

# ST. BENEDICT'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Ministry District of Lower Yorke Peninsula  
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PEW SHEET  
22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2010



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**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost** – For the love of the law! How often do we hear the phrase ‘That is not how we do it here!’ It is one of those phrases that can pull the imagination to a half. Not so for Jesus. When the ‘keepers of the law’ challenge Jesus because he heals on the Sabbath. Jesus is not stopped, rather he stops them, challenges the reason for their law. Do we keep practices the way they are just because that’s the way they have always been? Jesus was and is a revolutionary, healing on the Sabbath, including women, and all outcasts, turning the tables of society, transforming religious laws. This passage reminds us that we can’t put God in our own people made boxes, for the power of God’s liberation cannot be stifled.

- Pray for the Church that it may be set free from boxes it uses to limit God.
- Give thanks for the clean water provided to communities through ABM’s Water, Sanitation and Health projects.

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## **A HUGE SENSE OF RELIEF**

I was interviewed for a national TV programme. The show’s producer wanted to do an advance interview, so that she could prepare material for the host. “I’ll call you at 1-30 on Monday,” she said. “Will you be there?” I promised I would. But Monday morning I took a car into town to get new tyres installed. The job took longer than I had expected. I didn’t get back to the house until after two. I called the producer. I felt terrible about missing an appointment – especially one that could see a bunch of my books! The next day she called back. She’d been sick on Monday, she said. I felt a surge of relief. It wasn’t my fault after all!

A similar emotion might explain the stunning growth of Christianity in the first century – people’s relief that it wasn’t all their fault. And even if it was, they would be forgiven.

Some people still believe that if God doesn’t answer your prayers, the problem must be your own lack of faith. First century Christianity offered a new concept. It wasn’t your fault after all. Teachers like Paul explained that the first humans had inflicted punishment on all their descendents by disobeying God. But God still loved people and offered a perfect sacrifice in the form of a human who had never sinned, to cancel that original sin.

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You can give without loving, but you can’t love without giving.

**Readings 22nd August MP**

Jeremiah 1. 4-10

Ps. 71. 1-6

Hebrews 12. 18-29

Luke 13. 10-17

**Reader: T. Martin****Sidesmen:****D. Litster/M. Mullan****Readings 29th August HC**

Jeremiah 2. 4-13

Ps. 81.1, 10-16

Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15-16

Luke 14. 1, 7-14

**MINISTRY DISTRICT****SERVICE AT St Mary's**Edinburgh 10-30am –lunch at  
Coobowie hotel

**Prayer of the day-** O God, the Judge of all, through the saving blood of your Son you have brought us to the heavenly Jerusalem and given us a kingdom which cannot be shaken: fill us with reverence and awe in your presence, that in thanksgiving we and all your Church may offer you acceptable worship; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives to intercede for us, now and for ever. Amen.

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**Southpark Hostel - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 9-30amMelaleuca Court - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 11amElanora - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 11amSt. Benedict's - every Wednesday at 9am MP

**WELCOME!** Especially to family and friends of our congregation, other visitors, or newcomers. If you receive Holy Communion in any Christian tradition, you are very welcome to receive the sacrament with us. We invite you to join us for morning tea afterwards in the hall. It is our custom to not pass the offering plate during the service, but there is a plate at the door if you would like to make a donation to our church

**Prayers** are requested for Felicity Corlett [*Dawn Parsons' Daughter*], Clarence Cook [*Jeff's brother*], Christopher Pullin, Rosemary & Bob Nicholls, Alison Clark [*friends of Michael & Anne*]

**Year's Mind:** William Tucker, Fred Edwards, David Fletcher, Anna-Maria Cook, Ellen Redding, Grace Cook, Squatter Ford, Jill Quick, Herman Russ, Maurice Mullan

## THE CALENDAR

- August 24 Feast Day of St. Bartholomew 11-30am HC  
29 Ministry District Service 10-30am St Mary's  
Edithburgh - followed by lunch at Coobowie hotel
- Sept. 3 Coffee & Craft 10am  
7 St. Benedict's church council 7-30pm  
8 Mothers Union 2pm  
12 Fork & Talk 6pm

**PLEASE CHECK THE NOTICE BOARDS EACH WEEK**

### **FEAST DAY OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW**

A service of Holy Communion will be held on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> August at 11-30am followed by lunch at the Football Club to celebrate this day.

### **COFFEE & CRAFT**

Next meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 10am in the hall followed by lunch at the Football Club.

### **MOTHERS UNION**

Next meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September will be a visit to Southpark when all members are asked to bring a plate of afternoon tea.

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### **GLOBEL WARMING**

Moses was praying to God to free his people when the voice of God rang out from the heavens.

“Moses,” he said, “I have good news and bad news.”

“What’s the good news?” asked Moses.

God said: “If Pharaoh will not let my people go, I will send down a rain of frogs, a plague of locusts and a plague of flies, and I will turn rivers to blood. And if Pharaoh pursues you, I shall open a path for you in the Red Sea but then close it again to drown his army.”

“That would be really helpful,” said Moses. “But tell me, what’s the bad news?”

God said: “Before I can do all this, you have to prepare an environmental impact statement.”