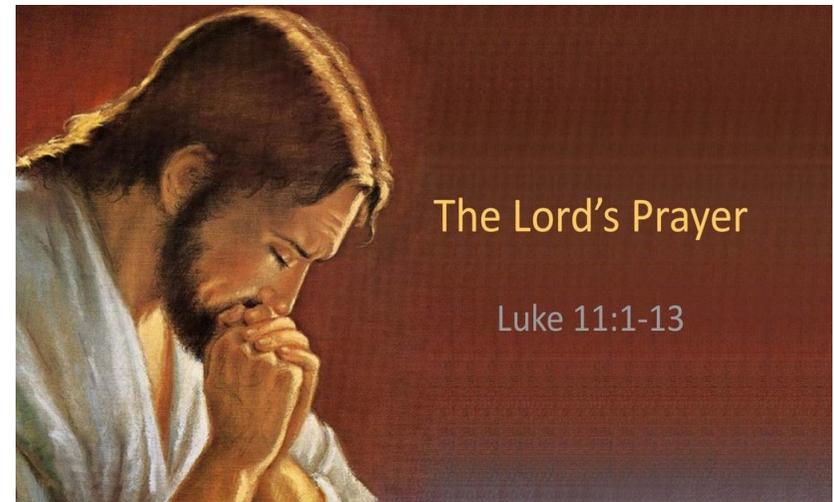
It’s all about building positive relationships in families. It’s about exploring communication – talking and listening. It’s a program for every family.



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JULY 24TH YEAR C 2022 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.



## Sentence

**Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. Luke 11: 9**

## Prayer of the Day

**Provident Father, with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips, we ask, we seek, we knock at your door: help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, and so to knock that the door of mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Acts 8: 1-25

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. 2 Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. 3 But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison. Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. 5 Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. 6 When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. 7 For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed. 8 So there was great joy in that city. 9 Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, 10 and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is rightly called the Great Power of God." 11 They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his sorcery. 12 But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. 13 Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw. 14 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. 15 When they arrived, they prayed

*We welcome everyone  
worshipping here today.*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

Congratulations to those celebrating:  
Birthdays: No Birthdays or Anniversaries this week.



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10am Tuesday Services has recommenced and is held every Tuesday in the Vestry. Masks are encouraged.

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**Notes:**

PCC Meeting will be today after the service.

Six or seven parishioners will be going to the Conference in Orange on the 30th July.

A cheque was posted to BCA for the amount of \$634.00 which is more than our assessment.

Assessment paid for CGS \$500.00

Sent ABM \$1248.20

**PRAYERS ARE THE STAIRS TO GOD**

Prayers are the stairs  
We must climb every day,  
If we would reach God  
There is no other way,  
For we learn to know God  
When we meet Him in prayer  
And ask Him to lighten  
Our burden of care—  
So start in the morning  
And, though the way's steep,  
Climb ever upward  
'Til your eyes close in sleep—  
For prayers are the stairs  
That lead to the Lord,  
And to meet Him in prayer  
Is the climber's reward.

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## MORNING PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY Year C.

Licensed Lay Minister on Duty  
**Wendy Murray  
Glenn Murray**

Intincture Cup

Acts 8: 1-25 Stan Dodgson

Colossians 2: 6—15 Shirley Magrath

Luke 11: 1-13

### Parish of West Wyalong Mission Statement

WE SHALL SERVE CHRIST AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AS AN ALL-AGE WELL-RESOURCED GROWING ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP USING THE "FIVE MARKS OF MISSION"

1. Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
2. Teach, baptise, and nurture new believers.
3. Respond to human need by loving service
4. Seek to transform unjust structures of society.
5. Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY 31ST JULY 2022

Licensed Lay Minister on duty

Acts 9: 1-31 Jan Heffer

Colossians 3: 1-11 Geoff Winder

Luke 12: 13- 21

If you are unable to read on the day, please contact Fran Mitchell on 0429724221



### Next Service 31ST JULY 2022 MORNING PRAYER

#### SIDE PERSONS:

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Wendy Mulder

MORNING  
TEA



Arrangements have been made for professional cleaner to come

#### CHURCH CLEANING



#### BRASS CLEANING



#### FLOWER ARRANGING

Shirley Magrath

Frank Magrath  
Terry Butcher



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#### COUNTING TODAY

Service Schedule



DURING THE WEEK:  
Tuesday 10 am Morning Prayer

SERVICE FOR NEXT SUNDAY:  
9.30 am Morning Prayer

for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, 16 because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. 18 When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money 19 and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." 20 Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! 21 You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. 22 Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. 23 For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin." 24 Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me." 25 After they had further proclaimed the word of the Lord and testified about Jesus, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many Samaritan villages.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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**Psalm 85 (Reading Alternate Verses.)**

**You, LORD, showed favour to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

2 You forgave the iniquity of your people  
and covered all their sins.

**3 You set aside all your wrath  
and turned from your fierce anger.**

4 Restore us again, God our Saviour,  
and put away your displeasure toward us.

**5 Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger through all generations?**

6 Will you not revive us again,  
that your people may rejoice in you?

**7 Show us your unfailing love, LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.**

8 I will listen to what God the LORD says;  
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—  
but let them not turn to folly.

**9 Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

10 Love and faithfulness meet together;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**11 Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,  
and righteousness looks down from heaven.**

12 The LORD will indeed give what is good,



**Prayer Requests**

**Our Nation :** Prime Minister, Premier, our Mayor and Councillors. All elected and appointed people in positions of responsibility and their decision making.



**Worldwide Church: The Church in Wales.**

**National Church:** The Diocese of The Murray with Bishop Keith Dalby, clergy and people. Pray for Bishop Keith as he seeks to remind clergy and people of the precious good news of Jesus.

**Bathurst Diocese:** The Parish of Wellington with the Revd Carl Palmer (Deacon-in-Charge). May Carl and Jennie be empowered by God's wisdom as they seek to point people to Jesus. Pray for Macquarie Anglican Grammar School; the Head, Mr Craig Mansour, Chaplain the Revd Tom Owen, students, parents and staff - that this school may be effective in pointing students to the life, joy, peace and hope found in relationship with Jesus. We also remember Bishop Mark and Susan in our prayers.

**Local needs:** Pray for those facing persecution for following Jesus that they may cling to God and know his strength for standing firm.

**Parish:** We pray for a faithful Priest who can encourage and equip us for our ministry in our community.

**Community:** We pray for our community as a whole and Lions, Rotary, Men's Shed, Probus, CWA, Hospital Auxiliary, RSL Auxiliary, Community Transport and Drivers, Ambulance and Police Services, all Doctors and Nursing Staff at our local hospital.

**We pray for Healing for:** All patients, who are in hospital, the Residents of the Waratah Village. We give thanks for the doctors and all staff who take care of them.

**Faithful Departed:** We pray for the families of their departed loved ones on the anniversary of their death: Ann Porter, Barry Duncan, Jean Boneham, Harriet Cartwright, Grace Bolte, Athol Peel, Donald Heffer, Lurense Woods, Rudy Cattle, Ivo Butcher, Hubert Hudson, Richard Myers, Myrtyl Reid, Ivy Grintell, Bert Hudson, Keith Spackman, Clive McClintock, Monty Hart, Mary Thomas, Les Worner.

**ANGLICARE**

A brief time after Jesus' resurrection Peter is quizzed by Jesus three times as to his willingness to love Jesus and Peter's confident responses result in him being commissioned to feed Jesus' sheep (John 21:15-18). What other prophesy is given to Peter?

The current Acts preaching series shows us Peter in a leader's role of the Jerusalem Apostles and the recent disciples. You might remember Peter appeared before the Sanhedrin with John.

There is quiet a lot more in Acts and there are two epistles attributed to Peter as author. All of which will show you more of this resilient Christian man.

While the Bible tells us much of Peter in Palestine little is known about Peter afterwards, except from some referrals that could have been him. A few historians of the period, one of whom is Eusebius, suggests that Peter died between 54-68CE during Emperor Nero's reign. Others hold that the year 64CE is more likely as this is the peak year of the Christian persecution in Rome.

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and our land will yield its harvest.

**13 Righteousness goes before him  
and prepares the way for his steps.**

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**Colossians 2: 6-15**

**6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. 8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. 9 For in Christ all the fulness of the Deity lives in bodily form, 10 and in Christ you have been brought to fulness. He is the head over every power and authority. 11 In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. 15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a**

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**The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ According to ...**

**Luke 11: 1-13**

**1 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.’ 2 He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. 3 Give us each day our daily bread. 4 Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.”’ 5 Then Jesus said to them, ‘Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.” 7 And suppose the one inside answers, “Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.” 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. 9 ‘So I say to you: ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be**

**opened. 11 ‘Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’**

**For the Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**Peter: a fisherman who becomes a shepherd.**

As we cross over into the New Testament we move to the more recent people as our search for Resilient Bible people continues. People who rely on their faith in Jesus.

Peter first appears in the New Testament as a fisher and brother of Andrew (Matt 4:18-20, Mark 1:16-18). We see his role grow to be a leader and part of Jesus’s trusted inner circle. Peter, as leader, declares his own faith in Jesus (Matt 16:17), and in the following verses Jesus announces Peter’s role as the rock of Jesus’ church (v18ff). But a later boast and desertion of Jesus, while he is being questioned, reminds us that Peter is also a human man with his own vulnerability to implode under pressure (Matt 26:69-75).

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