

Parish Press

Sunday July 7th, 2024

Sentence

Of Jesus many said, 'What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!' Mark 6.2

Prayer of the Day

O Lord our God,
you are always more ready to bestow
your good gifts upon us than we are to
seek them;
and more willing to give
than we desire or deserve:
in our every need,

grant us the first and best of all your
gifts,
the Spirit who makes us your children.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings

2 Samuel 5.1-5, 5.9-10

Psalms 48

2 Corinthians 12.2-10

Mark 6.1-13

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Today's services are

8am, Holy Communion

9.30am, Sung Holy Communion Service

5pm, Choral Evensong followed by wine and cheese

This week we pray for all who live in Albany Crescent Surrey Hills

The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. (Deuteronomy 31.8)

Mark's Ponderings

For most of us, the most powerful negative feeling we will ever experience is the feeling of rejection. People are rejected by their parents, children, spouses, co-workers, friends, peers, and even fellow church members! In our gospel for today, Jesus visits his hometown, where he is rejected.

These six short verses tell of a homecoming, a reunion of sorts, which ends on a bad note. Jesus, a local boy, has come home. But he has come home as a prophet, not as the "carpenter" who left town. In the eyes of the town, he's not a prophet. They're too familiar with him, know him too well, to accept the "new" Jesus.

Jesus has come home to the church of his childhood, the place where he was nurtured, the place where he first learned the scriptures. Obviously he had learned his lessons well. But the people could not get past "little Jesus" to Jesus the teacher and prophet.

Jesus had been gone for a while now. He had spent some time wandering with his cousin, John the Baptist. He had assembled a group to assist him with his ministry. He had met people who were hurting. He had met people with bruises, tears, suffering, pains, beggars and other people that would never be welcome in church on a Sunday morning. He ministered to them.

So his travels bring him home. And he's prepared to minister to them, because that is what he does now. But he is snubbed. "Wait a minute! Who does he think he is? That's Mary's boy. He just a carpenter!" You see an artisan, a carpenter, bricklayer, etc. was pretty low on the social scale compared to the prophet he was now calling himself. Prophets were up here and artisans were down here below peasants and just above beggars. Jesus was amazed at their unbelief." He knew who he was. Why couldn't they see it?

Jesus had stepped outside of the role his hometown people and kin had assigned to him and had returned to town to minister to them. And he was rejected. That had to hurt. He had come home to minister to the people he cared deeply for.

"And they took offense at him and he could do no deed of power there." The people there would not allow him to minister to them. They could not get past the image they had of Jesus. "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary." The people of Nazareth, his hometown, had the Messiah right there in front of them and they didn't even know it.

Can you imagine it? God in the flesh. Standing right there in front of them. And they're going, "Ahh! It's just that carpenter. Mary's kid. He's no prophet!" Rejected!

Who do you see Jesus as?

God Bless

Mark

Youth Group

Join us for our next Youth Group on the 21st of July from 5-6pm. The theme this month is 'Games, Games, Games'. Don't miss out on a great night!

Prayer Cards

Please make use of our Prayer Cards that can be found in each pew, and place them in the Prayer Box located near the Votive Candle.

The Wiffler Flute Ensemble and Friends

An afternoon of musical delights on Sunday 14th July at 2.30pm. Tickets at the door are a \$20 donation in aid of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.

Treasures and Tastes at Trinity

The next Treasures and Trinity Market is on Saturday July 20th. Please mark this date in your diary, and don't forget to invite your family and friends. For more details, please contact our Market Coordinator Natasha Kuperman.

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Parish Prayer List

Dorothy Duncan, Helen Burston, Stephen Binns, William Stewart (Stu) Parry, Robyn Foskett, Thelma Fiddymont, Rachel Hayman, Bruce Knox, Helen Morris, John and Sally James, Pam Dewar, Edith Jenkins, Hayden Daley, Margie Bradbeer, Sharne Campey, Joan Chamberlain, Eddie and Joan Willenberg, Leonie Omond.

We remember

We give you thanks for your servants in every age. Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of your kingdom. Doris Elizabeth Kidney, Ida Marie Holmes, Walter John Rea Dawson.

Praise

For the witness of all who have gone before us at Holy Trinity
For those who nurtured us in our journey of faith

Prayer

That we might respond to the call and commissions that we have received
Our Parish Council as we seek to reach out to the community

Direct Giving to Holy Trinity

To give directly to the Parish, via the Anglican Development Fund, **BSB: 703-122.**
Acct No: 0500 4680. Holy Trinity Surrey Hills.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Monday

11am Communion Service at Arcare

Tuesday

9.30am-12.30pm Office Open

Wednesday

10am Service of Holy Communion followed by morning tea

Thursday

10am Parish Prayer Service

9.30am-12.30pm Office Open

7.30pm Choir Practice

Friday

Mark's Day Off

Sunday

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Sung Service of Holy Communion followed by morning tea

2.30pm The Wiffler Flute Ensemble and Friends afternoon of music

Readings this week

Monday	Matthew 9.18-26
Tuesday	Matthew 9.32-38
Wednesday	Matthew 10.1-7
Thursday	Matthew 10.7-15
Friday	Matthew 10.16-23
Saturday	Matthew 10.24-33
Sunday	2 Samuel 6.1-5, 12-19, Psalm 24 Ephesians 1.1-14, Mark 6.14-29



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