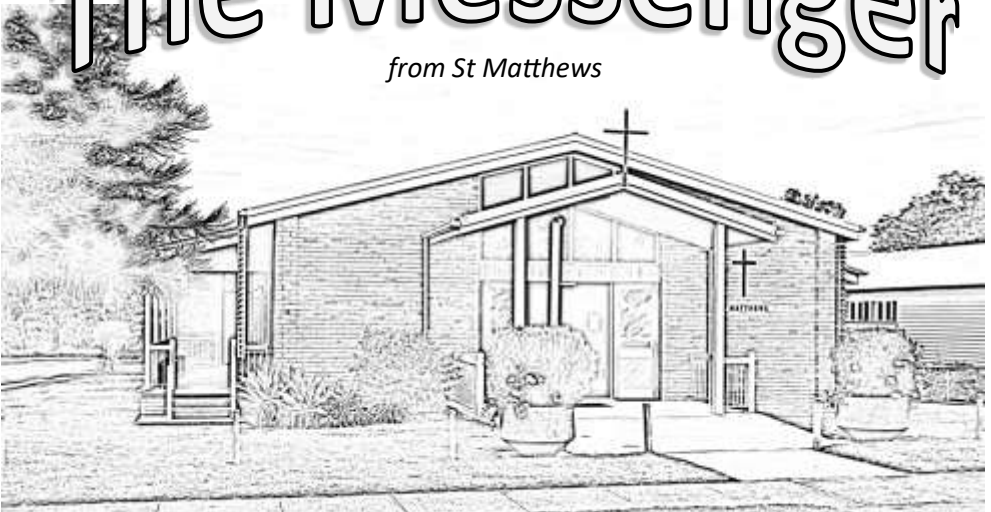


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# The Messenger

*from St Matthews*



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## **PRAYER FOR LENT**

Almighty God,  
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness  
and was tempted as we are, yet did not sin,  
give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your will,  
so that, as you know our weakness,  
we may know your power to save.  
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Lord.

Amen

*(from A Prayer Book for Australia, p 482)*

## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS Exodus 20:1-17

1. I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other Gods but me.
2. You shall not make for yourself a graven image. You shall not bow down to them or worship them.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
4. Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shall you labour and do all you have to do, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord your God.
5. Honour your father and your mother.
6. You shall do no murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
10. You shall not covet anything that is your neighbour's.



### THE COMMANDMENTS FOR CHILDREN

Remember that God is the only real God.

Don't make anything else more important than God.

Don't swear with God's name or Jesus' name.

Make Sunday a special day to remember God.

Respect your parents for all time.

Never kill anyone.

When you get married, be faithful and loving to your wife or husband.

Don't steal from anyone.

Never tell lies about anyone.

Be happy with what you have.

### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR TEENAGERS

God rules. OK.

God's tops.

No swearing

Sunday = God's day.

Respect the oldies.

No killing.

No sleeping around.

No stealing.

No fibbing.

No jealousy.

Ten Comandments text message

God sez Im #1. No copiz.

Rspk my nam & yo ma & pa.

Holy day 1/7.

Neva kil cht stl or lie

Eyz off wot isnt yrs.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

When Jesus first spoke the prayer we now call the Lord's Prayer, it would have been in the language of Aramaic:

*Abwoon d'bashmaya Netqaddash shmak Teete malkutah Nehvwey tzevyannach*

It was translated into Greek and included in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke:

*ΠΑΤΕΡ ΗΜΩΝ Ο ΕΝ ΤΟΙΣ ΟΥΡΑΝΟΙΣ ΑΓΙΑΣΘΗΤΩ ΤΟ ΟΝΟΜΑ ΣΟΥ ΕΛΘΕΤΩ Η ...*

The literal translation of the first of these Greek words is:

*Father of us but one in the heavens let be held in reverence the name of you...*

Bible translators through the centuries have worked to make these words accessible to people of their time. In 1380 AD, the great Biblical scholar Wyclif, translated the Greek as:

*Our fadir, that art in hevenys, halewid be thi name; Thi kyngdoom come to; Be thi wille done in erthe, as in hevene. Gyve to us this dai oure breed ovir othir substance; And forgyve to us oure dettis, as we forgyven to our dettouris; And lede us not into tamptacioun, But delyvere us fro yvel. Amen*

When scholars of the 1500's were translating the King James Bible, the first full bible available in English, they decided to use language which was, even at that time, archaic (thee, thy, art, etc), to make the text sound more ancient. And so we were given:

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Many people nowadays do not understand why God does art in heaven, and so we use the agreed ecumenical and international version,

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.*

Whichever form you use, make sure you use it every day!

## GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Matthew was a tax collector, called by Jesus to be one of his 12 disciples (ch 9). His gospel was written for Jews, to emphasize Jesus as the fulfilment of Old Testament prophecies and expectations. It was not the first to be written, but is placed first in the bible to link the Old and New Testaments. Some passages found only in Matthew include the Sermon on the Mount, particularly the Beatitudes (ch 5), the parables of the workers in the vineyard (ch 20), the ten bridesmaids (ch 21) and the sheep and the goats (ch 23). Ancient art gives Matthew's gospel a winged man, celebrating the human face of God.



## GOSPEL OF LUKE

Luke was a doctor, and a travelling companion of Paul. He was not a Jew nor one of the 12 disciples. Luke wrote the Gospel according to Luke and the Book of Acts of the Apostles, which together make up about one quarter of the New Testament. His writings show sensitivity, a focus on women and children and the health of people. Special stories recorded by Luke include the Birth of Jesus (ch2), the parables of the Good Samaritan (ch 10) and the Prodigal Son (ch 15), Healing the 10 Lepers (ch 17) and the Road to Emmaus (ch 24). Ancient art and icons symbolize Luke's gospel with a winged ox, for the sacrifice of Christ.

*Serving the Lord with glad and generous hearts.*

## GOSPEL OF MARK

John Mark was a young man at the end of Jesus' ministry, and his mother's house was used by the early Christian community for worship. Mark was a faithful companion to Peter the fisherman during the last years of his life, while Peter was in prison, and it is believed that the Gospel of Mark is largely Peter's recollections. It was the first gospel written, and is the shortest, showing us a very busy Jesus. Mark's gospel was used as a basis by other gospel writers, but only Mark tells of Jesus healing the deaf mute (ch 7). Ancient art allocates a winged lion to Marks' gospel.



## GOSPEL OF JOHN

John the gospel writer was John the fisherman, brother of James and son of Zebedee, called by Jesus as one of his first disciples. It is believed by many that this John also wrote the Letters of John and the Book of Revelation. John's gospel shows great insight and mature reflection on the meaning of Christ for the world. The gospel tells of only 7 miracles (called signs by John), and is the only gospel to give us the 7 "I am" statement of Jesus (chs 6, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15) It also tells about Jesus turning water into wine (ch 2) and the footwashing at the Last Supper (ch 13). The gospel is represented by an eagle in ancient art.

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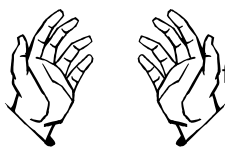
## A SIMPLIFIED COMPARISON OF WORLD RELIGIONS

Religion	<b>CHRISTIANITY</b>	<b>JUDAISM</b>	<b>ISLAM</b>	<b>BUDDHISM</b>
People called	Christians	Jews	Muslims	Buddhists
Symbol	cross	6 pointed star of David	crescent moon and star	Buddha
Started	2,000 years ago	4,000 years ago	1,400 years ago	2,500 years ago
Started with	Jesus Christ	Abraham	Muhammad	Buddha
Holy Book	The Bible	Torah	Koran	40 books
Followers in 2010; Main countries	2.2 billion people Africa, Russia, North America, Europe, Brazil	16 million people Israel, USA, Canada	1.6 billion people; Arabia, Pakistan, Indonesia	500 million people; Cambodia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Japan
Place of Worship, Leader	Church; Priest, Minister, Pastor	Synagogue; Rabbi	Mosque; Imam	Temple or Home
Day of Worship	Sunday	Saturday	Friday	any
Prayer	Lord's Prayer	Shalom, Shema	5 times a day	Bare feet
Other Worship	Bread and wine	Men cover heads	Men & women separate	Facing statue of Buddha
Special Days	Christmas Good Friday Easter Day Pentecost	Sabbath, Passover, Yom Kippur (day of repentance)	Ramadan (month of fasting)	Buddha's birthday
God	One God revealed as Father, Son and Spirit	One creator God	Allah is God	No God
Values	Love, peace, forgiveness	Law of Moses	teachings of Muhammad	repeating cycle of life, death and rebirth

## THE JOURNEY OF LENT

*Lent is a journey which acknowledges the difficulties of life  
and moves us towards the cross.*

Heavenly Father,  
you have loved me with an everlasting love,  
but I have broken your holy laws  
and have left undone what I ought to have done.  
I am sorry for my sins and turn away from them.  
For the sake of your Son who died for me,  
forgive me, cleanse me, and change me.  
By your Holy Spirit, enable me to live for you,  
through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen



For accepting life yet living it without you, forgive me, Lord.  
for living without concern for others, forgive me, Lord.  
for tolerating oppression, injustice and wrong, forgive me, Lord.  
for disobeying your will and commandments, forgive me, Lord.  
for refusing to love and forgive others, forgive me, Lord.

O God, you have searched me out and known me,  
and all that I am is open to you.  
I confess that I have sinned:  
I have used my power to dominate  
and my weakness to manipulate.  
I have evaded responsibility and failed to confront evil.  
I have denied dignity to myself and others,  
and have fallen into despair.  
I turn to you, O God, I renounce evil, I claim your love,  
I ask to be made whole. In your love. Amen.



### ZERO TOLERANCE

The Anglican church does not tolerate abuse of any kind.  
The Archbishop of Australia urges all victims of institutional abuse to contact  
the Police and the Director of Professional Standards phone 07 3835 2266.

## MARCH 2017 AT ST MATTHEWS

DAY	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday 1 March	9:30am and 5pm	ASH WEDNESDAY Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
Friday 3 March	7pm	World Day of Prayer at Catholic church
Sunday 5 March	8am	Eucharist St Matthews (Lent 1)
Wednesday 8 March	9:30am and 7pm	Lenten Study 1 of 5 (come to morning or evening, not both)
Friday 10 March	9:30am	Religious Education Gayndah Primary
	11am	Nursing Home ministry
Sunday 12 March	8am	Eucharist St Matthews (Lent 2)
Wednesday 15	9:30am, 7pm	Lenten Study 2 of 5
Thursday 16	9:30am	MU worship and Quiet Morning Focus: Grace, Mercy and Peace
Friday 17	9:30am, 11am	Religious Education, Nursing Home
	1pm	Meeting with Bishop Jeremy @ Buderim
Sunday 19 March	8am	Eucharist St Matthews (Lent 3)
	9:30am	Parish Council meeting
Wednesday 22	9:30am, 7pm	Lenten Study 3 of 5
Thursday 23	11am	Eucharist Nursing Home
Friday 24	9:30am	Religious Education Gayndah Primary
	11am	Nursing Home ministry
Sunday 26 March	8am	Eucharist (Lent 4, Mothering Sunday)
	11am	Eucharist & Baptism St Anne's
Wednesday 29	9:30am	Eucharist Celebrating 30years Ordination
	7pm	Lenten Study 4 of 5
Thursday 30	9:30am	Lenten Study 4 of 5
Friday 31	9:30am	Religious Education Gayndah Primary
	11am	Nursing Home ministry
	3pm	Schools stop for 2 weeks holiday
Wed 5 April	9:30am, 7pm	Final Lenten Study
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