

Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

Weekly Bulletin

1 July 2018

6th Sunday after Pentecost

In the coming week

Today

- 3.00pm Liturgy Team-St Andrew's
5.00pm Sunday Night Live-St Andrew's

Monday 2 July

- 3.00pm Lectio Divina-Verna Rice

Tuesday 3 July

- 9.00am Cottage Crafters-The Cottage
1.30pm Bible Study-104 Gallipoli Ave
3.00pm Cursillo Group Reunion-St Andrew's

Wednesday 4 July

- 9.30am Mothers Union-St Andrew's
10.00am Communion-Peninsula Village

Thursday 5 July

- 8.30am Communion-St Luke's
10.00am Little Pelicans-St Andrew's
10.30am Coffee & Chat-Ruby's, Umina

Saturday 7 July

- 9.00am Op-Shop Open

Next Sunday 8 July

- 8.00am Communion-St Andrew's
10.00am Eucharist-St Luke's
3.00pm Pastoral Care-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.



Locum's Reflection

Dear friends,

I want, over the next 8 weeks to look at the epistles – the second reading for each Sunday – as they are often overlooked and our preaching tends to be based on the gospel for the day.

Our reading today from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians (2 Cor 8:1-15) could be entitled **'Be encouraged in your generosity by the example of others.'**

When I began working in Newcastle as a physiotherapist there had been a lady before me in my position who everyone loved. I was frequently told what a good job Mrs Neal had done and if only I could be as good as her I would do well! This annoyed me a little - to be always compared to this person I had never met; until it happened that I did meet her. She came back to work alongside me, and then I understood what everyone meant – she was a joy! (She also happened to be a Christian)

The Christians in Corinth have been told by St Paul how wonderfully generous the Christians in Macedonia (in Philippi) are. They would possibly not have been as financially well-off as the Corinthians, but they had beautiful generous hearts and they supported the church in places that were struggling. 'Be like them',

Paul is saying – not because he wants to unfairly criticise the Corinthians or make them feel bad, but because he wants them to experience the joy of being part of the wider church in practical ways.

Then Paul gives them another example of generous love, and that is from Jesus himself, 'who though he was rich (*being part of the God-head*) yet for our sakes became poor (*took on human flesh*) so that by his poverty you might become rich.' When we think of the generosity of Jesus we should be inspired to be generous ourselves.

There are so many demands on our finances, aren't there? Charities ring or email and ask for donations and they are all good causes. We have to decide how to manage our own money. As Christians we do have an obligation to the church, because we in fact are the church. Like the Corinthians, perhaps we are being challenged to review our giving to others. Let us be encouraged and inspired by the examples of others and by our Lord Jesus Christ himself.

Love and prayers

Rosemary

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.

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

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Wednesday night Bible Study will not meet this week. Resuming next Wednesday.

Pastoral Care Meeting

Next Sunday, 8th July, Ms Bobby Redman will be our guest speaker. Bobby is a retired psychologist who was diagnosed with fronto-temporal dementia close to 3 years ago.

She will speak about Alzheimer's disease from her own personal experience.

She is a most engaging speaker – not to be missed!

We meet at St Andrew's at 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

Next Sunday (8th July)

Next Sunday marks the beginning of Naidoc Week. I have invited Aunty Di from Mingaletta to begin each of our morning services with a welcome to country. It is important to remember and pray for our indigenous brothers and sisters.

We can pray for those who meet at our local Centre – Mingaletta – and especially those who are connected to the Darkinjung people.

Have you read the articles in this month's edition of 'Encounter'?

Cursillo Group Reunion

The next Group Reunion will be held at St Andrews on Tuesday 3rd July at 3.30 pm. All welcome, Cursillistas or not.

Contact Derek 0422979406 for more info.

Readings for this week

2 Samuel 1.1, 17-27

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.

David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:

Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places!

How the mighty have fallen!

Tell it not in Gath,

proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon;
or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice,
the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.

You mountains of Gilboa,

let there be no dew or rain upon you,
nor bounteous fields!

For there the shield of the mighty was defiled,
the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.

From the blood of the slain,

from the fat of the mighty,
the bow of Jonathan did not turn back,
nor the sword of Saul return empty.

Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely!

In life and in death they were not divided;
they were swifter than eagles,
they were stronger than lions.

O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,
who clothed you with crimson, in luxury,
who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

How the mighty have fallen
in the midst of the battle!

Jonathan lies slain upon your high places.

I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan;
greatly beloved were you to me;

your love to me was wonderful,
passing the love of women.
How the mighty have fallen,
and the weapons of war perished!

Psalm 30

(To be said by alternate half verse)

1 I will exalt you, O Lord,
for you have drawn me up from the depths:
**and have not suffered my foes to triumph
over me.** 2

O Lord my God, I cried to you:
and you have made me whole.

3 You brought me back, O Lord, from the land of
silence:

**you saved my life from among those that go
down to the Pit.**

4 Sing praises to the Lord, all you his faithful
ones:

and give thanks to his holy name.

5 For if in his anger is havoc,
in his good favour is life:
**heaviness may endure for a night,
but joy comes in the morning.**

6 In my prosperity I said 'I shall never be moved:
**your goodness, O Lord, has set me on so firm
a hill.'**

7 Then you hid your face from me:
and I was greatly dismayed.

8 I cried to you, O God:
and made my petition humbly to my Lord.

9 'What profit is there in my blood,
if I go down to the Pit:
**can the dust give you thanks, or declare your
faithfulness?**

10 'Hear, O Lord, and be merciful:
O Lord, be my helper.'

The Gospel: Mark 5.21-43

11 You have turned my lamentation into dancing:

you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with joy,

12 That my heart may sing your praise and never be silent:

0 Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

2 Corinthians 8.7-15

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

‘The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.’

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, ‘My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.’ So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, ‘If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.’

Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, ‘Who touched my clothes?’ And his disciples said to him, ‘You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, “Who touched me?”’ He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.’

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, ‘Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?’ But

overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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For next week

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 5.1-5, 9-10

Psalms 48

2 Corinthians 12.2-10

Mark 6.1-6

Hymns

111 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

446 Glorious things of you are spoken

198 I greet you my Redeemer sure,

526 Lord Jesus Christ,

224 All hail the power of Jesus' name

Notices

Spirituality in the Pub

Tuesday 3rd July - 7.30pm-9.00pm

The Grange Hotel Function Room

Cnr. Renwick St & Pacific Hwy, Wyoming

Bistro opens 5.30pm

2018 Theme: "My Spirituality: Then and Now"

Speaker: 'NAIDOC WEEK' - Gavi Duncan

LAMBETH CONFERENCE 2020

PREVIEWS

The theme for the Lambeth Conference 2020 is to be "God's Church for God's World: walking, listening and witnessing together".

The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby is preparing to invite more than 900 bishops from around the worldwide Anglican Communion to the conference which will take place in Canterbury, England, in the summer of 2020. Formal invitations will be sent out later this year. For the first time, there will be a joint programme for bishops and spouses.

The Anglican Communion News Service has begun a series of video interviews with Anglican bishops in the lead up to the conference.

The first videos feature the Most Revd Albert Chama, Archbishop and Primate of Central Africa, followed by the Most Revd Daniel Sarfo, Archbishop of Ghana, Primate of West Africa.

Watch the videos: <http://www.anglicannews.org/features/2018/06/countdown-to-lambeth-2020.aspx>

Generosity

Thank you

This week we say thank you to **members of Parish Council** for the work they do in service of the parish. Thank you especially to our Treasurer, Geoff; and Wardens, Chris, Nicola and Jacky. Thank you for all you do to keep our parish functioning so well.

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.