

Why we should be a praying Church

Martin Luther: "Prayer is the most important thing in my life. If I should neglect prayer for a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith."

John Wesley: "I have so much to do that I must spend several hours in prayer before I am able to do it."

Billy Graham: "Every person whose life has counted for the church or for the Kingdom of God has been a man of prayer. You cannot afford to be too busy to pray. A prayerless Christian is a powerless Christian."

Prayer for the Archdeaconry

Loving God, let us be people of courage. Speak to the depths within our hearts and souls; the places where we ask the questions of meaning and faith and purpose. Help us attend to the answers, help us recognize what makes us afraid, what paralyses and holds us back. Let us understand these things, and then with love, with humour, courage and humility let us teach and learn, dream, and imagine and with every action, every word, work towards the vision of Your Kingdom among us. In Jesus's Name. Amen.

Prayer Requests

We give thanks for prayers answered and ask for continued prayers for:

Graham Robinson, Glen & Irene, Aletta, David & Jo & family, Mitch, Bishop Cam, Margot, Shirley, parishioners in the congregation of Saint James.

Pray for those whose need is ongoing:

Marj Desbrow, Liesel Cole, Tyson, Jan Embrey, Enid and Susanne Mallon.

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"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"

Isaiah 43.18—19

Giving: Envelopes are available at each centre. To deposit offerings:
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**30 MARCH 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MOTHERING SUNDAY**



Today's Services

Saint Luke's, Rosewood

9:00am (Rev'd John Simons)

Combined Service

4:30pm Alpha

Next Week

Saint Luke's, Rosewood

8:00am (Rev'd John Simons)

4:30pm Alpha

Today's Bible Readings

Joshua 5.2—12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5.16—21
Luke 15.11—32

Reflect on today's sentence

While he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

Luke 15.21

As we gather in the various churches of our parish, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul peoples, and their elders past and present. We honour the connection the traditional custodians have with this land.

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion,
you are slow to anger, and full of mercy,
welcoming sinners who return to you
with penitent hearts:
receive in your loving embrace all who
come home to you,
and seat them at your bountiful table,
that, with all your children, they may
feast with delight on all that satisfies the
hungry heart.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Luke 15: 11-32. THE PRODIGAL SON - YOUNGER SON

vs 11-13. The young man was following his selfish desires to leave his father's house wasting his inheritance in reckless living

vs 14 -16 .He was spiritually blind (PS 82:5). He became disillusioned as he ate food with the pigs and truly sunk to the depths.

vs 17. The younger son had to hit rock bottom. before he came to his senses .

vs 18."I will set out and go back to my father and say to him, I have sinned against heaven and you. He snapped out of his self focused blindness.
As Christians, we all know that sin is only pleasurable for a season. -Heb 11:25

vs 20. His father watched and waited for him.

From this we learn that our gracious Father will always wait for you and me, our sons and daughters and our grandchildren.-We continue to pray without ceasing (Luke 18:1). We thank God for answers to prayer.

The heart of God is tender and our heavenly Father will always rejoice over us when we turn around to Him with a contrite heart and a broken spirit - PS 51:17

Prayer - God of compassion, you await sinner's return and spread a feast to welcome home the lost. Save us from the temptations that lead us away from you, and draw us back to you.

May your word graciously be inscribed inwardly in our hearts. Amen



Rev'd John's Sermon Outline



Alpha Lenten Study

Come along to Alpha on every Sunday at 4.30pm. Renew your faith and enjoy fellowship with others and share a meal. We'll cover the following titles in the Alpha series;

March 30th: What does the Holy Spirit do? (Christina to moderate)

April 6th: "How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?"

April 13th: "Does God heal today?", and "How can I resist evil?"

April 20th: Easter Sunday (No Alpha gathering).

April 27th: "How can I tell others?", and "What about the Church?"
'To be the Aroma of Christ'

World Day of Prayer (re-scheduled)

The World Day of Prayer (which was postponed from earlier this month) will now be held on Friday 4th April at the Lutheran Church in Rosewood at 10am. This Service was put together by the Women of the Cook Islands and is based on Psalm 139. All are welcome. Please speak to Gwen Davenport (54679272) if you can assist in any way.

Men's Group

The Men's Group meets on the last Monday of the month at St Luke's Rosewood. Join us for a guest speaker, fellowship and a meal from 6:00pm..

Drake's IGA Grocery Collection

Our first collection for the year will be on Saturday 29 March. We meet at the car park entrance at 9:00am and collect donations of grocery items for the Rosewood Community Centre emergency hampers. Please see Christina if you can help.

