

# Lakes Anglican Express

*Building the Body of Christ for the sake of the Kingdom.*

**Week beginning Sunday 19 February 2012**

**Transfiguration**

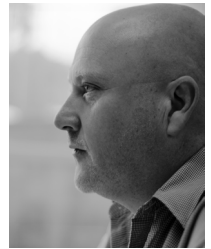
## **Reflecting on Mark 9:2–9**

*From Canon Hugh*

"This is my Son. Listen to him." So says the voice from the cloud to the small band of disciples on the mountaintop with Jesus. We have all come together today from many different paths – the call to be here may have come as recently as this week, or stretch back as far as your baptism as an infant. Make no mistake, though, at some point there has been a call upon us, a call we have listened to and responded to. And, now, here we are together.

I often say that we live in a world of constant noise – ipods, telephones, television, radio, talking books, traffic – the list goes on and on. Is it any wonder we have trouble being heard or in simply getting our kid's attention? There are many seductive paths calling out to us, promising satisfaction or fulfilment – property, work, family, superannuation, the next great holiday. Their voices can drown out the reasoning parts of our brains.

In the quiet of a mountaintop, the voice of God speaks and commands us to listen to Jesus, his beloved Son. Not listen to him as one voice among many, but as the only one who will lead to life, to satisfaction, to fulfilment. Well, here we are today. Gathered from many paths. The call of God has brought us together. The call of God will lead us out from here. Are you willing to listen to Jesus, and him alone?



## Welcome

If you're new to church, or just new to our church, we'd like to welcome you today.

## Daily Readings

### Sun 19 February

2 Kings 2:1–12  
Psalm 50:1–6  
2 Corinthians 4:3–12  
Mark 9:2–9

### Mon 20 February

James 3:13–18  
Psalm 19:7–10  
Mark 9:14–29

### Tues 21 February

James 4:1–10  
Psalm 55:20–23  
Mark 9:30–37

### Wed 22 February –

#### Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1–2, 12–17  
Psalm 51:1–17  
2 Corinth 5:20b–6:10  
Matthew 6:1–6(7–15)  
16–21

### Thurs 23 February

Deut 30:15–20  
Psalm 1  
Luke 9:20–25

### Fri 24 February

Isaiah 58:1–9a  
Psalm 51:15–19  
Matthew 9:14–15

### Sat 25 February

Isaiah 58:9b–14  
Psalm 86:1–7  
Luke 5:27–32

### Sun 26 February

Genesis 9:8–17  
Psalm 25:1–10  
1 Peter 3:18–22  
Mark 1:9–15

## Contact Information

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## What's on

### Sun 19 February – Back to Church Sunday

- 7.30am Holy Eucharist
- 9.30am Holy Eucharist (family service) Lakes Grammar Yrs 7–9
- 11.30am AGM

### Mon 20 February

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
- 10.00am Gorokan Grandies (GAPS) Bethany Room
- 10.00am Holy Eucharist – Warnervale Gardens
- 10.00am Ladies' Bible Study – ring Helen 4392 4244 for details
- 2.00pm Bible Study - Canon Hugh's Office
- 7.30pm Bible Study – Voorwinde's – 4399 2060

### Tues 21 February

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
- 9.00am SRE – Tuggerawong Public School
- 1.30pm Bible Study – ring Ian 4358 2171 for details

### Wed 22 February – Ash Wednesday

- 7.00am Holy Eucharist and imposition of ashes
- 8.00am Bible Study – Ministry Centre
- 9.00am Staff Meeting
- 10.00am Holy Eucharist and imposition of ashes
- 10.00am A Listening Ear – Grief and Loss Group
- 4.30pm LakesKids – Activities for K–6 children to 6pm
- 6.00pm Holy Eucharist and imposition of ashes

### Thurs 23 February

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
- 9.00am Men Woodworkers' Shed
- 10.30am Coffee and Chat

### Fri 24 February

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
- 3.00pm Choir Practice

### Sat 25 February

- 1.00pm Scrap-booking

### Sun 26 February

- 7.30am Holy Eucharist
- 8.45am Lenten Discussion
- 9.30am Holy Eucharist
- 5.00pm Informal Lenten Discussion

*For more information about what's on, contact the office, or ask a minister.*

# Prayer Page

## Diocesan Prayer Points

*This weekly list is part of a monthly cycle of prayer which covers all the parishes in the Newcastle Diocese, and each Anglican Diocese in Australia.*

### Maitland Area Deanery

Sonia Roulston (Area Dean)

### Parish of Mt Vincent and Weston

Led by Rev'd Keith Joseph (Parish Priest), Carl and Lorraine Lanham (Deacon in Local Mission), Judith Farnham, Kathy Gilshenen, Joy Henderson, Linda Klienschaffer and Margaret Sheedy (Lay Ministers).

### Telarah Rutherford

Led by Rev'd Katharine and David Bowyer (Parish Priest).

### Lay Liturgical Assistants,

Preachers in the Local Congregation and Chalice Assistants

### Diocesan Environment Commission

Led by Geoff Rigby (Chair)

### The Environment

### Diocese of Rockhampton

Led by Bishop Godfrey Fryar

## Ministering Communities

O God, our Father, as you sent your Son, send us into your world with your compelling love.

Help us by your Spirit, to share your Gospel of love and forgiveness, of justice and peace, of compassion and care.

Revive your Church and save your people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Our Parish Prayer

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on our Church that it may proclaim your Good News.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on our Parish that we may be renewed in your service.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me that I may know you and make you known.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us that we may share your love here and in the wider community. Amen.

## Prayer of the week

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the benefits of his sacrifice, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Parishioners to pray for...

### Who need continuing prayer...

Stephen Hambrook  
David Wasson  
Michael Garrett  
Jodie Faulks  
Robert, Jill & Stephen Smeallie  
Eileen Scholes  
Danielle Sykes  
Colin Campbell  
Leon Woolley  
Ken & Bessie Wilson  
Joyce Trigg  
Joyce Ephraim  
Jodie Graham

### In particular...

We continue to hold Alan and Coral Whitham in our prayers.

We give thanks for the continued healing Jane Harris is experiencing.

Olive Clements is home and is slowly recovering.

Moira Gorman has had a good report from her oncologist but continues her treatment.

16 year old Danielle Sykes is seeing another specialist this week about her severe facial and jaw pain. We pray that this will lead to some treatment to relieve her pain.

### Thank You

I would like to thank my Parish Family for all the prayers, love and concern given to me during the recent illness, then death of my

sister Margaret Bugg. The Deacons have been very supportive, visiting and phoning during this time. Thank you all most sincerely.

*Joan Reed.*

My thanks to everyone for their prayers, cards and messages during my knee replacement. To know that so many were praying with me was humbling and very special. Recovery is a slow process but I look forward to being able to share in worship soon. May God richly bless each one of you.

*Jane Harris*

### SRE Teachers Prayer

We pray that God will be with them as they go into the classroom. That they will be filled with love for the children they teach. That they will be given a spirit of understanding and a listening heart. May God bless the children with whom they share the journey. Amen.

### SRE News

SRE has already resumed at Tuggerawong and will resume at Gorokan and Kanwal very soon. Please pray for our teachers as they prepare for this year's work in the local schools.

### Items for Express

Please send items to Robyn Price by 8pm Tuesday. Please send to:  
(Robyn) [r.m.price7@bigpond.com](mailto:r.m.price7@bigpond.com) or  
(Office) [gorokan@bigpond.com](mailto:gorokan@bigpond.com) or ring Robyn on 4396 5887.

## Upcoming events

### Sunday 26 February

Lenten Discussions commence

### Saturday 3 March

Cursillo Regional 4th Day

### Sunday 4 March

+Peter's visit

### Thursday 15 March

Healing Service

### Wed 21 March

Friendship Lunch

### Wed 28 March

Literary Talk by Jill Mather

## AGM – today at 11.30am

The AGM will be held at 11.30am today – 19 February. Please make an effort to attend this meeting.

AGM Booklets still available if you missed getting one last Sunday.

## Cursillo – Regional 4th Day

Saturday 3 March at 9am here at the Church. Please bring morning tea to share and BYO lunch.

All are welcome to attend this day for praise and worship.

For further details contact Noeline Darcy.

## Quiet Morning cancelled

Because of a clash with Cursillo, the March 3rd Quiet Day has been cancelled.

## World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement dating back to the 19th century, bringing together Christian traditions for an annual day of worship and prayer.

More than three million people in over 170 countries join in a service on the first Friday in March. Each year a different country is celebrated and this year the country is Malaysia.

The service this year is on Friday 2 March at Toukley Presbyterian Church – 10am for Morning Tea, followed by Church Service at 10.30am. Lunch will be served after the service. For catering purposes, please leave your name at the Parish Office, or let me know.

*Faye Lougoun*

## Friendship Lunch

The first Friendship Luncheon for 2012 is on Wednesday 21 March at 11.30 am. Entertainers are the very popular "KB Singers".

We look forward to sharing fellowship with our church family. Donation \$10. RSVP 14 March – acceptance sheet in the foyer or ring Dorothee Crowther on 4392 1884.

## LakesKids – Wednesdays

LakesKids club every Wednesday from 4.30pm to 6.00pm in the hall. For more information please ring the Parish Office, Carol Barrie (4393 6915) or Rev'd Barbara Bagley.

## Welcome to Lakes Grammar

Today we welcome students, families and teachers from years 7–9 at Lakes Grammar – An Anglican School and also all who have joined us in worship as part of “Back to Church Sunday”.

## Sunday Club – Next Sunday

The Sunday Club will be held next Sunday 26 February at 12 noon in the Hall. Bring and share lunch. All welcome.

## A Friendly Ear – Grief and Loss

“A Friendly Ear” Grief and Loss Group is held on the 4th Wednesday each month here at the church: 10am to 11.30am. Next session is this Wednesday 22 February.

The group is facilitated by the Rev'd Lyn Porritt, Executive Pastor and is open to all who would like a safe place to share their story.

Enquiries – call the Parish Office.

## MU Fees now due

MU Annual fees of \$20 are now due. Could members please pay fees to Noeline Darcy this month.

## Offerings

Offertories for last Sunday (12 Feb)

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| General giving    | \$ 1,852.05 |
| Mission Giving    | \$ 30.00    |
| Average offertory | \$ 1,986.99 |

## Ash Wednesday 22 Feb

On Ash Wednesday this week there will be Imposition of Ashes and the Eucharist at 7am, 10am and 6pm.

## Lent Sunday Evenings

Sunday Evening Lenten Discussions commence next Sunday 26 February, at 5pm. These will take the form of an informal inter-active discussion based on the Sunday Bible readings.

Sunday Morning Discussions will commence next Sunday between the morning services and continue throughout Lent.

Add your name to the list in the foyer to order a Lenten Study booklet.

## Samaritans News

Samaritans have opened a Coffee Shop called “*Sam’s Cafe*” in the Community Centre at the corner of Oakland Ave and Battley Ave (The old school building) The Entrance.

“*Sam’s Cafe*” is open Wed and Thurs. 9.30am to 3.30pm, so if visiting The Entrance on those days please call and have a coffee and support this branch of Samaritans work.

This venture is aimed at developing the skills of people that Samaritans support with disability, through hands on café experience. *Faye Lougoon.*

## BCA Box Opening – March

Please bring your BCA boxes in during March for collection.

## Back to Church Sunday

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We welcome all those who are visitors with us today for worship. Our prayer is that you would encounter God in what we share today.

For some of you, your presence here will be a return after some time away. For others, this may be your first visit to worship here at Lakes – or anywhere, for that matter. You may have been invited by a friend, or been compelled to be here by virtue of attending Lakes Grammar.

Some of the things you find here in worship may seem a little strange! That's completely understandable. On the other hand, the two main sections of our worship together are based around two simple things you probably do most days. The first half of our worship revolves around telling and listening to stories. These stories tell of God and what God has done for us. The second half of our worships revolves around a meal. This meal reminds us – again – of what God has done for us and what God continues to do for us. Story and meal – as simple as that.

Through what we share we are reminded of God's presence with us in our lives. Through what we share we are reminded that God's story and our stories are linked together. Through what we share we are reminded that God invites us all to share in the fellowship of his table.

May you experience the God of welcome in our worship today, in our gathered community of faith, deep within your heart!



 **BacktoChurchSunday**