

Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

Weekly Bulletin

16 September 2018

17th Sunday after Pentecost

In the coming week

Today

4.30pm Messy Church-St Andrew's

Monday 17 September

7.00pm Choir Practice-St Luke's

Tuesday 18 September

9.00am Cottage Crafters-The Cottage

1.30pm Bible Study-16 Inkerman Street

Wednesday 19 September

10.00am Communion-Peninsula Village

7.00pm Bible Study-Rosemary Gillham

Thursday 20 September

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

Saturday 22 September

9.00am Op-Shop Open

Next Sunday 23 September

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 the Parish

Rector's Reflection

Dear friends,

The epistle readings for September's month of Sundays are taken from the Letter of James. The great reformer Martin Luther described James as 'an epistle of straw' because of its insistence that faith without works is dead. It seemed to contradict his belief in 'justification by faith alone', the keystone of Luther's (Reformation) theology.

Luther refers to James as 'an epistle of straw' not because he didn't think it worth reading, he acknowledges it's good and practical advice for Christians. However, when compared to some other New Testament writings, such as John's Gospel and Paul's Epistles, it has little of the nature of the gospel about it, evangelistically speaking. He considered it comparatively light-weight, and not as useful as other scriptures with regards mission and evangelism. That is, Christianity's core business.

Along with the Letter of James, Luther questioned the fitness of Hebrews, Jude, and Revelation as canonical scripture; and to this day, these four books are ordered last in the German-language Luther Bible. The debate over James's canonical fitness has long-since past and the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) committee, who organises our three-year cycle of readings for Sundays, have deemed him worthy of

2 inclusion.

We should be grateful for this little gem of an epistle, as the practical advice and wisdom James imparts upon the church of his day is as relevant and applicable to ours today. The human condition is much as it was back then! He reminds us that favouritism, hypocrisy, and slander, have no place in the body of Christ, that: "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." James counsels humility and Godliness as befits the christian life, undoubtedly the great Martin Luther would approve of such instruction!

May God bless the week that awaits us.

Fr Michael

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

From the Parish

Dr Andrew Browning visiting MU

Wednesday 3rd October Dr Andrew Browning, obstetrician and fistula surgeon, will be the guest for MU at St Andrew's.

Dr Andrew spent 13 years in Ethiopia and Tanzania and now continues his work operating and teaching in Malawi, Sierra Leone, Kenya, Chad, Uganda, Congo, Sudan, and Togo as well. The lives of countless women and babies have been saved and transformed.

His work is supported by the Barbara May Foundation.

There will be morning tea at 9.30am followed by a short service at 10am and Dr Andrew will speak about his work from about 10.45 to 11.45am.

Everyone is welcome.

BCA Boxes

Please return BCA Boxes to the churches, parish office or Rosemary Gillham before the end of September.

Finance

August Summary

RECEIPTS

Offeratories	\$ 8,796
Donations	1,371
Op Shop	3,449
Rent	2,234
Other	2,240
	<u>\$18,090</u>

Mission to Seafarers

Parish Service - 30 September

On Sunday 30th September there will be one Parish Service at 10am at St Andrew's. The preacher will be Sam Collins from The Bible Society. There will be a retiring offertory for the work of the Bible Society.

Lunch will be served following the Service when Michael and Peter will give a presentation on their trip in the apostle Paul's Footsteps.

Please add your name to the Sign Up Sheet if you will be attending the lunch. Suggested donation for lunch \$6.

Offertory

Envelopes for the next 6 months are available near the entry. If you are not currently using envelopes and would like to there are a few spare sets, if you take a set please record your name next to the appropriate number on the sheet. Forms are also available if you wish to make your offering by direct entry. If you use internet banking you can program a direct entry using our BSB 053-527 Account # 228059.

OUTGOINGS

Diocesan Contribution-	
Insurance,Wages,etc.	\$13,282
Operating Expenses –	
Worship,Rates,Stationery,	
Maintenance, etc.	<u>3,575</u>
	<u>\$16,857</u>
	\$293

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:

Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for the sake of the gospel will save it. Mark 8.35

The prayer of the day

God of mercy,
help us to forgive as you have forgiven us,
to trust you, even when hope is failing,
and to take up our cross daily
and follow you in your redeeming work;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's readings

Proverbs 1.20-33	Psalm 19
James 2.18-26	Mark 8.27-38

8.00am	Keith King	Jacky King
10.00am	Judy Campbell	Nicola O'Regan

This morning's hymns

745 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
476 As a chalice cast of gold
We walk by faith, and not by sight
549 *God be in my head*
496 Strengthen for service,

For our prayers this week

Please pray for:

Anglican Care.



Wider Community:

The First Peoples of the Diocese.
Organisations working for environmental awareness.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Guadalcanal. The Anglican Episcopal Church in Japan. The Diocese of North West Australia.

Wider Church:

Orthodox Churches.

In the Diocese of Newcastle:

Our Bishops, Peter, Sonia and Charlie. The priests and people of Beresfield and Thornton and Branxton, Greta and Lochinvar.

In the Parish of Woy Woy:

We pray for our ministry team, Fr Michael, 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:

Olga Arkell, Helen Baker, Rosemary Bond, Shannon, Brett Donnelly, Carol Fraser, Judith Geerin, Jenny, Sandra Heath, 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

Proverbs 1.20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
'How long, O simple ones, will you love being
simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
Then they will call upon me, but I will not
answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,
would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.'

Psalm 19

(To be said by alternate half verse)

1 The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
2 One day tells it to another:
and night to night communicates knowledge.
3 There is no speech or language:
nor are their voices heard;
4 Yet their sound has gone out through all the
world:
and their words to the ends of the earth,
5 There he has pitched a tent for the sun:
**which comes out as a bridegroom from his
chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to
run his course.**
6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens,
and its circuit to their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.
7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
**the command of the Lord is true,
and makes wise the simple.**
8 The precepts of the Lord are right,
and rejoice the heart:
**the commandment of the Lord is pure,
and gives light to the eyes.**
9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for
ever:
**the judgements of the Lord are unchanging,
and righteous every one.**
10 More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold:
**sweeter also than honey,
than the honey that drips from the comb.**

11 Moreover, by them is your servant taught:
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can know their own unwitting sins?:

O cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous
sins, lest they get the mastery over me:

**so I shall be clean, and innocent of great
offence.¹**

4 May the words of my mouth and the
meditation of my heart be acceptable in your
sight:

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

James 2.18-26

But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith without works is barren? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness', and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

The Gospel: Mark 8.27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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For next week

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 31.10-31

Psalm 1

James 3.1-12

Mark 9.30-37

Hymns

256 From heaven you came

472 Father of mercy

738 My Jesus, my saviour

523 Here, Lord we take the broken bread

198 I greet you my Redeemer sure,

Notices

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!

Expectations of Behaviour

Bishop Peter has written following receipt of feedback from parishes on Strategic Direction:

"I was sad to hear that a few conversations in a few parishes did not meet the standards we expect of each other. It is timely that we remind ourselves of God's expectation that our lives are shaped by love of one another. A practical expression of love is the way we behave towards

each other in the life of the church. The attached code called "Being Together" reflects New Testament principles and is a simple guide to the way we should relate in all of our private and public meetings as a church community."

Hymn-We walk by faith

By Dean Alford, 1845

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear
from Him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe Him near.

2 We may not touch His hands and side,
nor follow where He trod;
but in His promise we rejoice
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on You when You are near
and seek where You are found.

4 That, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light,
may we behold You as You are,
with full and endless sight.

Source: Hymns to the Living God #326

Generosity

Thank you

This week we say thank you to **those who assist our Treasurer** with counting and banking of money. Thank you for taking on this responsibility.

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

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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.