

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

22nd February 2026

Evergreen: The first meeting for the year tomorrow, Monday 23rd February, commencing with a 10.30am service followed by singing, fellowship and lunch in the hall. Robyn Armstrong will share about the ministry of Outside School Care with families in our community. All welcome.

Lenten Study Groups: The Elverys are hosting a Lenten Study group each Monday commencing on 16th February at 7:00pm. Please see Dallas or Jennifer if you wish to join their group.

The Thursday Study Group will continue throughout Lent and will meet at their usual time from 1:00pm in the office meeting room.

Barlunch: A St **Barnbas Lunch** will be held on Sunday 1st March after the 11:00am service. \$20-00 per person. Please pay in cash when you place your name on the list in the foyer. All parishioners welcome.

Containers for Change ID Code: C10789687

Direct transfers can be paid into our ANFIN Account:-

Name: Sunnybank Anglican Parish BSB: 704 901 Account: 00000790

Nourishing Neighbours
There's a seat for you at the table

In need of a cuppa and something to eat?
Drop in to our free community afternoon tea

Every Saturday
2:30pm-4:30pm



Sunnybank Anglican
Church Hall
189 Lister St,
Sunnybank



EVERGREEN MINISTRY
FELLOWSHIP FOR SENIORS

Next Meeting: Monday 23rd February
10:30am church service (in the church)
11:00am Hymns, fellowship & lunch (in the hall)

They are like a tree planted beside streams of water that bear its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither.
Psalm 135

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SUNDAYS AT 7AM, 9AM & 11AM

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Sentence

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Matthew 4.4

Prayer of the day

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,
that, as you know our weakness,
so we may know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer of the week

O Lord,
who for our sake fasted forty days and forty nights:
give us grace to use such abstinence,
that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit,
we may ever obey your godly will
in righteousness and true holiness;
to your honour and glory,
who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. Amen.

Old Testament Reading - Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

2¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.'**3**¹ Now the snake was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God really say, "You must not eat from any tree in the garden"?'² The woman said to the snake, 'We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,³ but God did say, "You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die."' ⁴ 'You will not certainly die,' the snake said to the woman. ⁵ 'For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' ⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realised that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

New Testament Reading - Romans 5:12-21

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned – ¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come. ¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: the judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! ¹⁸ Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, ²¹ so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.' ⁴ Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."' ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus answered him, 'It is also written: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. ⁹ 'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.' ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Readings for Second Sunday in Lent

Old Testament: Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm: 121

New Testament: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Anglican Church in the World

- The Church of Ireland

Anglican Church in Australia

- The Diocese of Sydney: Archbishop Kanishka Raffel; Bishops Peter Hayward, Christopher Eddwards, Peter Lin, Michael Stead, Malcolm Richards, Gary Siew Leong Koo; Clergy & People
- The Parish of Quilpie
- Anglicare SQ Southport Respite Centre
- St John's College UQ: Warden; Chaplain; College Council; Staff and Students
- **Parishes seeking new incumbents:** Banyo, Beaudesert, Beenleigh, Booval, Dalby, Gold Coast South, Hendra-Clayfield, Jimboomba, North Pine, Nundah, Palmwoods, Roma, Toowong
- **Schools seeking chaplains:** Coomera Anglican College; Toowoomba Anglican School; St Hilda's School; St Luke's Anglican School; The Glennie School

Mission prayers

- **Pray for Sylvia Jeanes and Rev John Naumann** and for their good health and well-being.
- **Pray for Nathanael House:** Heavenly Father, we lift up the staff, volunteers, and young people at Nathanael House in Mt Gravatt. We thank you for this place of refuge and safety. We pray that every young person who walks through its doors finds not just a bed, but hope, dignity, and a sense of belonging. Amen.

Stanthorpe Prayers

- Pray for God's guidance for the ministry and work in Stanthorpe parish.

Our Parish

- Pray for Simon, Greece and their family as they continue to minister to our parish
- Pray for our Parish and for the priest God is calling to shepherd us
- Pray for all volunteers who give their time and skills to our parish.

For members of our church family

- We pray for all those who are struggling. Give them peace and refreshment.

Parish activities

- Pray for the upcoming BarLunch that the congregations enjoy a time of wonderful fellowship.

For those who have asked for prayer

- Rosemary
- Neville
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Prayer points for our parish

- Pray for our staff, parish councillors, all volunteers and those on rosters
- Wisdom and courage as we seek to share the love of Jesus in our community