

Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

Weekly Bulletin

24 June 2018

5th Sunday after Pentecost

In the coming week

Today

5.00pm Sunday Night Live-St Andrew's

Monday 25 June

7.00pm Choir Practice-St Luke's

Tuesday 26 June

9.00am Cottage Crafters-The Cottage

1.30pm Bible Study-104 Gallipoli Ave

2.15pm Happy Hour-St Andrew's

Wednesday 27 June

9.30am Communion-Blue Wave

10.00am Communion-Peninsula Village

7.00pm Bible Study-Rosemary Gillham

Thursday 28 June

8.30am Communion-St Luke's

10.00am Little Pelicans-St Andrew's

10.30am Coffee & Chat-Ruby's, Umina

Saturday 30 June

9.00am Op-Shop Open

Next Sunday 1 July

8.00am Communion-St Andrew's

10.00am Eucharist-St Luke's

3.00pm Liturgy Team-St Andrew'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,

Over the next few weeks we continue our journey through the Books of Samuel. Unbeknown to Saul (of this morning's first reading) the ruddy and handsome youth that stands before him is to succeed him as King of Israel. Saul is under the illusion that the right of succession belongs to his own son Jonathan, but as we discovered last week, God has selected the aforementioned youth with 'beautiful eyes' to further God's ends and advance God's kingdom. Saul's line has been disinherited because of his repeated disobedience to God. What was his is now bestowed on another.

Later in 1 Samuel we read of Saul's and Jonathan's tragic death in battle against the Philistines on Mount Gilboa. Saul falls on his sword, deeming suicide preferable to falling into the hands of the 'uncircumcised' victors. The story of Saul is reminiscent of a Greek tragedy and provided much inspiration for several of Shakespeare's tragic characters.

As for David, his divine vocation will prove costly as he must face a raft of challenges before his coronation is to be realised. The first of these we read of this morning; the contest between David and Goliath is a 'Sunday School' favourite that has captured our imagination for generations. There is a sense that he needs to prove worthy of

his anointing - to God, the Israelites and himself.

At first it would appear that David's mission is suicidal as the odds are firmly stacked in the Philistine's favour, given the latter's military prowess and sheer bulk of experience. Saul's armour proves more hindrance than help as this 'would be' king resorts to his familiar weapons of choice - five smooth stones and a sling.

It takes just one of these stones to fell the Philistine champion after which David kills him with his own sword before beheading him.

Despite its macabre end, the story is richly metaphorical, conveying the same timeless message that has stood God's people in good stead throughout history. Put simply, the seemingly impossible becomes possible when faith in God is maintained and upheld. David's greatest weapon against the Philistine is his faith in the one, true, God of all. Despite his being greatly outsized by his opponent, David is reliant on God's providence and protection which ultimately pays-off.

This contest is about more than David versus Goliath, it's about more than Israelites versus Philistines, it's about the superiority of the one, true, God triumphing over all others. It doesn't matter what the world throws at us if, like David, we maintain and uphold our faith in God we too will triumph.

May God bless your week.

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.

Happy Hour

Come and join us -

THEME: Life on the Land and Gadgets
WHEN: Tuesday, 26th June- 2.15 pm
WHERE: St Andrew's Church, 360 Ocean Beach Rd, Umina
CONTACT: Verna Rice if you need transport 4341 0646

Prayer for all in 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

World Refugee Day

"They are not simply immigrants or undocumented or illegals or refugees. They are people. They are grandparents, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, daughters, sons. They are teachers, cooks, doctors, professors, farm workers, scientists, house builders, truck drivers, writers, artists. They are humans. And they matter. Their hopes and dreams and needs matter. Their love for their families matter. Their futures matter. There's enough room for everyone in this world. We can do better than this. We MUST do better than this. Let's feed the hungry and shelter the homeless and love the unloved and rescue the lost and help the hopeless and welcome the refugee and asylum seeker. Let's defend the downtrodden and the oppressed and the rejected. Let's be the light in this dark and desperate world. Let's create a peaceful world by being peaceful humans. History has shown that we cannot kill our way to peace. We cannot create peace by declaring humans illegal. We cannot create peace by turning a blind eye to 'other' humans' suffering. There are no other humans. There is only us. And we're all in this together. The only path to peace is peace. Period." (L.R. Knost, 2018).

Blessings,

Janet Cousens,
Executive Director, Act for Peace

Pray for:

- An end to discrimination against refugees and migrants seeking a better, safer life.
- The stateless Rohingya's from Rakhine State and other internally displaced people and refugees, so that they receive what they need: love, food, clothing, medicine, blankets, education and security.
- Families who have been separated.

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:

Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?
Mark 4.41

The prayer of the day

O God our defender,
storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid:
rescue your people from despair,
deliver your sons and daughters from fear,
and preserve us all from unbelief;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's readings

1 Samuel 17.32-49	Psalm 9.9-20	
2 Corinthians 6.1-13	Mark 4.35-41	
8.00am	Jean White	Hendrina Collison
10.00am	Robert Wheeler	Penny Wheeler

This morning's 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

For our prayers this week

Please pray for:

Residents and staff of
Disability Homes at North
Rothbury, Gateshead and
Macquarie Hills.



Wider Community:

The First Peoples of the Diocese. Authors and poets.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Guadalcanal. The Church of Pakistan. Diocese of Wangaratta.

Wider Church

National Council of Churches in Australia.

In the Diocese of Newcastle:

Our Bishop, Peter, Assistant Bishops, Sonia and Charlie. The priests and people of Nelson Bay and Stockton.

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, Shannon, Gabriella Bulloch, 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 17.32-49

David said to Saul, 'Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.' Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.' But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.' David said, 'The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.' So Saul said to David, 'Go, and may the Lord be with you!'

Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, 'I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.' So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he despised him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to

David, 'Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, 'Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.' But David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand.'

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly towards the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

Psalm 9.9-20

(To be said by alternate half verse)

9 The Lord is a strong tower to those that are oppressed:

he is a tower of strength in time of need.

10 All who heed your name will trust in you:
for you have never forsaken those that seek you.

11 O sing praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion:
tell among the peoples what great things he has done.

12 For he that avenges blood has remembered the poor:

he has not forgotten their cry.

13 The Lord has been merciful toward me, he saw what I suffered from my foes:

he raised me up again from the gates of death,

14 That I might tell all your praises in the gates of Zion:

that I might rejoice in your deliverance.

15 The nations have sunk into the pit they dug for others:

in the very snare they laid is their foot taken;

16 The Lord has declared himself and upheld the right:

the wicked are trapped in the work of their own hands.

17 The wicked shall be given over to death:
and all the nations that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten:
nor shall the hope of the poor perish for ever.

19 Arise, Lord, let no human power prevail:
let the nations be judged before you.

20 Put them in fear, O Lord:
and let the nations know they are but human.

2 Corinthians 6.1-13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

The Gospel: Mark 4.35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989 National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

For next week

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 1.1, 17-27

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 8.7-15

Mark 5.22-24, 35b-43

Hymns

560 All my hope on God is founded

629 When I needed a neighbour

665 Jesus Christ is waiting,

525 *You we praise,*

210 O for a thousand tongues to sing

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@ae.salvationarmy.org

Ph Joyce 0418 653 246

Generosity

Thank you

This week we say thank you to **those who teach Scripture in our Primary Schools**. Thank you for taking God's message to our local children.

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.

Parish Churches

St Luke's: 151 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy (opposite Park Rd)

St Andrew's 360 Ocean Beach Rd, Umina (near Albion St)

Ministry Team

Parish Priest:

Rev Canon Michael Davies

Mobile phone: 0417 650 805

Email: mdavies0968@gmail.com

Day off Monday.

Associate Priest:

Fr Peter Mumford

Phone: (02) 4322 9121

Email: ptierm@gmail.com

Normally available Sundays and Wednesdays

Children & Family Worker:

Anthea Haughain

Mobile phone: 0421 779 305

Email: ahaughain@gmail.com

The Cottage: parish office, op-shop and community space

151 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy 2256

PO Box 709, Woy Woy 2256

Phone: (02) 4344 1347

Website: www.woywoyanglican.org

E-mail: woywoyanglican@gmail.com

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.