

# ST. BENEDICT'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Ministry District of Lower Yorke Peninsula  
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PEW SHEET  
19<sup>th</sup> September, 2010



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**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost** –In today’s gospel a manager is praised for his shrewdness. It is dangerous to assume that the one praising the manager is to be identified as Jesus. I always ask the question ‘why is the one who is dishonest commended?’

When we take a closer look at the text a lot of these questions are resolved by historical and literary analysis. One of the poignant challenges in this text is the closing words ‘You cannot serve both God and wealth.’ When I think about our society, our television advertisements, lifestyle, media, it would appear that money has taken on a divine quality. It appears easy to worship money. Is it really? No, the striving for money often takes many hours of work, late nights and limits quality time for family and friends. The images that the media present often contribute to low self-esteem and unrealistic expectations. If on the other hand we worship God, the one who knows us by name and loves us as we are, we are freed from unreal expectations and invited to live the fullness that is life.

- Pray for those for whom the expectation of financial success is a heavy burden.
- Give thanks for St. Margaret’s Anglican Health Centre in Popondetta, PNG, and its current refurbishment.

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## **Learning to live as Stewards**

Living and working in community and learning to take responsibility for God’s work on earth is an important part of our life as Christians. In the very first book of the Bible, God asks us to take care of the world God made and to share the many gifts God has given us. Sometimes we call this **stewardship** – taking care of things that have come to us from God. Each week Christians are invited to gather for worship – a time when we can praise and thank God for these gifts and also decide how we will make use of our time, skills, and possessions in the coming week. We do this when we give an offering, but we also do this in many different ways all week long. A smile or a hug, a helping hand, your patience and willingness to listen – all of these are offerings you can give.

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***It is more difficult to fight poverty in a rich country than in a poor one.***

*Mother Teresa*

**Readings 19th Sept. HC**

Jeremiah 8. 18 – 9.1

Ps. 79. 1-9

1 Tim. 2. 1-10

Luke 16. 1-13

**Reader: M. Cook****Sidesmen:****D. Walton/B. Edwards****Readings 26th Sept. MP**

Jeremiah 32. 1-3a, 6-15

Ps. 91. 1-6, 14-16

1 Tim.6. 6-19

Luke 16. 19-31

**Reader: K. Newbold****Sidesmen:****G. Carmichael/B. Cook**

**Prayer of the day-** O God, you are rich in love for your people: show us the treasure that endures and, when we are tempted by greed, call us back into your service and make us worthy to be entrusted with the wealth that never fails. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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:** Karyn Rattley, Hazel Rice, Mick Edwards, Vera Cook, Doris Cook, Sarah Kobelt

## THE CALENDAR

Sept. 26 Fr. Philip's farewell lunch 12-30pm Pt Vincent  
October 5 St. Benedict's Council 7-30pm

### PLEASE CHECK THE NOTICE BOARDS EACH WEEK

**Fr. Philip's farewell.** On 26<sup>th</sup> September the normal service will be held at St. Benedict's at 9-15am and the farewell lunch at the Ventnor Hotel, Port Vincent starting at 12-30pm. If you intend to be present, please put your name on the sheet at morning tea.

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The Prime Minister was on the dais as the parade of military might passed by. First squadrons of jets flew overhead, then, lines of tanks, heavy artillery and columns of infantry armed to the teeth. Finally, a group of men in pin-striped suits, awkwardly marching out of step brought up the rear of the parade.

"Is that your Secret Service Mr. Minister?" asked a foreign diplomat.  
"Oh, no! They are our economists. They can cause more damage than the rest put together."

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When Jock McTavish received a letter from the electricity board threatening to cut off the electricity if he didn't pay his long-overdue account he stormed down to the office.

"Look here," he told the manager. "Each month I put all the bills in my hat, give them a good stir, then pull one out and pay it. But if you don't stop hounding me with threatening letters your bill won't even go in the hat next month."

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**MONEY**, money, money:

If a man is always chasing it, he's mercenary.

If he doesn't chase it, he lacks ambition.

If he hoards it, he's stingy.

If he spends it, he's a spendthrift.

If he gets it without working, he's a parasite.

If he scrimps and saves, he is wasting his life.