

# Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

## Weekly Bulletin

26 August 2018

14th Sunday after Pentecost

### In the coming week

#### Today

5.00pm Sunday Night Live-St Andrew's

#### Monday 27 August

3.00pm Home Group-Verna Rice

7.00pm Choir Practice-St Luke's

#### Tuesday 28 August

9.00am Cottage Crafters-The Cottage

1.30pm Bible Study-16 Inkerman Street

2.15pm Happy Hour

#### Wednesday 29 August

10.00am Communion-Peninsula Village

7.00pm Bible Study-Rosemary Gillham

#### Thursday 30 August

8.30am Communion-St Luke's

10.00am Little Pelicans-St Andrew's

10.30am Coffee & Chat-Ruby's, Umina

#### Saturday 1 September

9.00am Op-Shop Open

#### Next Sunday 2 September

8.00am Communion-St Andrew's

10.00am Eucharist-St Luke's

2.00pm Liturgy Team

4.30pm 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.



#### What are You Wearing?

The passage to reflect on today comes at the end of Paul's letter to the Ephesians (Ephesians 6:10-20). If St Paul was writing this letter today he would probably talk about high viz jackets, safety helmets, leather gloves, metal-capped safety boots and safety harnesses. These are all designed to be worn in places of danger and risk. No-one is allowed on a building site without them. Having the right equipment for the situation is all important.

For us as Christians, our equipment according to St Paul is the truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith, confidence in our salvation and God's own Spirit and Word. For our work in the world we are fitted out with these things, and we need them so that we can defend and protect ourselves. We are Christ's ambassadors in a sometimes hostile world and we must be prepared. The opposition we face can come from our neighbours, our friends or even our own family or just society at large.

We are not so much going into battle as just defending our faith and so in verse 13 of today's passage from Paul's letter to the Ephesians we are encouraged to stand firm – to have confidence in what we believe. Sometimes we may have to stand up against teasing or

ridicule or even against direct opposition. In this country we don't suffer the physical persecution that many other Christians do; but our opposition is subtle and pervasive. We need to be prepared to stand up for our faith and to be confident in what we believe.

Our protection is invisible but powerful. We have the very Spirit of God to guide and protect us. Prayer is the most effective weapon that we can use in times of difficulty and we are urged not to cease praying for our own situations, but also for Christians around the world who are being attacked physically or spiritually. Let us commit ourselves to standing up for the truth and to supporting freedom in religion.

Love and prayers

Rosemary

## From the Parish

### Prayer for all in Newcastle Diocese

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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*

### Keys

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We are conducting an audit of keys to St Luke's Church and The Cottage. If you have a key to either of these buildings could you please advise the Office of the number/s under CCR43.

### 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.

### Parish Directory

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Copies of the updated Parish Directory are now available. Some have been e.mailed out and hard copies are available. Please let the office know if you have not received an emailed copy and would like one.

### 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.

### Anglican Women - Thank You Boxes

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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

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BCA Boxes before need to be returned by the end of September.

### Social Activity - Bushwalk

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There will be a bush walk from Warrah Trig to Patonga on Saturday 22 September. Hopefully there will be wildflowers and possibly waratahs. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet if you are interested. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

### Happy Hour

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Come and join us -

THEME: Pot Luck  
WHEN: Tuesday, 28th August - 2.15 pm  
WHERE: St Andrew's Church, 360 Ocean Beach Rd, Umina  
CONTACT: Verna Rice if you need transport  
4341 0646



## Readings for this week

### 1 Kings 8.1, 6, 10-11, 22-30

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Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion.

Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim.

And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

### Psalm 84

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1 How lovely is your dwelling-place:

**O Lord God of hosts!**

2 My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord:

**my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

3 The sparrow has found her a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:  
**even your altar, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house:  
**they will always be praising you.**

5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you:  
**in whose heart are the highways to Zion;**

6 Who, going through the valley of dryness, find there a spring from which to drink:  
**till the autumn rain shall clothe it with blessings.**

7 They go from strength to strength:  
**they appear, every one of them, before the God of gods in Zion.**

8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:  
**give ear, O God of Jacob.**  
9 Behold, O God, him who reigns over us:  
**and look upon the face of your anointed.**

10 One day in your courts is better than a thousand:

**I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.**

11 For the Lord God is a light and a shield, the Lord gives favour and honour:

**and no good thing will he withhold from those who walk in innocence.**

12 O Lord God of hosts:  
**blessed are those who put their trust in you.**

## **Ephesians 6.10-20**

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Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

## **The Gospel: John 6.60-69**

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When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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## For next week

### 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Songs 2.8-13                  Psalm 45.1-2, 6-9  
James 1.17-27                  Mark 7.1-8,14-15, 21-23

### Hymns

448 Blest are the pure in heart  
674 Inspired by love and anger  
4137 For the beauty of the earth  
607 *Make me a channel of your peace*  
609 May the mind of Christ my Saviour

## 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.

### 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](http://www.cms.org.au/cmd)

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

### 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

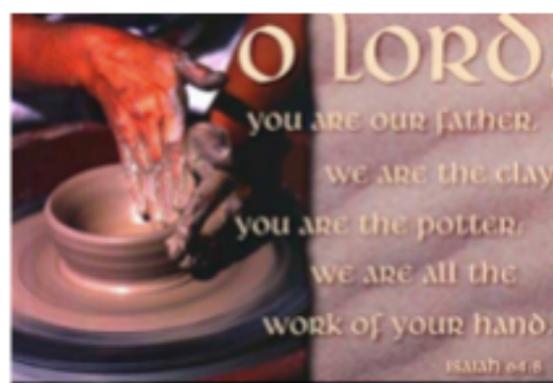
Guest Speaker: Garry Kirkby

12.00noon Lunch (BYO)

1.30pm Fellowship Time

2.30pm Finish

Theme for 2018-2019



Thank You Box proceeds for 2018-19 go to:



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## Generosity

### Thank you

This week we say thank you to **all those who provide and prepare morning tea**. Thank you for your cheerful service.

### 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)

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### 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.**