

Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

Weekly Bulletin

17 June 2018

4th Sunday after Pentecost

In the coming week

Today

4.30pm Messy Church-St Andrew's

Monday 18 June

3.00pm Lectio Divina-Verna Rice

7.00pm Choir Practice-St Luke's

Tuesday 19 June

9.00am Cottage Crafters-The Cottage

1.30pm Bible Study-104 Gallipoli Ave

Wednesday 20 June

10.00am Communion-Peninsula Village

7.00pm Bible Study-Rosemary Gillham

Thursday 21 June

8.30am Communion-St Luke's

10.00am Little Pelicans-St Andrew's

10.30am Coffee & Chat-Ruby's, Umina

4.00pm Messy Church Team-The Cottage

Saturday 23 June

9.00am Op-Shop Open

Next Sunday 24 June

8.00am Communion-St Andrew's

10.00am Eucharist-St Luke's

5.00pm Sunday Night Live-St Andrew's

Welcome to everyone visiting our churches!

Our services are all slightly different, but each offers a friendly space in which you can worship God and be part of God's community.

St Andrew's at 8am: Holy Communion is a less formal worship service.

St Luke's at 10am: Holy Eucharist has a more formal style of worship. The Eucharist is also celebrated at St Luke's on Thursdays at 8:30am.

St Andrew's at 5pm: Sunday Night Live or 4:30pm: Messy Church (3rd Sunday of each month) is a space for families with children and the young at heart to join in informal and fun worship, discussion and activities.

At our Sunday morning services you will need the **middle pages of this booklet** to join in the prayers and the Psalm that we read together.

If you need a **gluten-free wafer** at Communion, please tell the person who welcomed you at the front door before the service.

We pray in silence before worship

Before worship speak to God.

During worship let God speak to you.

After Worship speak to each other.

Both of our churches are equipped with an audio loop. If you use a hearing aid, use the 'T' switch to connect.



Rector's Reflection

Dear friends,

This morning's first reading resonates with last Sunday's from 2 Corinthians, insofar as it serves to remind us that: 'the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but The Lord looks on the heart'. This verse is an invaluable reminder to us that God does not share mainstream societal values; God values the heart of the individual over outward appearances and worldly achievements.

Like the mustard seed of today's gospel, David was outwardly the smallest and seemingly the least significant of Jesse's household of several sons. He is anointed Israel's King not because he was handsome and ruddy with beautiful eyes, but because of his right heart. The 1 Samuel reading and the gospel for today, are somewhat analogous, calling to mind the old cliché about not judging a book by its cover.

David's good looks are no more a basis for judgement, as to his worth, than his being the youngest, smallest, and least significant of Jesse's sons. Again, it was all down to his rightness of heart. As with the mustard seed, David's seeming insignificant proved anything but as he grew to become the greatest of Israel's Kings. Famed not only for amalgamating the

Twelve Tribes as 'one' nation under God, he likewise established Jerusalem as the capital of monotheism.

Our scriptures today illustrate how God accomplishes great results from small, and seemingly insignificant, beginnings. In light of this, we mustn't think of ourselves and our testimony to the gospel as being fruitless and of no significance. Like David, we too have been anointed a people of right heart, it is by virtue of our baptism into Christ's body - the Church - that this is so.

Even though there are times our faith may seem as tiny as a mustard seed, Jesus reminds us that when it's sown and grown up it becomes the greatest source of life in abundance.

May your faith continue its growth in greatness.

Fr Michael

From the Parish

Winter Clothing

The Op-Shop is short of winter clothing, so if you are about to re-organise your wardrobe and you have anything that needs to be recycled the Op-Shop would be grateful for any donations.

St Luke's Cleaning Working Bee

Everyone is welcome to join in to help with cleaning of the church on Saturday, 30th June 10am-2pm.

Lectio Divina Bible Study Group

The Lectio Divina Bible Study group will recommence on Monday 18th June, 3pm at 39 Connex Road, Umina Beach. All welcome.

Contact Verna 4341 0646 for more information and/or if you wish to join the group.

Finance

May Summary

RECEIPTS

Offerories	\$ 9,161
Donations	701
Op Shop	4,942
Rent	2,238
Other	1,975
	<u>\$19,017</u>

Missions –

BCA	\$291
Samaritans	\$104

Prayer for all in the Newcastle Diocese

As parishes in the diocese consider future strategies maybe we can each pray this prayer

*Come Holy Spirit of God,
restore the lives which, without you,
are lifeless and dead;
kindle the hearts, which without you, are cold and dull;
enlighten the minds which, without you, are dark and blind;
fill the church which, without you, is an empty room;
teach us how to praise and pray
that we may grow together in love
and have courage to make wise decisions as servants,
messengers and ambassadors of God's reign,
all this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

Amen

OUTGOINGS

Diocesan Contribution-	
Insurance, Wages, etc.	\$11,896
Operating Expenses –	
Worship, Rates, Stationery, Maintenance, etc.	<u>3,425</u>
	<u>\$15,321</u>
BCA	\$560
Samaritans	\$104
ABM	\$1,010

We pray in silence before worship

As you prepare for this morning's service please pray for yourself and those around you. You might like to reflect on this thought for the week:

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

2 Corinthians 5.19

The prayer of the day

Almighty God,
without you we are unable to please you:
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today's readings

1 Samuel 15.34-16.13 Psalm 20
2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17 Mark 4.26-34

8.00am Keith King Jacky King
10.00am Nicola O'Regan Denis Pritchard

This morning's hymns

216 Rejoice the Lord is King
382 Now the green blade
145 The king of love my shepherd is
523 *Here, Lord, we take*
390 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks

For our prayers this week

Please pray for:

Health and Justice
Chaplains. Anglican Care,
Police, Hospital, Welfare,
Juvenile Justice and all Corrective Services -
Cessnock Gaol, Community and Co-ordinator
chaplains.



Wider Community:

The First Peoples of the Diocese.
Organisations working with Aboriginal and
Torres St Islanders.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Guadalcanal. The Episcopal
Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.
The Diocese of Perth.

In the Diocese of Newcastle:

Our Bishop, Peter, Assistant Bishops, Sonia
and Charlie. The priests and people of
Cessnock, East Maitland and Maitland.

In the Parish of Woy Woy:

We pray for our ministry team, Fr Michael,
Fr Peter and Anthea, and we pray for
ourselves and the work we do in the mission
of this parish.

For those seeking God's help:

Helen Baker, Rosemary Bond, Gabriella
Bulloch, Noel Cassidy, Clare, Brett Donnelly,
Carol Fraser, Judith Gearin, Jenny, Sandra
Heath, Fr Ken Munns, Cecily Prentice, Elaine
Rand, Lucy Roy, Mary, Heather Woodward.

Would those who wish to include names in the above list,
please ensure that permission has been obtained from the
person or their carer.

Readings for this week

1 Samuel 15.34-16.13

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the

Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Psalm 20

(To be said by alternate half verse)

1 May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble:

the God of Jacob lift you up to safety.

2 May he send you his help from the sanctuary:

and be your strong support from Zion.

3 May he remember all your offerings:

and accept with favour your burnt sacrifices,

4 Grant you your heart's desire:

and fulfil all your purposes.

5 May we also rejoice in your victory

and triumph in the name of our God:

the Lord perform all your petitions.

6 Now I know that the Lord will save his
anointed:

**that he will answer him from his holy heaven
with the victorious strength of his right hand.**

7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in
horses:

**but we will trust in the name of the Lord our
God.**

8 They are brought down and fallen:

but we are made strong and stand upright.

9 O Lord, save the king:

and hear us when we call upon you.

2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The Gospel: Mark 4.26-34

Jesus also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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For next week

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 17.32-49

Psalm 9.9-20

2 Corinthians 6.1-13

Mark 4.35-41

Hymns

59 All people that on earth do dwell

123 Be still, my soul:

547 Be thou my vision

607 *Make me a channel of your peace*

106 Now thank we all our God

Notices

Samaritans Appeal

Samaritans would like to thank all those who contribute so generously to their food appeal. Elizabeth and I deliver a car boot full of food every three or four weeks. The smiles we see when we do so really say a lot about how much it is appreciated. However, winter is now with us and Samaritans are trying to cope with all this means for those in our community who are juggling paying for either food or electricity (heating in particular is expensive). Many are living in cars and that can be very cold in winter. So please if you have any serviceable blankets or warm clothing to donate we would be very grateful. Also cash donations can be handled too. If you have any questions please contact me - Derek 0422979406 and I will try to answer them, but please keep the food coming, it's very important.

Missionary Morning Tea

@ The Umina Beach Salvation Army

10am June 28 - Morning Tea followed by

Meeting at 11am - Cost \$10

Guest Speaker: Major Melanie-Anne Holland,
Territorial Environment Stewardship Coordinator

RSVP: nayomia.anderson@aue.salvationarmy.org

Ph Joyce 0418 653 246

Generosity

Thank you

This week we say thank you to **Derek C**, for Power Points and **Derek B**, for his gift of music. Thank you for all you do to enhance our gathered worship.

Samaritans

Please remember to bring non-perishable food items and place them in the baskets provided near the door of the church for the work of the **Samaritans** organisation in our diocese.

Direct giving

Thank you for your generous financial giving to the mission of our parish. We encourage parishioners to give directly to the '**Anglican Parish of Woy Woy**' account: BSB 032-527 ACCOUNT 228059.

Reminder

If you would like a notice in the bulletin please give information to office staff by Thursday for inclusion in the bulletin the following Sunday.

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9.00 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Friday

Refreshments are served after each of the services. We would love you to join us! At St Andrew's, refreshments are served in the foyer, and at St Lukes in the church hall.

At the end of the service, please introduce yourself so that we can welcome you properly. Ask for our Welcome Pack, which offers more information about who we are and what we do.