THE BATHURST ANGLICAN

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When the Wind is Against You

There are times in every life when it feels as though we are rowing against the wind. We do our best to keep moving forward, yet progress seems painfully slow. Anxiety rises, exhaustion sets in, and we begin to wonder whether God has forgotten us.

The disciples knew that feeling well. Long before dawn, they were alone on the lake, battered by the waves, while Jesus remained on the mountain in prayer. It's striking that although Jesus wasn't physically with them, he never lost sight of them. At just the right moment he came, walking across the very waters that threatened to overwhelm them.

Peter's response is wonderfully human. Filled with courage, he steps out of the boat, but when he shifts his attention from Christ to the strength of the wind, he becomes fearful and begins to sink. Yet even then, Jesus doesn't stand back in disappointment. He immediately reaches out his hand and lifts Peter up. Grace proves stronger than fear.

Perhaps that's the heart of this Gospel. Faith isn't the absence of storms, or the ability to pretend that life is easy. Faith is trusting that Christ comes to us in the midst of the storm, often in ways we do not expect, and that his hand is never beyond our reach.

The Gospel concludes with people bringing the sick to Jesus, believing that even touching the fringe of his cloak would bring healing. Their confidence reminds us that Christ continues to meet us in the ordinary places of life—in prayer, in Scripture, in the sacraments, and in one another.

Whatever winds may be blowing through your life today, hear again Jesus' words: *"Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."* They remain a promise that no storm, however fierce, is stronger than the presence and love of Christ.

Dean James

Psalm 85

I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase. Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.

HYMNS

ENTRANCE:
Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing 210
GRADUAL:
Be not afraid - Dufford (words on sheet)
OFFERTORY:
Seek ye first the kingdom of God 745
ANTHEM:
Donna Nobis - Mozart
FINAL:
Immortal, invisible 143

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Ordinations

Xanthe and Rob Yemm will be ordained as deacons and Jim Kapetangiannis and Robbie Nichols will be ordained as priests in the Cathedral on Saturday 22nd August at 11am. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Service for Prayer for Healing and Wholeness

The next Service with Prayers for Healing will be held on Sunday 9th August at 3.30 pm in the Abbott Room of the Cathedral, followed by light refreshments. All Welcome!

FOR PRAYER

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

The Episcopal Church of the United States

them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." 28 Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." 29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."
34 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. 35 After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word to that whole surrounding region, and people brought all who were sick to him 36 and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

For the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE DIOCESE

Grenfell: The Rev'd Steve and Mrs Clenda Wockner • Pray for the Lord's blessings on our task of reaching out to the 60+ age group and re-integrating lapsed Church members back into the congregation. • Pray for our Church members to become invitational to those we are seeking to reach. • Give thanks for the strong ecumenical spirit among the Uniting, Assemblies of God, Salvation Army and Roman Catholic Churches. Pray that in 2026, we may be developing stronger ties in order to reach the lost in Grenfell. • Pray that there will be a strong desire for the Word and worship among the Parish members. • Pray that the Anglican Parish of Grenfell may be a light in the darkness of Grenfell.

PARISH GROUPS

KINGDOM KIDS: For K-6, at the Sunday 10am service, during term time
FELLOWSHIP: 1st Monday of month, 10.30am — Bring your handwork/lunch. P: 6331 4711 for venue
BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday 7:30pm | 1st Wednesday of the month, 12 noon — Wednesday 7:30pm — Call Phil 0411 281 915 | Thursday 7:30pm — Call Phil 0411 281 915
MU: Mothers Union — 4th Tuesday each month, 5.30pm — Abbott Room, Cathedral
PRAYER GROUP: 1st Monday each month, 5.30pm — Abbott Room
CHOIR: Each Thursday, 7.00pm — Abbott Room
BELLRINGERS: Wednesday 6pm — Belltower. Enquiries: Richard 0409 633 789
DANCE: 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 2-5pm — Walshaw Hall. $10pp P: 0421 871 348 | E: infowillamer@gmail.com

10am Contemporary Service

With Xanthe Yemm

Last week, the Dean, Rob, Phil and I had the joy of attending our diocesan clergy retreat. It was a wonderful opportunity for Rob and I particularly to meet and get to know pastors from across the diocese and to be reminded that we are part of a much bigger team serving Christ together.

Each day we gathered for morning prayer, shared communion, and spent time sitting under God's word. Greg Harris from BCA encouraged us with Bible talks on serving in ministry with both grit and grace, particularly in the unique challenges of ministry in rural Australia.

One of the greatest gifts of the retreat was the daily rhythm of two and a half hours of silence. When I heard that we would spend every morning in silence, I was intimidated! However, in the midst of the busyness of ministry, it was a chance to slow down, be still before God, and simply enjoy being with him and his people. We returned refreshed, encouraged, and thankful!

Warmly in Him, Xanthe Yemm
Assistant Minister - Bathurst Anglican Cathedral

TODAY'S READINGS IN CONTEXT

1 Kings 19:9-18 The prophet Elijah is exhausted, afraid, and hiding in a cave on Mount Horeb after fleeing the death threats of Queen Jezebel.

Romans 10:4-15 Paul explains that righteousness comes through faith in Christ rather than the law, is available to all people equally, and requires the active preaching of the gospel.

Matthew 14:22-36 This reading immediately after the feeding of the 5,000 and before the conflict with the Pharisees over traditions in Chapter 15, showcasing Jesus' divine identity, His power over nature, and the reality of human doubt.

SERVICES

Cathedral
Monday 8.30am
Tuesday
Wednesday 8.30am
Thursday 8.30am BCP
Friday 10.00am
Saturday 5.00pm (6pm DST)
Sunday Choral Eucharist 8.30am
Sunday Contemporary 10.00am

St Barnabas
Sunday 10.00am
3rd Thursday 10.30am

St Peters Rockley
1st Sunday 10.30am

St Pauls Yetholme
1st Sunday 11am

St Stephens Fitzgeralds Valley
4th Sunday 2.00pm

Holy Spirit Turondale
4th Sunday 2.00pm

Healing Service
1st Sunday 3:30pm

CLERGY

Dean The Very Rev James Hodson
Assoc Minister Rev Phil Howes
Assistant Ministers Rob & Xanthe Yemm
Honorary Clergy
Rev Clare Percival
Bishop Richard Hurford
Rev Anastasia Webster-Hawes
Rev Paul Woodhart

WARDENS

Sue West | Jane Francis | Robyn Holland

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A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF KINGS

Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying,
"What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10 He answered, "I
have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts,
for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown
down your altars, and killed your prophets with the
sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to
take it away."

11 He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before
the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there
was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting
mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the
Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the
wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the
earthquake, 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the
Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of
sheer silence. 13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his
face in his mantle and went out and stood at the
entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him
that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 14 He
answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the
God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your
covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your
prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are
seeking my life, to take it away." 15 Then the Lord said
to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of
Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as
king over Aram. 16 Also you shall anoint Jehu son of
Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha
son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your
place. 17 Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael,
Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of
Jehu, Elisha shall kill. 18 Yet I will leave seven thousand
in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and
every mouth that has not kissed him."

For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

5 Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes
from the law, that "the person who does these things will
live by them." 6 But the righteousness that comes from
faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend
into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) 7 "or 'Who
will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up
from the dead). 8 But what does it say?
"The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart"
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), 9 because[a] if
you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and
believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved. 10 For one believes with the heart,
leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the
mouth, leading to salvation. 11 The scripture says, "No
one who believes in him will be put to shame." 12 For
there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same
Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.
13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall
be saved."
14 But how are they to call on one in whom they have not
believed? And how are they to believe[f] in one of whom
they have never heard? And how are they to hear
without someone to proclaim him? 15 And how are they
to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written,
"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good
news!"

For the Word of the Lord
T**hanks be to God**

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into a
boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he
dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed
the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to
pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but
by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far
from the land, for the wind was against them. 25 And
early in the morning he came walking toward them on
the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on
the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And
they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke
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