

Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

Weekly Bulletin

18 November 2018

26th Sunday after Pentecost

In the coming week

Today

4.30pm Messy Church-St Andrew's

Monday 19 November

3.00pm Home Group-Verna Rice

Tuesday 20 November

9.00am Cottage Crafters-The Cottage

1.30pm Bible Study-104 Gallipoli Ave

Wednesday 21 November

10.00am Communion-Peninsula Village

7.00pm Bible Study-Rosemary Gillham

Thursday 22 November

8.30am Communion-St Luke's

10.00am Little Pelicans-St Andrew's

10.30am Coffee&Chat-Ruby's Umina

Saturday 24 November

9.00am Op-Shop Open

Next Sunday 25 November

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, 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.



From the Parish

Rector's Reflection

Dear friends,

This morning's Song of Hannah is familiar to us and reminiscent of Mary's Magnificat. The latter draws on language similar to that of the former, displaying Luke's mastery at appropriating Hebrew story, song, and imagery for purposes of gospel proclamation.

Both songs celebrate a miraculous birth where the seemingly impossible becomes possible in God. Hannah's barrenness is redressed (like Sarah's before her) and the virgin Mary conceives of the Holy Spirit. Their respective songs celebrate the transforming power of God on behalf of the powerless.

Biblical society was a male domain and women were powerless, and yet it is because of their powerlessness that women prove to be the Godly exemplars of humility, grace, and obedience to the divine will.

Ironically, Hannah and Mary are more disciple than James and John because they understand what it means to serve, it was after all their role within their society. James and John are preoccupied with their own self-importance, jockeying for positions of power and privilege; Jesus brings them swiftly down to earth from their would-be thrones.

The desire to be served instead of serving was as

common in Jesus' day as in any other time or place. However, the cultural norms of his time were such that service was something rendered by women to men, not the other way around. The male disciples would have been scandalised at Jesus' likening greatness to servitude, given the latter was the domain of women and, in wealthier households, slaves.

Jesus not only challenges their understanding of greatness but likewise their understanding of the Messiah who 'came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.' Jesus' version of the Messiah was the antithesis of the Jewish one, long anticipated. After centuries of gentile occupation they were nostalgic for another King David. Symbolic of Israel's golden age, he idealised great leadership as a king, general, and military conquerer. David epitomised the messianic prototype; Jesus upends this concept and redefines 'messiah' as one of self-sacrifice through service to others.

True discipleship calls both men and women to a life of humble service and self-sacrifice. Our post communion prayer is a helpful reminder as to our vocation:

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Blessings for the week that awaits.

Fr Michael

From the Parish

Op-Shop News

During December everything will be half-price and trading will be extended until Thursday, 20th December.

Remember the Christmas Raffle. Tickets \$1 each or 5 for \$3 - lots of great prizes.



Finance

October Summary

RECEIPTS

Offertories	\$ 8,569
Donations	1,421
Op Shop	4,003
Rent	905
Other	<u>1,637</u>
	\$16,535
Tfr-Interest Bearing A/c	<u>\$12,000</u>
	\$28,535
Mission –ABM	\$326
BCA Boxes	\$507
Bible Society	\$254

OUTGOINGS

Diocesan Contribution-	
Insurance,Wages,etc.	\$12,437
Operating Expenses –	
Worship,Rates,Stationery,	
Maintenance, etc.	<u>4,613</u>
	\$17,050
Deposit-Visual System	<u>\$12,000</u>
	\$29,050
BCA	\$507
Bible Society	\$254

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:

The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed. 1 Samuel 2.10

The prayer of the day

O God,
welcoming refuge for the outcast,
and upholder of justice for the oppressed:
maintain the hope of the poor,
so that the time may soon come
when no one need want for food and shelter,
and all will learn to share freely
following the example of your Son,
who gave his very self;
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's readings

1 Samuel 1.4-20	Song of Hannah
Hebrews 10.11-25	Mark 10.35-45

8.00am	Verna Rice	Denise Hammond
10.00am	Judy Campbell	Barry Sale

This morning's 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

For our prayers this week

Please pray for:

Residents and staff of
Disability Homes at North
Rothbury, Gateshead and
Macquarie Hills.



Wider Community:

The First Peoples of the Diocese. The Queen of Australia, the Governor General and the Governor. Royal Commissions as they undertake their work. All those who are suffering because of the drought.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Guadalcanal. The Anglican Church of Kenya. Diocese of Riverina.

Wider Church

Lutheran Church of Australia.

In the Diocese of Newcastle:

Our Bishops, Peter, Sonia and Charlie. The priests and people of Morpeth, Mt Vincent and Weston and Raymond Terrace.

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, Joy Woodward.

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

1 Samuel 1.4-20

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year after year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?'

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: 'O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.'

As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk.

So Eli said to her, 'How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.' But Hannah answered, 'No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.' Then Eli answered, 'Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.' And she said, 'Let your servant find favour in your sight.' Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshipped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

Song of Hannah

To be said by alternate half verses

My heart exults in the Lord:
my strength is exalted in my God.
My mouth derides my enemies:
because I rejoice in your salvation.
There is no Holy One like you, O Lord:
nor any Rock like you, our God.
For you are a God of knowledge:
and by you our actions are weighed.

The bows of the mighty are broken:

but the feeble gird on strength.

Those who were full now search for bread:

but those who were hungry are well fed.

The barren woman has borne sevenfold:

but she who has many children is forlorn.

Both the poor and the rich are of your making:

you bring low and you also exalt.

You raise up the poor from the dust:

and lift the needy from the ash heap.

You make them sit with the rulers:

and inherit a place of honour.

For the pillars of the earth are yours:

and on them you have set the world.

Hebrews 10.11-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds', he also adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Gospel: Mark 10.35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptised with the baptism that I am baptised with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptised, you will be baptised; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not

mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognise as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

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For next week

Christ the King

2 Samuel 23.1-7

Revelation 1.4b-8

Psalm 93

John 18.33-37

Hymns

105 Let all the world

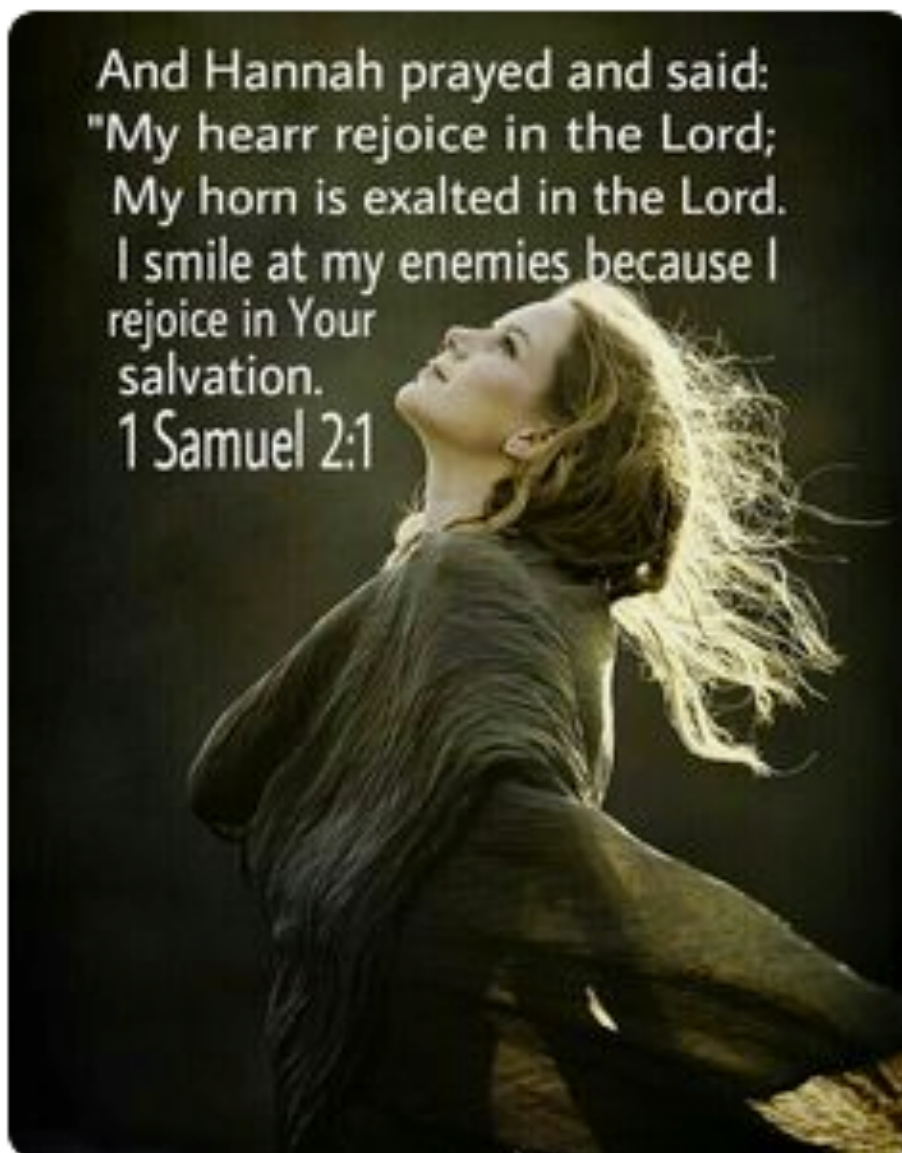
446 Glorious things of you are spoken

454 Worship the Lord in the beauty

745 *Seek ye first*

216 Rejoice, the Lord is king

And Hannah prayed and said:
"My heart rejoice in the Lord;
My horn is exalted in the Lord.
I smile at my enemies because I
rejoice in Your salvation.
1 Samuel 2:1



Generosity

Thank you

This week we say thank you to **the Happy Hour and Senior Citizens' teams** who reach out to the elderly and those not able to attend Sunday Services. Thank you for making these such welcoming get togethers.

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.