

# Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

## Weekly Bulletin

11 November 2018

25th Sunday after Pentecost

### In the coming week

#### Today

- 3.00pm Pastoral Care -St Andrew's  
5.00pm Sunday Night Live-St Andrew's

#### Monday 12 November

- 7.00pm Choir Practice-St Luke's

#### Tuesday 13 November

- 9.00am Cottage Crafters-The Cottage  
1.30pm Bible Study-104 Gallipoli Ave  
7.00pm Parish Council-St Andrew's

#### Wednesday 14 November

- 9.30am Communion-Blue Wave  
10.00am Communion-Peninsula Village  
1.30pm Senior Citizens-St Andrew's

#### Thursday 15 November

- 8.30am Communion-St Luke's  
10.00am Little Pelicans-St Andrew's  
10.30am Coffee&Chat-Ruby's Umina

#### Saturday 17 November

- 9.00am Op-Shop Open

#### Next Sunday 18 November

- 8.00am Communion-St Andrew's  
10.00am Eucharist-St Luke's  
4.30pm Messy Church-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, each Sunday except the second Sunday of the Month when we observe **Morning Prayer**.

**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.



### Rector's Reflection

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Dear friends,

In our culture, we tend not to single out widows as being especially vulnerable; but in Jesus' day they were, along with orphans, the most vulnerable in society. The bible is peppered with references to 'orphans and widows', coupling them together because they are, in a sense, representative of all people who were vulnerable to exploitation by the rich and powerful with impunity. These many and various scriptural references to 'widows and orphans' express God's ideal of social justice and welfare for societies most vulnerable, and at the same time admonishes those who would prey on their vulnerability.

Jesus personifies this divine attitude, and calls upon us to do likewise. This is, in part, what it means to be a 'saint' - the living out of this Godly ideal as modelled for us in Jesus. As saints, we recognise our dependence on God alone rather than on our earthly positions of privilege and power. The poor widow at the centre of our gospel is 'saintly' insofar as she gave all she had to God. Jesus praises her action because out of her poverty and without reservation she gave her whole living to God, which could be read metaphorically as the giving of her entire life to God.

Her gift foreshadows the one Jesus is about to make - his very life for all. And so this poor widow isn't merely 'saintly', she is 'Christ-like'. She stands in stark contrast to the scribes of the Pharisees - the experts in the Mosaic Law and its interpretation and application who, although outwardly religious, are very far from God's ideal.

Whereas the widow is a model of discipleship, the scribes serve as a warning to the dangers of an egotism and self-centredness that has enveloped the church's leadership at times throughout history. Whilst there is a richness to our Anglican tradition in worship, we need be on our guard lest it become the 'end' rather than a 'means' to an end. If our outward, liturgical, expression does not match our inner state of being then we miss the point of what it means to be church.

May that which we do, in the name of Christ's Church, be to God's glory and not our own. May we clothe ourselves in a humility that reflects the widow's poverty and the glory of God in Christ.

Blessings for the week that awaits.

Fr Michael

## From the Parish

### Getting Ready for Christmas?

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Join the bible study group meeting on Tuesdays at 1.30pm at 104 Gallipoli St for a 6 week series entitled 'Advent of the Saviour'.

Everyone is welcome.

For more info ring Rosemary Gillham  
(0408416181)

### Pastoral Care

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Today at 3pm at St Andrew's our Pastoral Care subject will be 'Life at the Crossroads'. Speaker will be Meg Toon. Meg has over 20 years' experience in dealing with a wide range of life, relationship, disability and family challenges in both adults and children. She has additional experience and expertise in cross-cultural challenges, trauma and abuse.

All welcome.

### Anglican Women Thank You Boxes

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Anglican Women's Thank You boxes are now available. This year we are supporting Riding for the Disabled NSW. Last year we collected over \$250 for the Anglican Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza & their services for women with breast cancer.



### Monthly Parish Luncheon

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The monthly Parish luncheon is at Bayview at 12 today. Please ring Jacky on 0404897766 if you are going so she can book a table for everyone.

### Samaritans Emergency Relief Centre

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The Samaritans Emergency Relief Centre at Wyoming have sent the following -

"Many thanks to you and your congregation for the generous gifts of non-perishable groceries to our Emergency Relief Centre all year and for Christmas.

As we are not Government funded we have to rely on the support of our parishioners and groups like yours to help the needy who come to us for assistance.

It is wonderful to see Christian people banding together to support God's poor."

### 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:

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back. Luke 6.38

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## The prayer of the day

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of evil and make us your children and heirs of eternal life: grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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## Today's readings

Ruth 3.1-5, 4.13-17 Psalm 127  
Hebrews 9.19-28 Mark 12.38-44

8.00am	Keith King	Jacky King
10.00am	Terry Steward	Meryl Schofield

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## This morning's hymns

228 Crown him with many crowns  
409 O breath of life, come sweeping  
501 Sing, my tongue, the Saviour's glory  
*The Last Post/Ode of Remembrance/Revelle*  
615 Almighty God, lift up our eyes

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## For our prayers this week

Please pray for:

Health & Justice  
Chaplains. Anglican are,  
Police, Hospital, Welfare,  
Juvenile Justice and all Corrective Services: -  
Cessnock Gaol, Community and Co-ordinator  
chaplains.



## Wider Community:

The First Peoples of the Diocese. All those who are suffering because of the drought.

## Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Guadalcanal. Province of the Anglican Church of Congo. Episcopal Church of the USA. Diocese of Gippsland.

## In the Diocese of Newcastle:

Our Bishops, Peter, Sonia and Charlie. The Dean and people of The Cathedral. Corrective Service Chaplaincies. Ecumenical Conversations.

## In the Parish of Woy Woy:

We pray for our ministry team, Fr Michael and Anthea, and we pray for ourselves and the work we do in the mission of this parish.

## For those seeking God's help:

Joan Armstrong, Helen Baker, Shannon, Brett Donnelly, Jean Dor'e, Carol Fraser, Jenny, Sandra Heath, Elaine Rand, Lucy Roy, Mary, Rebecca.

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

### Ruth 3.1-5, 4.13-17

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, 'My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing-floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing-floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.' She said to her, 'All that you tell me I will do.'

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, 'Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.' Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighbourhood gave him a name, saying, 'A son has been born to Naomi.' They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

### Psalm 127

*(To be said by alternate half verse)*

1 Unless the Lord builds the house:  
**their labour is but lost that build it.**

2 Unless the Lord keeps the city:  
**the watchmen watch in vain.**

3 It is in vain that you rise up early and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil:

**for the Lord bestows honour - and on those whom he loves.**

4 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord:  
**and the fruit of the womb is his gift.**

5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior:  
**are the children of one's youth.**

6 Happy the man who has his quiver full of them:

**he will not be put to shame when he confronts his enemies at the gate.**

## Hebrews 9.19-28

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For when every commandment had been told to all the people by Moses in accordance with the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the scroll itself and all the people, saying, 'This is the blood of the covenant that God has ordained for you.' And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Thus it was necessary for the sketches of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves need better sacrifices than these. For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

## The Gospel: Mark 12.38-44

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As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.'

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

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## For next week

### 26th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 1.4-20  
Hebrews 10.11-25

Song of Hannah  
Mark 13.1-11

### Hymns

560 All my hope on God is founded  
187 Let all creation dance  
99 God, we praise you,  
390 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks  
112 Through all the changing scenes

## Notices

### Songs of Praise

Sunday 18th November 2018 at 2.00pm:  
To celebrate the Dedication of St John the Baptist Catholic Church, the Music Ministry of our Parish will present a Songs of Praise concert of favourite hymns as sung at St John the Baptist Church.

Time: 2pm followed by afternoon tea at 3pm.  
Mark your diary and come and raise your voice in song at St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Woy Woy.

Admission: By Donation

## Spirituality in the Pub

Tuesday 13th November, 2018, 7.30pm - 9.00pm

The Grange Hotel Function Room

Cnr: Renwick St & Pacific Hwy, WYOMING

Bistro opens at 5-30pm.

Enquiries: 4328 2596 or 0498 588 261

Theme 2018: "My Spirituality: Then and Now"

Special Guest Speaker:

Doug Southern B.A., M.Th., Dip. R.E., CCAA.

50 years of not knowing describes Doug's spiritual journey through a profession of therapy, religion and the human experiences of life and trauma.



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## Generosity

### Thank you

This week we say thank you to **Rosemary Gillham, the co-ordinators and members of Pastoral Care** at our churches. We appreciate how their ministry makes people in our churches feel welcome and cared for.

### 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.