

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2024

We are called to be evidence of God's love breaking into the world

Nambour Uniting Church

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Rev Maile Molitika - Minister's Message

"Tongan Seasonal Workers in the Sunshine Coast"

I was the minister of the Tongan Congregation at Park Church, Highgate Hill for 9 years before moving to the Sunshine Coast at the beginning of 2022. I accepted the call from Nambour Uniting Church toward the end of 2021 to be their minister. We moved in to the manse on the 27^{th} December, 2021 to be ready for the beginning of 2022. **Tai'ili**, a Tongan man and his family, lived in Rosemount and he was sort of father figure to the seasonal workers in the area. He looked after them and helping them to adapt to this new environment in Australia. Unfortunately, he passed away on the first January, 2022. I was shocked when a friend from Brisbane rang me on the first day of the year to let me know that Ta'ili has just passed away. He wanted me to go and say a prayer for the family. When we arrived with Siale at the house, there were people there - Ta'ili's wife and their family and about 15 seasonal workers singing hymns waiting for the family doctor to arrive. This was my first experience of meeting these seasonal workers. I found out later after the funeral that the boys really missed this man who was really a father figure to them all.

One evening, someone from the group came to my home and asked for help. They don't have a meeting place for the weekend anymore. They usually gathered at Ta'ili's home, but now they can't continue in his home. I said to this person, you can use my double garage for your meeting. They moved all their furniture from Ta'ili's home to the manse. I took over the responsibility of Ta'ili and now I was sort of a pastoral carer for them all.

When I reflected on the transition, it was meant to be like that. I arrived at the right time responding to my call to the church in Nambour and at the same time, helping to my own people who are here on the seasonal worker's scheme. Every weekend when we meet, I would encourage them to stay focussed on their call to work in Australia, making sure that they send money back for their families. We have bible studies and prayers over a Kava bowl to help their spiritual and moral life in Australia.

Last Sunday the 28th July, the congregation confirmed that Amity House will be used as accommodation for some of the seasonal workers. We are so grateful for the kindness of the congregation and we will use that opportunity to work together in God's Mission. I am sure we will work together in many ways to build up God's Kingdom in our church in Nambour.

Rev Graham Warne said, "In the past we have sent missionaries overseas to the islands; this new possibility would bring them to our doorstep."

LET US RECEIVE THIS NEW MISSION OPPORTUNITY WITH TWO HANDS AND GIVE THANKS TO GOD.

New opportunity on our doorstep AMITY HOUSE

Rev Graham Warne

Until recently the old church manse,
"Amity House",
adjacent to the present Nambour Church hall, had been hired out to a local environmental group un-associated with our church. This agreement had expired and efforts to find suitable replacement tenants proved unsuccessful.
The facility remained vacant and unproductive.



Our attention was drawn to the needs of Pacific Islanders who have come to our district as seasonal workers, who are currently being financially exploited and are in need of more suitable accommodation. It was suggested that the old manse could be utilized as accommodation at a much more affordable rate. Apart from assisting a needy group of people, it also makes the facility productive and worthwhile.

However, as the building had previously been used for commercial purposes it lacked adequate bathroom facilities. It was estimated that it would cost approximately \$20,000 to bring the building up to an acceptable standard as live-in accommodation with two bathrooms. We praise God that the Nambour Uniting Church has been given approval to seek access to the (MDF) Mission Development Fund to finance the necessary renovations, volunteers have donated their time and skills to make the alterations, and the church is having fund raising events to provide the necessary furnishing for the house.

AMITY - meaning

friendship, cordiality, brotherhood, goodwill, benevolence, kindness, harmony, fellowship, community, charity, camaraderie, concord

The use of the building as accommodation for the Pacific Islanders has a double benefit. First, it benefits the islanders themselves as it offers them a much more suitable and more affordable accommodation. Secondly, it also benefits the church as it brings a group of needy people within the sphere of the **church's witness and mission.**

In the past we have sent missionaries overseas to the islands; this new possibility would bring them to our very doorstep!

The whole project becomes even more relevant with our current Minister being of Tongan origin, and provides him an opportunity to minister to his own people who are culturally displaced.



At present, Tongans have a weekly gathering in the Minister's garage for prayers and kava as they don't have a space in their rented house. Living on the church property provides them with access to both the church facilities and our worship services.

This project provides the church with an exciting new missional opportunity, and we encourage your support through your prayers and giving. Let us welcome our new neighbours with open hearts.

To God be the glory!

Grace and peace, Rev Graham



The **NeXus** between our mission and our spiritual power is the gathered congregation. While God comes to us by His Spirit thus transforming us by his grace, we are drawn into precious fellowship with each other. As a congregation gathers for worship, it is being strengthened, then sent out again for a missional purpose. In times such as these, this copy of **Nambour NeXus** is provided so that you may have resources to assist you in your personal or household worship of God, to assist you in growing your faith, and to encourage your concern and prayers for others.



A personal testimony by Jillian Wilson-Stevens

Living in Gratitude

By being grateful to God we will develop all the fruits of the Spirit, as listed in Galatians 5:22 & 23: we'll have joy, peace and self-control; be patient, kind gentle and generous towards others, and faithful to God. This has been my personal experience.

I am indeed grateful to be able to share only a very condensed version of my journey to salvation. I was born to beautiful parents in the Hunter valley, NSW, raised as a Presbyterian (my mother's denomination), and attended church and Sunday School in East Maitland. My best friend since Kindergarten belonged to the Baptist church and encouraged many of us in our teenage years to attend their youth group on Sunday evening. It was here that the Lord spoke to me and I was baptised by immersion.

Many years were to follow as we went our separate ways but always remained in contact. My journey took me to Armidale Teachers' College and a further 45 years teaching with the NSW Department of Education; proudly and passionately in the public system from Taree to Ivanhoe (geographically the most isolated school in NSW where ministers flew in along with the Flying Doctor!). The local Anglican church enlisted me to play the pipe organ which was pretty disastrous as being barely 5ft 1inch tall my feet barely touched the pedals!

I returned home for two years due to family concerns and then spent three lovely years in Merriwa, attending a non-denominational bible study. I moved on to Greta in 1983 which proved to be a huge year, being married and having our firstborn son. After taking maternity leave, I reported to Thornton public school where I remained for 37 years. During this time our second son and daughter completed our family. With our home built in Raworth, we attended the Morpeth Uniting church which was close by, participating in Sunday school, youth groups and family worship.

Life appeared to be settled, however it was not destined to be. Losing my beloved Mother in 2002, followed by our divorce in 2003, my Niece's tragic passing in 2006, the death of my devoted Dad in 2007. My Father continues to be my inspiration: a WW2 veteran who returned to Queensland with nothing and persevered to build our lovely home, establishing himself as a very well known and respected character in the Maitland district.

At this point I returned to my education, amongst other things, completing my second degree majoring in sociology, a life-long dream. I still had my faith but felt disconnected. As a single parent I did my utmost to guide my kids but have witnessed the destructive and crippling affect drugs has on human families. It is indeed the curse of our society. As parents we never give up on our children and after ten arduous years we have seen the return of health and well-being for our darling daughter.

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I am grateful to have been through divorce, drugs and despair because although always empathetic, I believe the experience widens one's thinking and has given me a far better insight into the complexities of modern day living, enabling me to engage more effectively and realistically in a challenging world.

Moving to the Sunshine Coast has been God given! I am grateful for where I live amongst a cross-section of very diverse people. Since moving here I feel I have reconnected with Jesus. Our Minister, Rev Maile, does not preach at us but teaches us. The church itself has welcomed me and brought me treasured friendships.

I am grateful that while I live alone and experience some emptiness at times, there are also many opportunities. I treasure my independence, and am grateful for my family, my four precious grandchildren, the eldest and youngest (almost lost traumatically at birth) born with difficulty, but both now thriving.

God intervened to save our beautiful boy!

I live with gratitude and joy!

Blessings, Jillian



A further note:

Gratitude (= Thanksgiving) is a fundamental Christian virtue. The original word underlying our English is "eucharistia", literally meaning "good grace". It belongs to a whole family of words at the core of our Christian faith: Grace (charis), Joy (chara), Forgiveness (chariziomai, a verb meaning to bestow grace), and Thanksgiving (eucharistia).

Thus gratitude is at the very heart of our faith. The theologian, Karl Barth, wrote,

"The only appropriate response to Grace is **Gratitude!**"

Grace is God's gift to us; Gratitude is our return thanks to God and others. What a beautiful thought!

Rev Graham Warne

SEVEN DAILY PRAYERS FOR SEVEN DAYS

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Prayers of Gratitude, to Give Thanks to God

A prayer of gratitude is simply giving thanks to God in humility and love. We are called to love God by Christ Himself and this means gratitude of the heart for the mercy and grace of God!



Pray aloud at any time, or with a soft voice, in the morning, and at dinner time, the Lord will answer each prayer, one at a time.

Day 1 Sunday Dear God, thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you that you are able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for your purposes. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your mercy and grace.

Thank You God, thank You Lord Jesus, Amen.

Day 2 Monday Dear God, help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks.

Thank You God, thank You Lord Jesus, Amen.

Day 3 Tuesday Dear God, deliver our Church and our nation from every evil circumstance, and continue to accept, bless and prosper the work of our hands. Lord, grant us peace and tranquillity so that we may live in godliness all the days of our lives. Count us always worthy to offer you thanksgiving, to tell about your wonderful blessings, and to sing praise to you for all the benefits that you bestow upon us. In humble gratitude, we praise your Holy Name.

Thank You God, thank You Lord Jesus, Amen.

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2023 Sunday Services are available on the Nambour Uniting Church Website and youtube

(2024 services unavailable due to ongoing works in our Church auditorium)

The website also contains Mission Possible photos, word study, reflections, stained glass windows and more Thanks to Don Heaton for recording our Services, and Ian Brown for our great website

Day 4 Wednesday Dear God, teach me to offer you a heart of thanksgiving and praise in all my daily experiences of life. Teach me to be joyful always, to pray continually, and to give thanks in all my circumstances. I accept them as Your will for my life.

Thank You God, thank You Lord Jesus, Amen.

Day 5 Thursday Dear God, I give thanks for your loving-kindness and all the blessings You have richly bestowed upon me. I fall down in worship and adoration before You, the King of Glory. I praise You, I glorify You, I bless You and I give thanks to You for Your great goodness and tender mercy. Shine in my heart the light of Your grace. Enlighten my mind, that I may walk uprightly all my life by keeping Your commandments. Glorified and exalted is Your holy name, now and forever.

Thank You God, thank You Lord Jesus, Amen.

Day 6 Friday Dear God, I come before you, for you are the great healer, I place my trust in your loving hands. Grant me strength to endure trials, and courage to face each day. Pour out your healing grace upon my body, mind, and spirit. May your peace, which surpasses all understanding, fill my heart. In the midst of my weakness, be my strength. I surrender myself to your care, trusting that your love will sustain me. I thank you with a heart full of gratitude and hope.

Thank You God, thank You Lord Jesus, Amen.

Day 7 Saturday Psalm 100 For giving grateful praise.

"Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."

Thank You God, thank You Lord Jesus, my Saviour, Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE

This land on which we live and worship is God's land and God's Spirit dwells here.

We acknowledge the Kabi Kabi people, traditional custodians

under God of the Sunshine Coast and its hinterland.

We pay our respects and pray for their elders and all their descendants.

We are thankful that we can share with them in our community and nation.

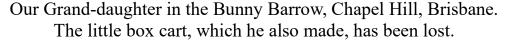
We reaffirm our commitment to care for the land
and participate in the reconciling journey, for God requires this of us.

Precious Treasures

Memories are often helped by a precious possession which has a strong past association. Very few of my childhood "treasures", however, remain. Most prominent is the little Bunny Barrow which my father made for me for my third birthday. It is even more special in that my father only had one arm, but was a skilled wood worker nevertheless. With my mother's assistance, he carefully cut out and assembled the little barrow. It was meant as a surprise, but I discovered the secret by crawling through the back steps to the garage where it was hiding! It was one of my earliest "favourite things".

When I eventually left home, it became a pot stand on our front porch, and was seriously damaged by watering. It has been restored and repainted and has recovered some of its former glory. More recently, our grandchildren enjoyed being pushed around our lounge room (Chapel Hill, Brisbane) in the little barrow. Today it stands in a corner of our dining room, in silent vigil. It remains my only concrete link with my Dad's carpentry skills.

We also have a lovely silky oak cabinet in my study which the family have called the "Museum". It contains a whole heap of family memorabilia: The Warne Family Bible (dating back to 1869), my Grandfather's Preaching Certificate from the Methodist Church, an Uncle's Service Medals, my Father's special combined knife & fork for someone disabled, a model of Jeanette's Vespa, her childhood tea set and miniature sewing machine. All these are precious memorabilia, relating to someone special to us.





The problem with earthly treasures is that we become so attached to them. Who does not have that special little cuddly rabbit or teddy bear hiding somewhere? We stockpile possessions and cling to them, without realising that they are really possessing us, claiming first place in our affections and demanding our care and attention.

Yet Jesus warned us not to "lay up for ourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust can corrupt and thieves can steal" (Matt 6:19-21).

He knew that attaching ourselves to material things, particularly money, will ultimately bring disappointment and pain. It is only the love which gave them to us which will give lasting pleasure and satisfaction. While one may treasure the memorabilia we have stored up, our most precious treasures are the relationships which underlay them; what we cherish most is our remembrance. One of my best mates has adopted as his motto in ageing, "I live in remembrance". It is a positive response to the creeping losses which ageing brings us.

(I am most grateful for the stack of photos which assist my remembrance of past experiences.)

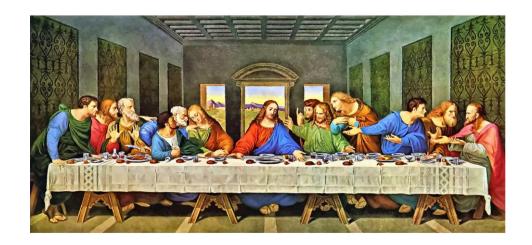
While I mourn many lost possessions, it is not for the object itself I really grieve, but for the memory which is identified with it. As time ages us, these little concrete objects provide valuable links with our own past, particularly with those who created them and gave them to us in an act of love. The people themselves may have passed on, yet another loss, but we have their gifts to preserve their memory. I can only hope that we leave similar memories for those who follow us, and that someone will think enough of the giver to cherish the gift, for in the giving we are really passing on something of ourselves.

Despite all the physical reminders we have of our Lord, symbols and sacraments, his most poignant words are still simply,

"Remember me!" (1 Cor 11:24, 25)

It is the person who really makes the memory worth cherishing!

Rev Graham Warne



3 Ways Gratitude Benefits Our Brains

- 1. Gratitude can help relieve stress and pain. The regions associated with gratitude are part of the neural networks that light up when we socialize and experience pleasure. These regions are also heavily connected to the parts of the brain that control basic emotion regulation, such as heart rate and arousal levels, and are associated with stress relief and thus pain reduction. Feeling grateful and recognizing help from others creates a more relaxed body state and allows the subsequent benefits of lowered stress to wash over us.
- 2. Gratitude can improve our health over time. They are also closely linked to the brain's "mu opioid" networks, which are activated during close interpersonal touch and relief from pain—and may have evolved out of the need for grooming one another for parasites. In other words, our data suggest that because gratitude relies on the brain networks associated with social bonding and stress relief, this may explain in part how grateful feelings lead to health benefits over time.
- 3. Gratitude can help those with depression. Perhaps even more encouraging, researcher Prathik Kini and colleagues at Indiana University performed a subsequent study examining how practicing gratitude can alter brain function in depressed individuals. They found evidence that gratitude may induce structural changes in the very same parts of the brain that we found active in our experiment. Such a result, in complement to our own, tells a story of how the mental practice of gratitude may even be able to change and re-wire the brain.

Adapted from; https://www.mindful.org/an-introduction-to-mindful-gratitude/

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS AUGUST 2024

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Thursday, August 1, 2024: Psalm 51:1-12; Exodus 32:19-26a; 1 Corinthians 11:17-22; Psalm 78:23-29;
                                 Exodus 12:33-42;
Friday, August 2, 2024: Psalm 51:1-12; Joshua 23:1-16; 1 Corinthians 11:27-34: Psalm 78:23-29;
                                 Exodus 12:43 to 13:2;
Saturday, August 3, 2024: Psalm 51:1-12; Judges 6:1-10; Matthew 16:5-12: Psalm 78:23-29; Exodus 13:3-10
Sunday, August 4, 2024: Proper 13 (18) 2 Samuel 11:26 to 12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Exodus 16:2-4 & 9-15;
                                 Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35
Monday, August 5, 2024: Psalm 50:16-23; 2 Samuel 12:15-25; Ephesians 4:17-24: Psalm 107:1-3 & 33-43:
                                 Numbers 11:16-23 & 31-32
Tuesday, August 6, 2024: Psalm 50:16-23; 2 Samuel 13:1-19; 1 Corinthians 12:27-31: Psalm 107:1-3 & 33-43;
                                 Deuteronomy 8:1-20
Wednesday, August 7, 2024: Psalm 50:16-23; 2 Samuel 13:20-36; Mark 8:1-10: Psalm 107:1-3 & 33-43;
                                 Isaiah 55:1-9
Thursday, August 8, 2024: Psalm 130; 2 Samuel 13:37 to 14:24; Romans 15:1-6: Psalm 34:1-8;
                           1 Samuel 28:20-25
Friday, August 9, 2024: Psalm 130; 2 Samuel 14:25-33; Galatians 6:1-10: Psalm 34:1-8; 2 Samuel 17:15-29
Saturday, August 10, 2024: Psalm 130; 2 Samuel 15:1-13; Matthew 7:7-11: Psalm 34:1-8; 1 Kings 2:1-9
Sunday, August 11, 2024: Proper 14 (19) 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15 & 31-33; Psalm 130; 1 Kings 19:4-8;
                                 Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25 to 5:2; John 6:35 & 41-51
Monday, August 12, 2024: Psalm 57; 2 Samuel 15:13-31; Ephesians 5:1-14: Psalm 81; 1 Kings 17:1-16
Tuesday, August 13, 2024: Psalm 57; 2 Samuel 18:19-33; 2 Peter 3:14-18: Psalm 81; Ruth 2:1-23
Wednesday, August 14, 2024: Psalm 57; 2 Samuel 19:1-18; John 6:35-40: Psalm 81; Jeremiah 31:1-6
Thursday, August 15, 2024: Psalm 111; 1 Kings 1:1-30; Acts 6:8-15: Psalm 34:9-14; Job 11:1-20
Friday, August 16, 2024: Psalm 111; 1 Kings 1:28-48; Romans 16:17-20: Psalm 34:9-14; Job 12:1-25
Saturday, August 17, 2024: Psalm 111; 1 Kings 2:1-11; John 4:7-26: Psalm 34:9-14; Job 13:1-19
Sunday, August 18, 2024: Proper 15 (20) 1 Kings 2:10-12 & 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Proverbs 9:1-6;
                                 Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58
Monday, August 19, 2024: Psalm 101; 1 Kings 3:16-28; Acts 6:1-7: Psalm 36; Genesis 43:1-15
Tuesday, August 20, 2024: Psalm 101; 1 Kings 7:1-12; Acts 7:9-16: Psalm 36; Genesis 45:1-15
Wednesday, August 21, 2024: Psalm 101; 1 Kings 8:1-21; Mark 8:14-21: Psalm 36; Genesis 47:13-26
Thursday, August 22, 2024: Psalm 84: 1 Kings 4:20-28: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11: Psalm 34:15-22: Joshua 22:1-9
Friday, August 23, 2024: Psalm 84; 1 Kings 4:29-34; Romans 13:11-14: Psalm 34:15-22; Joshua 22:10-20
Saturday, August 24, 2024: Psalm 84; 1 Kings 5:1-12; Luke 11:5-13: Psalm 34:15-22; Joshua 22:21-34
Sunday, August 25, 2024: Proper 16 (21) 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30 & 41-43; Psalm 84;
                    Joshua 24:1-2a & 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69
Monday, August 26, 2024: Psalm 11; 1 Kings 5:13-18; Ephesians 5:21-6:9: Psalm 119:97-104;
                                 Nehemiah 9:1-15
Tuesday, August 27, 2024: Psalm 11; 1 Kings 6:1-14; Ephesians 6:21-24: Psalm 119:97-104; Nehemiah 9:16-31
Wednesday, August 28, 2024: Psalm 11; 1 Kings 6:15-38; John 15:16-25: Psalm 119:97-104; Isaiah 33:10-16
Thursday, August 29, 2024: Psalm 45:1-2 & 6-9; Song of Solomon 1:1-17; James 1:1-8: Psalm 15;
                                 Exodus 32:1-14
Friday, August 30, 2024: Psalm 45:1-2 & 6-9; Song of Solomon 2:1-7; James 1:9-16: Psalm 15;
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Saturday, August 31, 2024: Psalm 45:1-2 & 6-9; Hosea 3:1-5; John 18:28-32: Psalm 15; Exodus 34:8-28

Exodus 32:15-35

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                               Deuteronomy 4:1-2 & 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15 & 21-23
Monday, September 2, 2024: Psalm 144:9-15; Song of Solomon 3:6-11; 1 Timothy 4:6-16:
                                 Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23 & 47-48; Deuteronomy 4:9-14
Tuesday, September 3, 2024: Psalm 144:9-15; Song of Solomon 5:2 to 6:3; 1 Peter 2:19-25:
                                 Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23 & 47-48; Deuteronomy 4:15-20
Wednesday, September 4, 2024: Psalm 144:9-15; Song of Solomon 8:5-7; Mark 7:9-23:
                                 Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23 & 47-48; Deuteronomy 4:21-40
Thursday, September 5, 2024: Psalm 125; Proverbs 1:1-19; Romans 2:1-11: Psalm 146; Isaiah 30:27-33
Friday, September 6, 2024: Psalm 125; Proverbs 4:10-27; Romans 2:12-16: Psalm 146; Isaiah 32:1-8
Saturday, September 7, 2024: Psalm 125; Proverbs 8:1-31; Matthew 15:21-31: Psalm 146; Isaiah 33:1-9
Sunday, September 8, 2024: Proper 18 (23) Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9 & 22-23; Psalm 125; Isaiah 35:4-7a;
                                 Psalm 146; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37
Monday, September 9, 2024: Psalm 73:1-20; Proverbs 8:32 to 9:6; Hebrews 11:29 to 12:2: Isaiah 38:10-20;
                                 Joshua 6:1-21
Tuesday, September 10, 2024: Psalm 73:1-20; Proverbs 11:1-31; Hebrews 12:3-13: Isaiah 38:10-20;
                                  Joshua 8:1-23
Wednesday, September 11, 2024: Psalm 73:1-20; Proverbs 14:1-9; Matthew 17:14-21: Isaiah 38:10-20;
                                 Judges 15:9-20
Thursday, September 12, 2024: Psalm 19; Proverbs 15:1-17; Hebrews 11:17-22: Psalm 116:1-9; Joshua 2:1-14
Friday, September 13, 2024: Psalm 19; Proverbs 19:24-29; James 2:17-26: Psalm 116:1-9; Joshua 2:15-24
Saturday, September 14, 2024: Psalm 19; Proverbs 21:1-17; Matthew 21:23-32: Psalm 116:1-9; Joshua 6:22-27
Sunday, September 15, 2024: Proper 19 (24) Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; Wisdom of Solomon 7:26 to 8:1;
                                 Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38
Monday, September 16, 2024: Psalm 73:21-28; Proverbs 22:1-21; Romans 3:9-20: Psalm 119:169-176;
                                 1 Kings 13:1-10
Tuesday, September 17, 2024: Psalm 73:21-28; Proverbs 25:1-28; Colossians 3:1-11: Psalm 119:169-176;
                                 1 Kings 13:11-25;
Wednesday, September 18, 2024: Psalm 73:21-28; Proverbs 29:1-27; John 7:25-36: Psalm 119:169-176;
                                 Isaiah 10:12-20
Thursday, September 19, 2024: Psalm 1; Proverbs 30:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5: Psalm 54; Judges 6:1-10
Friday, September 20, 2024: Psalm 1; Proverbs 30:18-33; Romans 11:25-32: Psalm 54; 1 Kings 22:24-40
Saturday, September 21, 2024: Psalm 1; Ecclesiastes 1:1-18; Matthew 23:29-39: Psalm 54; 2 Kings 17:5-18
Sunday, September 22, 2024: Proper 20 (25) Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1 & 12-22;
                                 Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13 to 4:3 & 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37
Monday, September 23, 2024: Psalm 128; Proverbs 27:1-27; James 4:8-17: Psalm 139:1-18; 2 Kings 5:1-14
Tuesday, September 24, 2024: Psalm 128; Ecclesiastes 4:9-16; James 5:1-6: Psalm 139:1-18; 2 Kings 11:21 to 12:16
Wednesday, September 25, 2024: Psalm 128; Ecclesiastes 5:1-20; John 8:21-38: Psalm 139:1-18; Jeremiah 1:4-10
Thursday, September 26, 2024: Psalm 124; Esther 1:1-21; Acts 4:13-31: Psalm 19:7-14; Exodus 18:13-27
Friday, September 27, 2024: Psalm 124; Esther 2:1-23; Acts 12:20-25: Psalm 19:7-14; Deuteronomy 1:1-18
Saturday, September 28, 2024: Psalm 124; Esther 3:1-15; Matthew 5:13-20: Psalm 19:7-14; Deuteronomy 27:1-10
Sunday, September 29, 2024: Proper 21 (26) Esther 7:1-6, 9-10 & 9:20-22; Psalm 124;
                                 Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16 & 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50
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Monday, September 30, 2024: Psalm 140; Esther 4:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9: Psalm 5; Zechariah 6:9-15