

Thought for the Week from Mother's Union Australia
Sunday 3rd July 2022



THE ANGLICAN LANTERN
PARISH OF WEST WYALONG
Including Tallimba, Ungarie, West Wyalong,
Wyalong and Yalgogrin Nth.



Justice and mercy

It can cause all sorts of trouble when people get the wrong end of the stick and words such as 'justice' and 'mercy', are prime examples. They are used in the Bible used to describe God; in our culture they are what we want when we are victims of an injustice or when we have done wrong. Of course, language is an ever-changing tool but if we are to be just and merciful ourselves then we must try to understand these attributes of God as presented in Scripture. Mercy (hesed), loving-kindness (KJV) is God's tender forbearance of frail humanity. Justice is about right relationship between God and humans, humans with each other, all brought about by God's grace.

"Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him. Isaiah 30:18"

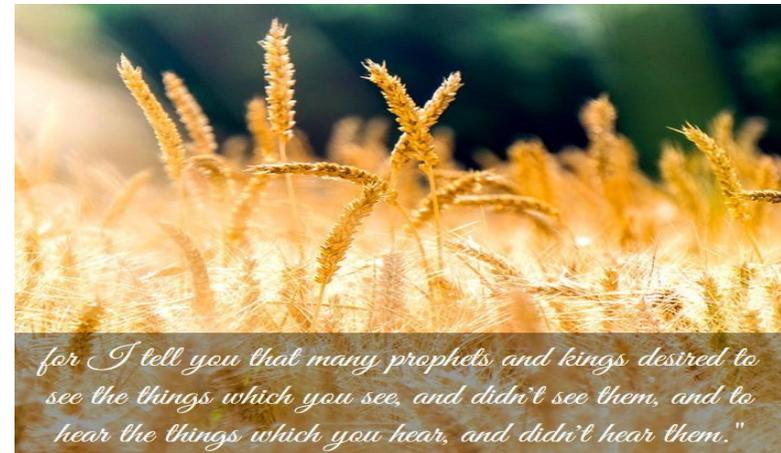
Mothers' Union members, pray to be just and merciful as God is just and merciful. This may mean changing your approach – less asking and more listening, less about me and more about others. Draw us through the narrowest of gates to the wide open space of the promise.

Count
-YOUR-
blessings

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Sentence

The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ask therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

Luke 10: 2

Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, in our baptism you called us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom: give us courage, as you gave it to the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life; in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

2 Kings 5: 1-14

1 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. 2 Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. 3 She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' 4 So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. 5 And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.' He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. 6 He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' 7 When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.' 8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' 9 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. 10 Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go,

*We welcome everyone
worshipping here today.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Congratulations to those celebrating: 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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Coin Muster today.

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We will be having Extended Communion today.

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Rev Linda Boss will be joining us again on the 17th July.

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NO PRAYER GOES UNHEARD

Often we pause and wonder
When we kneel down to pray -
Can God really hear
The prayers that we say...
But if we keep praying
And talking to Him,
He'll brighten the soul
That was clouded and dim,
And as we continue
Our burden seems lighter,
Our sorrow is softened
And our outlook is brighter-
For though we feel helpless
And alone when we start,
Our prayer is the key
That opens the heart,
And as our heart opens
The dear Lord comes in
And the prayer that we felt
We could never begin
Is so easy to say
For the Lord understands
And gives us new strength
By the touch of His hands.

HOLY COMMUNION

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY Year C.

Licensed Lay Minister on Duty
**Marie Seckold
Susan Haines**

Intincture Cup

2 Kings 5: 1-14 Geoff Winder

Acts 6: 1-7 Fran Mitchell

Luke 10: 1-12, 17-24

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 10TH JULY 2022

Licensed Lay Minister on duty

Acts 7 Shirley Magrath

Colossians 1: 1-14 Wendy Murray

Luke 10: 25-27

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



Next Service 10TH JULY 2022 MORNING PRAYER

SIDE PERSONS:

Gwen Downey



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Jean Gillard

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

wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' 11 But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. 13 But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' 14 So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 30

- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up from the depths: and have not suffered my foes to triumph over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried to you: and you have made me whole.
- 3 You brought me back, O Lord, from the land of silence:

you saved my life
from among those that go down to the Pit.
4 Sing praises to the Lord, all you his faithful ones:
and give thanks to his holy name.
5 For if in his anger is havoc,
in his good favour is life:
heaviness may endure for a night,
but joy comes in the morning.
6 In my prosperity I said 'I shall never be moved:
your goodness, O Lord, has set me on so firm a hill.'
7 Then you hid your face from me:
and I was greatly dismayed.
8 I cried to you, O God:
and made my petition humbly to my Lord.
9 'What profit is there in my blood,
if I go down to the Pit:
can the dust give you thanks,
or declare your faithfulness?
10 'Hear, O Lord, and be merciful:
O Lord, be my helper.'
11 You have turned my lamentation into dancing:
you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with joy,
12 That my heart may sing your praise and never be silent:
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

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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 Anglican Church of Tanzania.

National Church: The Diocese of Armidale with Bishop Rod Chiswell, clergy and people. Pray the gospel will be proclaimed with power throughout the diocese.

Bathurst Diocese: Pray for the work of Anglicare in our Diocese, that people in need will be helped and that they might see the love and care of the Lord Jesus through the help we bring. We pray for Bishop Mark and Susan as well.

Local needs: Pray for teachers and students in our local schools, TAFEs and University Campuses. Pray for the witness to Christ in these places and for SRE teachers in our schools.

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 St. Vincent De Paul, Anglicare, Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels, Can Assist Committee, Far West Committee, Community Transport and their 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: Sam Pellow, Graham Duff, Alma Martin, Sylvia Halliwell, Brendon Herridge, Bert Clark, Vera Halliwell, Coral Wyse, Betty Fitzgerald, Jo Hart, Ernie Taylor, Keith Lemon, Sheila Grellman, Stella Lemon, Charles Taber, Henry (Harry) Harrison, Eileen Hall, Fred Butcher.

ANGLICARE

Resilience in Others; Abraham.

While Abraham occurs in the Bible briefly and arrives out of 'nowhere' he was in fact part of the original ancestral line. Right back to the time of Adam and Eve. Yet there is much more to Abraham as his Biblical account begins when God calls him to go to a new home and promises to bless him with families and curse those who curse him and bless those who bless him. (Gen 12:1)

We Christians see Abraham not only as the father of the Jews but also as the father of the extended promise to all the people of the earth that God, because Abraham was faithful to God, would bless us. It is not until Gen 22: 16-17, after Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his son Isaac, and was about to kill Isaac that God renewed his promise to Abraham with an oath in God's own name for all peoples.

New Testament authors such as Paul (Romans 4:11-12, Galatians 3:6-9); James (James 2:21-24); and the writer of Hebrews (Hebrews 11:8-13) all claim Abraham as our spiritual ancestor because of his great faith and obedience in God in all circumstances. Especially Abraham's willingness to go from his homeland when God called him, to where God required, and to be fully ready to sacrifice his son Isaac at God's command.

You can read a full account of Abraham (Genesis 12 – 27) where he had many interferences and troubles along the way before and after God made His promise on God's own oath.

But Abraham sought to uphold and keep strong his own faith in God and in his family to honour God as much as possible. So too our challenge is to keep our faith in God through all difficulties and seek God's assistance in prayer to keep our faith strong and alive in Jesus.

Acts 6 : 1-7

6 In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. 2 So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. 3 Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them 4 and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." 5 This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. 6 They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. 7 So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith. Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Luke 10: 1-12, 17-24

1 After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself

intended to go. 2 He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. 3 Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" 6 And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. 7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; 9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." 10 But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 11 "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near." 12 I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town. 17 The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' 18 He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. 19 See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in

heaven.' 21 At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 22 All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.' 23 Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately, 'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! 24 For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Our daily lives can easily become filled with stress, pressure and confusion. But we can stop at any moment and slip away into the presence of God's Spirit through prayer and meditation, and there find peace and refreshment.

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