

# Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

## Weekly Bulletin

7 October 2018

20th Sunday after Pentecost

### In the coming week

#### Today

3.00pm Liturgy Team Meeting-St Andrew's

5.00pm Sunday Night Live-St Andrew's

#### Monday 8 October

3.00pm Home Group-Verna Rice

7.00pm Choir Practice

#### Tuesday 9 October

9.00am Cottage Crafters-The Cottage

7.00pm Parish Council-St Andrew's

#### Wednesday 10 October

9.30am Communion-Blue Wave

10.00am Communion-Peninsula Village

1.30pm Senior Citizens-St Andrew's

#### Thursday 11 October

8.30am Communion-St Luke's

10.30am Coffee & Chat-Ruby's, Umina

#### Saturday 13 October

9.00am Op-Shop Open

#### Next Sunday 14 October

8.00am Communion-St Andrew's

10.00am Eucharist-St Luke's

3.00pm Pastoral Partners-St Andrew'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

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Dear friends,

May I take the opportunity to thank you for your good wishes last week on my 50th birthday. It was lovely to celebrate this milestone together as one during our combined gathering at Umina. Everyone I've spoken too has told me how much they enjoyed the worship and lunch afterwards. A big thank you to all who made this possible. Fr Peter and I likewise enjoyed sharing something of our ten day pilgrimage in the footsteps of St Paul with you, and hope you found our presentation enlightening.

Our next combined worship will be at Woy Woy on Sunday, 21st October, at 10am - our annual celebration of St Luke's feast day. As is our custom, we will be hosting a guest preacher on the day, and it's our great privilege to welcome the Rev'd Dianne Langham. Di serves as the Anglican Chaplain at Cessnock Correctional Centre in the Hunter Valley.

As an indigenous woman of the Stolen Generation, Di is well placed to minister to the all too high number of indigenous inmates, especially those who've experienced the trauma of familial fracture as did she. Di is a most engaging speaker who has moved her audience by sharing her faith, her story and the stories of

others. I have a special fondness for Di as we were ordained together eighteen years ago next month.

After worship, you are all warmly invited to the rectory for lunch and fellowship. You have no need to bring anything, just yourselves, it is Alex's and my pleasure to host and spoil you. I'm giving this a plug two weeks out so as you can diarise the event and give it priority. It may seem a little excessive hosting two combined services of worship only three weeks apart, but bringing our two congregations together as one is a healthy practice.

May God bless the week that awaits us.

Fr Michael



## From the Parish

### St Luke's Day Celebration

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Our next combined parish service is on 21 October at St Luke's at 10am followed by the Rectory Open House. All welcome as guests of Michael and Alex.

It is our great pleasure to welcome Revd. Di Langham, Chaplain, Cessnock Correctional Centre, who will preach at the service.

### REM YouthLife Prayer Breakfast

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You are invited to support SRE in BWSC Campus at a Prayer Breakfast.

Venue: Uniting Church, Ocean Beach Road  
Umina Beach

Date: Saturday 20th October 2018

Time: 7.30 to 9.00am

Cost: \$5.00

All welcome.

Inquiries Contact Jeff Long 43444939.

### Bible Studies

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The Tuesday and Wednesday bible study groups will be in recess for 2 weeks.

Tuesday bible study will recommence at 1.30pm on 16th October at 104 Gallipoli Ave, Umina

Wednesday bible study will recommence at 7pm on 17th October at 1/13 Clifford St, Umina.

Newcomers are most welcome at either group.

### Bible Society - Nicaragua

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Thank you to those who donated to the Nicaragua Appeal last week. \$254 has been passed on to the Bible Society.

### St Luke's Cleaning

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

### ABM Emergency Appeals

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#### Philippine Typhoon and Indonesian Tsunami

Please pray for all whose lives have been lost and affected by these disasters, and also for those who are responding on the ground. There will be a retiring offertory today and next Sunday for the above appeals.

### Pastoral Care Meeting

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The meeting will be next Sunday (14th October) at 3pm at St Andrew's.

Our topic this month is 'Coping with Change'. Everyone is welcome.

### 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*

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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:

Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it. Mark 10.15

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## The prayer of the day

Loving God,  
you have made us in your own image, creating us male and female,  
and you have consecrated the covenant of marriage so that in it is signified the spiritual marriage between Christ and his Church:  
pour your grace upon all who are called to this holy state,  
that, keeping their promise of faithfulness to each other,  
they may reflect in their lives your love for us all;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## Today's readings

Esther 7.1-6, 9-10, 9.20-22 Psalm 26  
Hebrews 1.1-4, 2.5-12 Mark 10.2-9

8.00am	Keith King	Jacky King
10.00am	Bill Gates	Anthea Haughain

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## This morning's hymns

142 Glory be to God the Father  
236 Jesus' hands were kind hands  
113 Now to the Lord a noble song  
502 *Soul of my saviour*  
595 O Jesus, I have promised

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## For our prayers this week

Please pray for:

Mentors at the Wickham student accommodation.



## Wider Community:

The First Peoples of the Diocese. Media agencies.

## Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Guadalcanal. The Anglican Church of Burundi. The Anglican Church of the Southern Cone of America. The Diocese of Brisbane.

## In the Diocese of Newcastle:

Our Bishops, Peter, Sonia and Charlie. The priests and people of Kincumber and Lakes Anglican. CEY Ministries.

## 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, Jean Dore, Carol Fraser, 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

### Esther 7.1-6, 9-10, 9.20-22

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So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.' Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?' Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, 'Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.' And the king said, 'Hang him on that.' So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and

far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

### Psalm 26

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*(To be said by alternate half verse)*

1 Give judgement for me, O Lord,  
for I have walked in my integrity:

**I have trusted in the Lord and not wavered.**

2 Put me to the test, O Lord, and prove me:  
**try my mind and my heart.**

3 For your steadfast love has been ever before  
my eyes:

**and I have walked in your truth.**

4 I have not sat with deceivers:

**nor consorted with the hypocrites;**

5 I hate the assembly of the wicked:

**I will not sit with the ungodly.**

6 I wash my hands in innocence, O Lord:

**that I may go about your altar,**

7 And lift up the voice of thanksgiving:  
**to tell of all your marvellous works.**  
8 Lord, I love the house of your habitation:  
**and the place where your glory dwells.**  
9 Do not sweep me away with sinners:  
**nor my life with those that thirst for blood,**  
10 In whose hand is abomination:  
**and their right hand is full of bribes.**  
11 As for me, I walk in my integrity:  
**0 ransom me and be favourable toward me.**  
12 My foot stands on an even path:  
**I will bless the Lord in the great congregation.**

## Hebrews 1.1-4, 2.5-12

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Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

'What are human beings that you are mindful of them,

or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet.'

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

## The Gospel: Mark 10.2-9

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Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

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### For next week

#### *21st Sunday after Pentecost*

Job 23.1-9, 16-17

Psalm 22.1-15

Hebrews 4.12-16

Mark 10.17-31

#### Hymns

143 Immortal, invisible

576 O for a closer walk with God

233 I will sing the wondrous story

513 Bread of heaven

245 We have a gospel to proclaim

## Notices

### 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'.

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.



### Uniting Church Summer Fashion Parade

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Wednesday, 31 October - 1.30pm

Ettalong Uniting Church Hall, Picnic Pde  
with Afternoon Tea to follow - Donation \$10.

RSVP Margaret Gregory 4342 1519

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## Generosity

### Thank you

This week we say thank you to **volunteers who teach children** at Sunday Night Life and Messy Church. Thank you for all you do.

### 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

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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.