

Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

Weekly Bulletin

19 August 2018

13th Sunday after Pentecost

In the coming week

Today

4.30pm Messy Church-St Andrew's

Monday 20 August

7.00pm Choir Practice-St Luke's

Tuesday 21 August

9.00am Cottage Crafters-The Cottage

1.30pm Bible Study-16 Inkerman Street

Wednesday 22 August

9.30am Communion-Blue Wave

10.00am Communion-Peninsula Village

Thursday 23 August

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

Friday 24 August

Saturday 25 August

9.00am Op-Shop Open

Next Sunday 26 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.



From Darkness to Light

In our reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians for today (Ephesians 5:11-21) there is a whole series of contrasting ideas – light and darkness, wisdom and foolishness, being drunk on wine and filled with the Spirit.

Have you ever woken up in the middle of the night in a strange place and not been able to find the door or the way to the bathroom? It can be very disconcerting and even a bit scary. Finding the light switch is such a relief! It is under cover of darkness that most crimes are committed, because criminals think that if they are not seen they won't be caught.

The truth for us is that Christ shines a light on our lives and we can't hide in the darkness. The habits that we can hide from others cannot be hidden from Christ – even the secrets of our heart. So there is no point in pretending to God. The wise person owns up to their shortcomings and asks for God's help in overcoming them. The foolish person pretends that all is well. In our psalm today we have the words: 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and of good understanding are those that keep his commandments.' If we stand in awe of God, then we are in the right place to start living lives that are good and godly.

Debauchery is an excessive indulgence in something – eg sex, wine, partying. We are, according to St Paul, to be filled instead with the Spirit, using our time to praise God with our lips and in our hearts. In this way we will 'make no room for the devil' as we read in the previous chapter.

Meeting together, singing hymns, praying, confessing our sins and sharing in the eucharist week by week keeps us on track. We can encourage one another and be fed spiritually in preparation for another week of living out our Christian lives in the wider world.

The Christians in Ephesus would have been both challenged and encouraged by the words of St Paul in this letter. How do they affect you? We also can be touched by this message written more than 18 centuries ago because it is just as relevant now as then.

Love and prayers

Rosemary

From the Parish

Prayer for all in Newcastle Diocese

As the diocese considers 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.

Tuesday Bible study

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

Fathers' Day

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.

CMS Coastal Mission Day

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'.

Sessions with missionaries working in France, Japan, the Middle East and Spain. Registration is \$10 and can be done at www.cms.org.au/cmd

Brochures available at the back of the church. Put this in your diary!

Anglican Women - Thank You Boxes

Please return all Anglican Women's Thank You Boxes by the end of the month either to Jacky King or the Office so they can be taken to the Spring Celebration next month.

BCA Boxes

Please also return BCA Boxes before the end of this month.

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:

Jesus said, 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.' John 6.56

The prayer of the day

Everliving God, your Son, Jesus Christ,
gave himself as living bread for the life of the world:
give us such a knowledge of his presence that we may
be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to
serve you continually;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, for
ever and ever. Amen.

Today's readings

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

8.00am Verna Rice Denise Hammond
10.00am Meryl Schofield Barry Sale

This morning's 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

For our prayers this week

Please pray for:

Youth Homelessness
Support Service.

Friendship House and
Home for good (post prison release)



Wider Community:

The First Peoples of the Diocese. Asylum seekers and refugees.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Guadalcanal. The Anglican Church of Melanesia. The Diocese of Rockhampton.

The Wider Church

The Baptist Church

In the Diocese of Newcastle:

Our Bishops, Peter, Sonia and Charlie. The priests and people of Telarah and Rutherford and Wollombi Valley.

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, 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

1 Kings 2.10-12, 3.3-14

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your

people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

Psalm 111

(To be said by alternate half verse)

1 O praise the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart:

**in the company of the upright
and among the congregation.**

2 The works of the Lord are great:

and studied by all who take delight in them.

3 His deeds are majestic and glorious:

and his righteousness stands for ever.

4 His marvellous acts have won him a name to be remembered:

the Lord is gracious and merciful.

5 He gives food to those that fear him:

he remembers his covenant for ever.

6 He showed his people the power of his acts:
in giving them the heritage of the heathen.

7 The works of his hands are faithful and just:
and all his commandments are sure;

8 They stand firm for ever and ever:
they are done in faithfulness and in truth.

9 He sent redemption to his people,
he ordained his covenant for ever:
holy is his name and worthy to be feared.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of
wisdom, and of good understanding are those
that keep his commandments:
his praise shall endure for ever.

Ephesians 5.11-21

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness,
but instead expose them. For it is shameful even
to mention what such people do secretly; but
everything exposed by the light becomes visible,
for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore it says,

‘Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you.’

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise
people but as wise, making the most of the time,
because the days are evil. So do not be foolish,
but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do

not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery;
but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms
and hymns and spiritual songs among
yourselves, singing and making melody to the
Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the
Father at all times and for everything in the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be subject to one another out of reverence for
Christ.

The Gospel: John 6.53-59

So Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you,
unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and
drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those
who eat my flesh and drink my blood have
eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last
day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is
true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my
blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the
living Father sent me, and I live because of the
Father, so whoever eats me will live because of
me. This is the bread that came down from
heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate,
and they died. But the one who eats this bread
will live for ever.’ He said these things while he
was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

For next week

14th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 8.1,6,10-11,22-30 Psalm 84
 Ephesians 6.10-20 John 6.60-69

Hymns

547 Be thou my vision,
 44 -Psalm 84-How lovely is your dwelling place
 390 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks
 495 Father, we give you thanks
 523 Here, Lord, we take
 569 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Notices

Spirituality in the Pub

Tuesday 4th September, 2018, 7.30pm -
 9.00pm The Grange Hotel Function Room
 Cnr: Renwick St & Pacific Hwy, WYOMING
 Bistro opens at 5-30pm.

SPEAKERS: **Julie Telfer:** Julie leads a team of Chaplains & Pastoral Practitioners on the Central Coast, Hunter & New England. She is a Chaplain to all peoples irrespective of their religious belief or no belief. **Margot Auld:** Margot's spiritual journey from a shy student to a woman executive in a man's world, demonstrates God's work to mould a "lump of clay" into a useful vessel.

Finance

July Summary

RECEIPTS

Offeratories	\$ 9,375
Donations	1,060
Op Shop	3,846
Rent	2,058
Other	1
	<u>\$16,340</u>
Mission to Seafarers	\$293

OUTGOINGS

Diocesan Contribution-	
Insurance,Wages,etc.	\$13,965
Operating Expenses –	
Worship,Rates,Stationery,	
Maintenance, etc.	<u>3,235</u>
	<u>\$17,200</u>

Anglican Women-Spring Celebration

Central Coast Deanery - Friday 7th September
 Christ Church Anglican Church, 3 Mann St,
 Gosford.

10.00am Morning Tea
 10.30am Holy Communion
 Guest Speaker: Garry Kirkby
 12.00noon Lunch (BYO)
 1.30pm Fellowship Time
 2.30pm Finish

Theme for 2018-2019



Thank You Box proceeds for 2018-19 go to:



Generosity

Thank you

This week we say thank you to **those who volunteer in our parish office** and who so generously give of their time and talents to keep our parish running smoothly. Thank you for your cheerful presence for those who visit or phone our office.

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.