

Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

Weekly Bulletin

23 September 2018

18th Sunday after Pentecost

In the coming week

Today

5.00pm Sunday Night Live-St Andrew's

Monday 24 September

3.00pm Home Group-Verna Rice

7.00pm Choir Practice-St Luke's

Tuesday 25 September

9.00am Cottage Crafters-The Cottage

1.30pm Bible Study-16 Inkerman Street

2.15pm Happy Hour-St Andrew's

Wednesday 26 September

9.30am Communion-Blue Wave

10.00am Communion-Peninsula Village

7.00pm Bible Study-Rosemary Gillham

Thursday 27 September

8.30am Communion-St Luke's

10.00am Little Pelicans-St Andrew's

10.30am Coffee & Chat-Ruby's, Umina

Saturday 29 September

9.00am Op-Shop Open

Next Sunday 30 September

10.00am Parish Service followed by lunch-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,

As stated in last week's reflection, the Letter of James imparts practical advice and wisdom that's as relevant and applicable today as it was in his own time. In today's reading, James warns against the dangers of the tongue, since the tongue governs whatever comes forth from our hearts and minds.

The metaphors of a horse's bridle and a ship's rudder, illustrate the power of something small directing the larger whole. James uses the images of the horse and the ship to suggest that one can gain control of the whole by concentrating on the small thing that is responsible for giving them directions.

Although a small member, an unbridled tongue has the potential for great harm, especially through the medium of gossip, innuendo, rumour, or worse still, slander. These kinds of negative speech can have a devastating effect within the human family, much like fire has the potential to scorch the earth and destroy everything in its path. It takes but a spark to set a forest ablaze.

In Psalm 140:3, we read that the tongue of the wicked is like the bite of a poisonous snake. Speech that is negative at best, or destructive at worst, is much like an insidious poison that

gradually infects the whole body of a community. Perhaps the human condition's greatest flaw is speech with a divided tongue, we use the same instrument to curse each other that we do to praise God.

Earlier in the epistle, James reminded his readers that they must not be double-minded, the instruction now is to overcome the very human tendency to be double-tongued. As surely a single spring cannot produce both brackish and fresh water or saltwater yield fresh water, neither can a Christian be double-tongued. For a double-tongued Christian is a contradiction in terms.

James challenges the casual attitude people have toward speech. By underlining the power the tongue has over us, he likewise reminds us that faith in God will accord us the necessary strength and discipline to curb our speech. May we speak the truth in love as did our founder Christ Jesus.

Fr Michael



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.

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.

Social News

Would any members of our congregation be interested in having lunch at 12 o'clock at the Bayview on the second Sunday of each month as a social outing. Please contact Jacky King 0404 897 766 or the office if you are interested.

Happy Hour

Come and join us -

THEME: Springtime

WHEN: Tuesday, 25th September - 2.15 pm

WHERE: St Andrew's Church, 360 Ocean Beach Rd, Umina

CONTACT: Verna Rice if you need transport
4341 0646

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

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:

Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all. Mark 9.35

The prayer of the day

God and Father of all,
you have taught us through your Son that the last shall be first,
and have made a little child the measure of your kingdom:
give us the wisdom from above,
so that we may understand that in your sight
the one who serves is the greatest of all.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's readings

Proverbs 31.10-31 Psalm 1
James 3.1-12 Mark 9.30-37

8.00am	Neville Keen	Rosemary Gillham
10.00am	Robert Wheeler	Penny Wheeler

This morning's 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,

For our prayers this week

Please pray for:

The Samaritans
Foundation.



Wider Community:

The First Peoples of the Diocese. Artists, sculptors and potters.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Guadalcanal. The Church of North India (United). The Religious Society of Friends.

National Church:

Bishop to Aboriginal People - Bishop Chris McLeod.

In the Diocese of Newcastle:

Our Bishops, Peter, Sonia and Charlie. The priests and people of Clarence Town, Dungog and Gresford-Paterson.

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 31.10-31

A capable wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.
She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.
She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
She is not afraid for her household when it
snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.
She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.
She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.
Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.
She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:
'Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.'
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Psalm 1

(To be said by alternate half verse)

1 Blessed are they who have not walked in the
counsel of the ungodly:
**nor followed the way of sinners,
nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.**

2 But their delight is in the law of the Lord:
**and on that law will they ponder day and
night.**

3 They are like trees planted beside streams of
water:
that yield their fruit in due season.

4 Their leaves also shall not wither:
and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.

5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:
**they are like the chaff which the wind
scatters.**

6 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up
at the judgement:
**nor sinners in the congregation of the
righteous.**

7 For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous:
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

James 3.1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not

to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Gospel: Mark 9.30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, ‘The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the way?’ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, ‘Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.’ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

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For next week

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Esther 7.1-6, 9-10, 9.20-22 Psalm 124
James 5.12-20 Mark 9.38-43, 45, 47-48

Hymns

431 Thanks to God whose Word was spoken
Love one another
Behold the Lamb
716 Father we adore you
755 You shall go out with joy

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!

St Luke's Cleaning

There will be a Working Bee on Saturday 20th October 10am-2pm prior to our St Luke's Day Service.

Anglican Women Thank you boxes

Thank you to all who donated via the Thank You Boxes. A total of \$255.40 was raised for Anglican Overseas Aid.

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.

BCA Boxes

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

Spirituality in the Pub

Tuesday 2nd October, 2018, 7.30pm - 9.00pm

The Grange Hotel Function Room

Cnr: Renwick St & Pacific Hwy, WYOMING

`Bistro opens at 5-30pm.

Inquiries: 4328 2596 or 0498 588 261

Theme 2018: "My Spirituality: Then and Now"
SPEAKERS: **Rev Graham Brookes** worked for the

Protestant Church of Timor (Indonesia) in the '70's, was Parish Minister in Armidale, became U.C. National Director of Overseas Programs and before retirement ministered at Lakemba U.C.

John Hegarty: A grandfather and former teacher, principal and counsellor in NSW and abroad. At 83 he sees everybody as ordinary, extraordinary and unique, and affirms "life gets better every day".

SIP Central Coast is an Ecumenical & Interfaith Speakers Forum with Q's & A's.

Generosity

Thank you

This week we say thank you to **Anthea P and all the Choir Members** for sharing their love of song. Thank you for all you do to enhance our worship.

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.

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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.