



The Bathurst Anglican

The Newsletter of All Saints Cathedral Bathurst

With St Barnabas South Bathurst—St Peters Rockley— St Stephens Fitzgeralds Valley
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A Eureka Moment?

As a professional scientist, I am often asked many questions about science and Faith. One such question is; 'Isn't Faith a leap into the dark based on little or no evidence?'



We have probably heard the story of the famous Greek scientist Archimedes, born in 287 BC and best known for developing Archimedes Principle. A lump of iron thrown into water will sink to the bottom, but take that same weight of iron, reshape it as a 'boat' and it will float. That profound understanding, which we now take for granted, came to him when one day he jumped into a hot bath and observed that the water rose as his body slid into the bath. He is reputed to have run naked through the streets of Syracuse, shouting out 'Eureka' (Greek for 'I have found it'). In a flash of understanding, imagination or perhaps revelation, he had gone from no understanding to comprehending the principle of buoyancy.

One of the people who helped shape my Christian world view, was Prof CS Lewis, Professor of Literature at Cambridge University. He is rather famous for his children's books and as a defender of the Christian faith. He converted from strident atheism to Christian faith in a moment of inspiration whilst sitting on the top deck of a London bus, or as he puts it, was 'Surprised by Joy'. For Lewis this was his Eureka moment, joining the dots, and 'seeing' what he had not previously been able to see about the Ground of Being. There are some uncanny parallels between coming to Faith and the way in which science works.

We have all struggled to interpret one of those inkblot puzzles that look like a chaotic black mess. Suddenly, what was a chaotic nothingness, reveals itself as a tiger or a well-known face. John Newton, the slave trader who became an abolitionist, unlike CS Lewis, came to Faith over a period of years and included the Gospel words in his famous hymn 'Once I was blind but now I see'.

The Apostle Paul has some very helpful things to say about a Eureka moment and Faith, writing these marvellous words in Hebrews 11:1: 'Now faith is the substance of things hoped for **the evidence of things not seen**'.

The father of modern astronomy, Nicholas Copernicus in the 15th century, came up with a revolutionary understanding about how the solar system functions. People then, thought that the sun revolved around the earth, but he imagined in his mind the sun as being central to our planetary system, with the planets revolving around the sun. He could not actually 'see' what he was proposing, but by a leap of the imagination, was able to make sense of the available evidence. In this regard he was once blind but now saw the created order in a revolutionary new way.

Faith is not a leap into the dark, but a God inspired leap of the imagination, that enables the spiritually blind to see a new reality; the evidence is in both the written Word of God and in God's Book of Nature.

David Goldney AM

Psalm 103

*Praise the Lord, O my soul :
and all that is within me,
praise his holy name.*

*Praise the Lord, O my soul :
and forget not all his benefits,*

*Who forgives all your sin :
and heals all your infirmities,*

*Who redeems your life from
the Pit :
and crowns you with mercy
and compassion;*

*Who satisfies your being with
good things :
so that your youth is renewed
like an eagle's.*

*The Lord works
righteousness :
and justice for all who are
oppressed.*

*He made known his ways to
Moses :
and his works to the children
of Israel.*

*The Lord is full of compassion
and mercy :
slow to anger and of great
goodness. .*

*We worship on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri people and we honour
and pay our respects to elders past and present.*

Prayer Cycle

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria.

NATIONAL CHURCH

The Diocese of Rockhampton and Bishop Peter Grice, and for the clergy and people. Pray for wisdom for Peter as he continues to settle into the role – especially that he will know how best to allocate his time and build up his team of clergy.

BATHURST DIOCESE

Parish of Gilgandra. Pray that the Lord will raise up someone new to lead this parish, and that there will be open doors and hearts for the good news of Jesus. Thank the Lord for the deacon, the Rev'd Anne Younghusband and Neville along with the very active lay ministers.

LOCAL NEEDS

Pray for mothers and fathers with young children and for pre-school groups, kindergarten and primary school teachers and those working with children with special needs. Pray for grace and love, wisdom and compassion. And in Christian contexts, pray that children and parents will be pointed to the hope we have in Jesus.

BIBLE VERSE

Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.
Exodus 20:12

DIOCESAN PRAYER

Lord Christ, as we sit at your feet, teach us your living way; for you are our Word and Wisdom, one God with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

Parish News

SAVE THE DATE— FRIENDS OF THE CATHEDRAL LUNCHEON

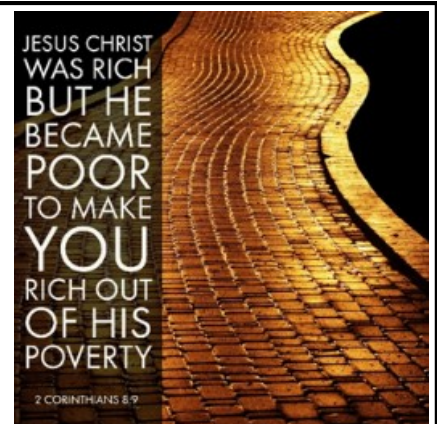
On **Sunday 25 September**, The Friends of All Saints' Cathedral will hold a **Jubilee Luncheon** to celebrate the consecration of the new Cathedral in 1971. (The event had to be postponed last year due to COVID).

The Luncheon (12 noon for 12.30 p.m.) will be held at Abercrombie House at a cost of \$60 per person, for a three-course meal, including drinks. (Gluten-free and vegetarian options are available). All are welcome. If you'd like to join us, please contact Jane on 0427 280 352 or j.francis1@bigpond.com.

Reflection.....

I love the line 'for you, this is impossible; for God everything is possible'. It has taken me to many places over the years. These days, it makes me think about trust, an attitude that is in short supply.

Why do people strive to be rich? After all, there's only so much money you can spend. Jesus sees the downside of wealth. If you are overburdened with possessions, getting into heaven is like trying to fit a camel through the eye of a needle. I don't think this is judgmental. It is simply a statement of fact. If your trust is in what you own, then your life is bound to be anxious and defensive. But if we can take to heart those words 'nothing is impossible to God', then we can find a freedom that means we don't have to be so self-reliant. Life is a journey, not a race.



Come Along & Join A Parish Group

- KIDS CLUB: Thursday 3.45-5pm Cathedral/Hall
FELLOWSHIP: 1st Monday each month, 10.30am—Bring your Handwork/Lunch. Phone 6331 4711 for venue.
Tuesday 7:30pm—Galbraith's home—91 Windemere Rd, Bathurst.
Wednesday 7:30pm—Cathedral
Wednesday 7:30pm—41 Logan St. Phil & Sho 0411 281 915
MU: Mothers Union—4th Tuesday each month, 5pm—Abbott Room, Cathedral
PRAYER: 1st Monday each month, 5.30pm—Abbott Room
CHOIR: Each Thursday, 7.00pm—Abbott Room
BELLRINGERS: Wednesday 6pm—Belltower. For enquiries phone +Richard 0409 633 789
FRIENDS OF CATHEDRAL: For enquiries phone Jane 0427 280 352

10 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE ... *with Phil Howes*

Come and meet the Verghese family over lunch **Sunday 28th at 12md** in the hall. Bring some food to share and hear bit more about what they'll be doing in their mission work with CMS. Ryan and Lynne have been invited by the Diocese of Seychelles (Province of Indian Ocean) to work alongside them to support theological students and encouraging local people in connecting their faith to life. Seychelles is an archipelago with around 100 000 people 1500km east of Africa. The local people have mostly African heritage along with British, French, Chinese and Indian influences.



SCIENCE WEEK PRAYER

Lord, you have endowed human beings with the ability to search out your laws and have given them the freedom to apply their knowledge as they choose. We ask your blessing on all engaged in scientific research and technology and on those who provide the resources for such work; that choice may be made of projects which enhance human life. May we thus be true stewards of your bounty, to our own inner satisfaction and your greater glory.

SERVICES

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| Cathedral | |
| Monday | 8.30am from 5/9 |
| Tuesday | 8.30am |
| Wednesday | 8.30am |
| Thursday | 8.30am M Prayer |
| Friday | 10.00am |
| Saturday | 5.00pm (6pm DST) |
| Sunday | |
| <i>Choral Eucharist</i> | 8.30am |
| <i>Contemporary</i> | 10.00am |
| St Barnabas | |
| Sunday | 10.00am |
| 3rd Thursday | 10.30am |
| St Peters Rockley | |
| 1st Sunday | 9.30am |
| St Pauls Yetholme | |
| 1st Sunday | 11am |
| St Stephens Fitzgeralds Valley | |
| 4th Sunday | 2.00pm |
| Holy Spirit Turondale | |
| Third Sunday | 2.00pm |
| Healing Service | |
| 1st Sunday | 4.00pm |

PARISH INFORMATION

CLERGY

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| Dean | Very Rev James Hodson |
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| Assist Minister | Steven Klouth |
| Honorary Clergy | Canon Carla Archer Rev Clare Percival Bishop Richard Hurford Rev John Butterworth |

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WARDENS OF THE CATHEDRAL

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Peter Steel

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Wednesday 9am-1pm

CATHEDRAL SHOP — Church Street

Please note that the Cathedral Shop is temporarily closed.

USEFUL ONLINE LINKS

Bishop's You Tube Channel

In your browser search Mark Calder you tube. A variety of services are available there.

Website

www.bathurstanglicancathedral.org.au

Cathedral Facebook Page

All Saints Cathedral Bathurst

**A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH
58.9b-14**

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many
generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honourable;
if you honour it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own
affairs;
then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the
earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken

For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

**A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE
HEBREWS 12.18-29**

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is,

created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING
TO LUKE 13.10-17**

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Today's Readings In Context

Isaiah 58:9-11 Isaiah tells the people that God doesn't want people to put on sackcloth and wail in a big show of humility. He actually wants them to share food with the hungry, bring homeless people into their houses, and give clothes to the naked. Their light will shine out if they can manage to do all of these things. They also must stop accusing other people of sin. Just, generally, no more backbiting.

Hebrews 12:18-29 The Hebrews addressed in our second reading were Jewish converts to Christ. They suffered because they were cut off from the dear religious comforts of their past, and were persecuted. The author interprets these trials as discipline given by a loving parent.

Luke 13:10-17 Saint Luke's audience were somewhat sophisticated pagan converts to Christ. They wondered how their new religion developed from the long-exclusive Judaism. Luke recalls some sayings of Jesus that address that question.