

Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

Weekly Bulletin

5 August 2018

11th Sunday after Pentecost

In the coming week

Today

3.00pm Liturgy Team-St Andrew's

5.00pm Sunday Night Live-St Andrew's

Monday 6 August

Tuesday 7 August

9.00am Cottage Crafters-The Cottage

1.30pm Bible Study-104 Gallipoli Ave

Wednesday 8 August

9.30am Communion-Blue Wave

10.00am Communion-Peninsula Village

1.30pm Senior Citizens-St Andrew's

7.00pm Bible Study-Rosemary Gillham

Thursday 9 August

8.30am Communion-St Luke's

10.00am Little Pelicans-St Andrew's

10.30am Coffee & Chat-Ruby's, Umina

Friday 10 August

Saturday 11 August

9.00am Op-Shop Open

Next Sunday 12 August

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.



Reaching Unity in the Faith

Take a look around you when you sit in church. What a mixed bunch we tend to be! And yet we have one thing in common that binds us together. We are all here because of what we believe. As members of the church we are part of the body of Christ. There is no difference between us in that there is no hierarchy in matters of faith – one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one hope, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all. We are equals in the sight of God. In our passage for today (Ephesians 4:1-16) St Paul is writing to the church in Ephesus and stressing this point so that they don't fall into the trap of regarding some Christians more worthy than others. Our background, our gifts and talents are thankfully all different so that we can each add our own bit to the rounding of the body. It would be a sad and lacking community if we were all the same. St Paul says that we all have something to offer that will benefit the whole church and make it healthier. Having been a physiotherapist I really like the analogy Paul makes with the physical body's anatomy. To be able to move, a body needs joints and muscles and the joints are held together by ligaments and when they are all in balance the body can

function well. 'Each part does its work' says Paul. What part are you and how do you play your part to enable the church to function in a harmonious and healthy way? We are all learning and growing in our faith, and we need one another to make that happen. That is why we meet together on Sundays and through the week in various groups. And did you notice that it is love that is the motivation and the means and the goal of our unity? We must speak truthfully in love, and we will be united and grow together in love.

When you are in church and when you look around, do you see yourself as part of a loving, growing, organic community of faith? We are the body of Christ. His Spirit is with us.

Love and prayers

Rosemary

From the Parish

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

Parish Directory

We are about to produce an updated Parish Directory. A copy of the existing directory is at the rear of the church, please check that your details are correct and list any amendments/additions on the blank sheets at the back of the directory.

Help Wanted!

We are thinking of producing a quarterly parish magazine with articles from parishioners, news of special events and other information.

Do you have some computer skills and the ability to collate these things and put a publication together? This might be your hidden talent!

Please speak to Denise or Nicola in the office or Rosemary if you think you could help.

Wiseberry Real Estate-Samaritans

Last Friday Troy Howe and Michelle from Wiseberry Real Estate, Umina presented Elizabeth and Derek Corless with 70kg of winter clothing and blankets which they had collected for Samaritans. We wish to thank them for their effort in collecting these items.

Pastoral Care Meeting

Our next meeting will be next Sunday (12th August) at 3.00pm at St Andrew's.

The topic for this month is 'Dealing with Change and Uncertainty'.

Everyone is welcome.

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:

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Isaiah 55.21

The prayer of the day

Living God,
whose Son Jesus fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom:

renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us with your true and living bread, Jesus Christ our Lord;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's readings

2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a

Ephesians 4.1-16

John 6.24-35

8.00am Neville Keen

Olive McGhie

10.00am Grahame Evans Ann Compton Martin

This morning's hymns

596 Fill my whole life,

31 Psalm 51 - Have mercy on us, living God

430 Your words to me are life and health

526 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

502 *Soul of my saviour*

456 Your hand, O God, has guided

For our prayers this week

Please pray for:

Those who leave bequests
or make donations to
Samaritans.



Wider Community:

The First Peoples of the Diocese. Trade Union Leaders.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Guadalcanal. The Church of Bangladesh. The Church of South India (United)

The National Church

Diocese of Bathurst.

In the Diocese of Newcastle:

Our Bishop, Peter, Assistant Bishops, Sonia and Charlie. The priests and people of New Lambton and Wallsend and University Chaplaincies.

In the Parish of Woy Woy:

We pray for our ministry team, Fr Michael, Rosemary, 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 Geerin, Jenny, Sandra Heath, Iris Munnings, Rose Powell, Elaine Rand, Lucy Roy, Mary.

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

2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, 'There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.' Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, 'As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.'

Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your

master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.' David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.'

Psalm 51.1-12

(To be said by alternate half verse)

1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your enduring goodness:

according to the fulness of your compassion blot out my offences.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness: **and cleanse me from my sin.**

3 For I acknowledge my rebellion: **and my sin is ever before me.**

4 Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your eyes: **so you will be just in your sentence and blameless in your judging.**

5 Surely in wickedness I was brought to birth:

and in sin my mother conceived me.

6 You that desire truth in the inward parts:

0 teach me wisdom in the secret places of the heart.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:

wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Make me hear of joy and gladness:

let the bones which you have broken rejoice.

9 Hide your face from my sins:

and blot out all my iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God:

and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Do not cast me out from your presence:

do not take your holy spirit from me.

12 O give me the gladness of your help again:

and support me with a willing spirit.

Ephesians 4.1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;

he gave gifts to his people.'

(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Gospel: John 6.24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do

not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

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For next week

12th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 18.5-9,14,31-33

Psalm 130

Ephesians 4.25-5.2

John 6.37-51

Hymns

100 All creatures of our God and King

658 I, the Lord of sea and sky

535 I am the bread

707 *Bread is blessed and broken*

576 O for a closer walk with God

Notices

REM YouthLife Prayer Breakfast

You are invited to support SRE in BWSC Campus at a Prayer Breakfast.

Venue: St Andrew's Anglican

Date: Sat 18th August 2018

Time: 7.30 to 9.00am

Cost: \$5.00

Staff for the serving team is required.

Can you assist? Contact Jeff Long 43444939.

Farmers in the Hunter Valley

Buy a Bale, The Maitland Mercury, Newcastle Herald, Hunter Valley News and The Scone Advocate have joined forces to help Hunter farmers as they battle the most crippling drought in decades.

These farmers and their communities need our support. There are numerous ways you can support this fundraising drive to support Hunter farmers. Information on how you can assist can be found at www.buyabale.com.au

Australian Red Cross

You are invited to Umina Beach Red Cross Club 51st Birthday Luncheon at Everglades Country Club, Dunban Rd, Woy Woy.

Date: Wednesday 22nd August 2018

Time: 11.30am

Cost: \$28 to be prepaid

RSVP: Margaret Edwards (Liaison Officer) by Wednesday 15th August

Generosity

Thank you

This week we say thank you to our **Op-Shop volunteers**, headed by the **Op-Shop Committee**, for the many hours they contribute, for the friendly welcome and helpful service they offer.

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

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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.