

# Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

## Weekly Bulletin

12 August 2018

12th Sunday after Pentecost

### In the coming week

#### Today

3.00pm Pastoral Care-St Andrew's

5.00pm Sunday Night Live-St Andrew's

#### Monday 13 August

3.00pm Home Group-Verna Rice

#### Tuesday 14 August

9.00am Cottage Crafters-The Cottage

1.30pm Bible Study-16 Inkerman Street

#### Wednesday 15 August

10.00am Communion-Peninsula Village

#### Thursday 16 August

8.30am Communion-St Luke's

10.00am Little Pelicans-St Andrew's

10.30am Coffee & Chat-Ruby's, Umina

#### Friday 17 August

#### Saturday 18 August

9.00am Op-Shop Open

#### Next Sunday 19 August

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.



#### Christian Behaviour

Mahatma Ghandi said, 'Happiness is when what you think, what you say and what you do are in harmony.' He also said, 'I will not let anyone walk through my mind with their dirty feet.'

He also famously said, 'I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ.' He had been deeply affected by the actions of those purporting to be Christian in South Africa during the apartheid regime.

In our passage from Paul's letter to the Ephesians for today (Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2) he sets out a way of living that would make them and us more Christ-like. It is packed with advice for those who are new to the faith as well as those who have been Christian for a long time.

It is all summed up in the last 2 verses: 'Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.'

There is advice about anger – not denying that it will occur but stressing the need to resolve it before it becomes destructive. Those who have previously used their skills for bad (e.g. stealing) should turn them for good and for the benefit of others. We all need to watch what we say and

how we speak as words can be hurtful and dehumanising. Words of encouragement and positivity can make such a difference for the one hearing them. The unseen or hidden sins of bitterness, anger, malice, spitefulness, gossip or slander are so destructive in a family or in community. We need to rid ourselves of all such negative and demeaning attitudes.

Now you may be thinking that you are OK – you don't fall into the category of harbouring such nastiness. We need to look a little deeper, because I'm sure you and I have some weeds that we need to root out of our lives. Being an imitator of God is a tough call. The sad truth is that those outside the church judge Christianity by those who are in it, and so we can't afford to give them grounds for rejecting the faith by behaving badly. Our history is full of such examples.

Last week we reflected on the fact that we are united in Christ. As Christian community we can encourage and support each other as we all strive to live Christ-honouring lives.

Love and prayers.

Rosemary

## From the Parish

### Prayer for all in Newcastle Diocese

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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

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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.

### Tuesday Bible study

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We will be meeting at Anthea's house for the next 2 months – 16 Inkerman Ave, Woy Woy.

### Pastoral Care Meeting

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Our meeting is today at 3.00pm at St Andrew's. The topic for this month is 'Dealing with Change and Uncertainty'.

Everyone is welcome.

### Our Submission to the Diocese

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This has been sent and is available for you to read. Please let Denise in the office know, and she can preferably email you a copy, or give you a hard copy if you wish.

### Fathers' Day

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We are planning a Fathers' Day celebration on Sunday 2nd Sept at St Andrew's from 4.30pm and are inviting baptismal families etc. It would be good to have some men from our morning congregations to help with the barbecue and chat to the dads. Please speak to Anthea or Rosemary if you can help.

### Advance Notice-CMS Coastal Mission Day

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Saturday 20th October - 9.30am-3.00pm

EV Church Erina, 331 Terrigal Drive

This year, David Williams (CMS Director of Training and Development, St Andrew's Hall, Melbourne) will be speaking on the topic of 'Having the King's heart for the lost'. Plus Missionary Sessions.

Brochures available at the back of the church.

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## 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:

Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.  
Ephesians 5.1–21

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## The prayer of the day

Grant, O Lord,  
that we may see in you the fulfilment of all our need,  
and may turn from every false satisfaction  
to feed on the true and living bread  
that you have given us in Jesus Christ;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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## Today's readings

2 Samuel 18.5-9,14,31-33	Psalm 130
Ephesians 4.25-5.2	John 6.37-51

8.00am	Derek Corless	Elizabeth Corless
10.00am	Jeff Long	Judy Campbell

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## This morning's 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

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## For our prayers this week

Please pray for:

Out of Home Care (foster care) in Mudgee, Hamilton and Newcastle.



### Wider Community:

The First Peoples of the Diocese. The unemployed and under-employed.

### Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Guadalcanal. The Church of England and The Church of Wales.

### The National Church

Diocese of Grafton.

### In the Diocese of Newcastle:

Our Bishop, Peter, Assistant Bishops, Sonia and Charlie. The priests and people of Belmont, Belmont North and Redhead and Cardiff.

### 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 18.5-9, 14, 31-33

The king gave orders to Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.' And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.

So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.

Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

Joab said, 'I will not waste time like this with you.' He took three spears in his hand, and thrust them into the heart of Absalom, while he was still alive in the oak.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, 'Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.' The king said to the Cushite, 'Is it well with the young man Absalom?' The Cushite answered, 'May the

enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.'

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, 'O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would that I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!'

### Psalm 130

*(To be said by alternate half verse)*

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord:  
**Lord, hear my voice;**

2 O let your ears consider well:  
**the voice of my supplication.**

3 If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong:  
**who then, O Lord, could stand?**

4 But there is forgiveness with you:  
**so that you shall be feared.**

5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him:  
**and in his word is my hope.**

6 My soul looks for the Lord:  
**more than watchmen for the morning,  
more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.**

7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord  
there is mercy:  
**and with him is ample redemption.**

8 He will redeem Israel:  
**from the multitude of their sins.**

## Ephesians 4.25-5.2

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So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## The Gospel: John 6.37-51

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Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me,

that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

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## For next week

### 13th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 2.10-12, 3.3-14                      Psalm 111  
Ephesians 5.11-21                              John 6.53-59

### Hymns

595 O Jesus I have promised  
650 Brother, sister, let me serve you  
134 Praise my soul, the King of Heaven  
429 Break now the bread of life  
560 All my hope on God is founded

## Notices

### 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](http://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

## 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.

## ANGLICAN WOMEN OF AUSTRALIA

### DIOCESE OF NEWCASTLE

#### SPRING CELEBRATION 2018

#### CENTRAL COAST DEANERY

*Come and join us on*

*Friday 7th September 2018*

Christ Church Anglican Church  
3 Mann Street, Gosford

10.00 a.m. Morning Tea

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Guest Speaker: Mr. Garry Kirkby

12 noon Lunch {B.Y.O.}

1.30 p.m. Fellowship Time

2.30 p.m. Finish

*Theme for 2017-2018*



Thank You Box proceeds for 2017-18 go to:

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## Generosity

### Thank you

This week we say thank you to **those who volunteer in cleaning, gardening and maintenance** at our churches. We appreciate being able to worship God in the good environment we have. Thank you for all the hard work put in.

### 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)

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## Ministry Team

### Parish Priest:

**Rev Canon Michael Davies** (on Long Service Leave)

**Rev Rosemary Gillham** (locum tenens)

Mobile phone: **0408416181**

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*Available on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays*

### Associate Priest:

**Fr Peter Mumford**

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### Children & Family Worker:

**Anthea Haughain**

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

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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.**