

Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

Weekly Bulletin

25 November 2018

Christ the King

In the coming week

Today

5.00pm Sunday Night Live-St Andrew's

Monday 26 November

7.00pm Choir Practice-St Luke's

Tuesday 27 November

9.00am Cottage Crafters-The Cottage

1.30pm Bible Study-104 Gallipoli Ave

2.15pm Happy Hour-St Andrew's

Wednesday 28 November

9.30am Communion-Blue Wave

10.00am Communion-Peninsula Village

Thursday 29 November

8.30am Communion-St Luke's

10.00am Little Pelicans-St Andrew's

10.30am Coffee&Chat-Ruby's Umina

Saturday 1 December

9.00am Op-Shop Open

Next Sunday 2 December

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

Reflection

At the end of his life David, King of Israel, speaks of the agreement God made with him – he calls it an everlasting covenant. (2 Samuel 23:5) At the time when David was thinking of building a house (the temple) for God in Jerusalem, God speaks to him through the prophet, Nathan. He says, ‘your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.’ (2 Samuel 7:16) And so, it is that, in spite of a long line of bad and godless kings in Israel and then a break in the line when the Babylonians conquer and capture the people in Jerusalem, God does not forget his promise and the covenant is fulfilled in Jesus.

Today we are celebrating the feast of Christ the King. We are reminding ourselves that Jesus came to be the King of the Jews and King of all creation. Jesus, however, was not like any earthly king. His kingdom – his sphere of rule was to be everlasting and heavenly. He was from the family of David – we can see his family tree at the beginning of Matthew’s gospel. God did not forget his promise.

There must have been times when the Israelites were in exile in Babylon and when they were suffering oppression first from their own bad leaders and then from the enemy; that they would have doubted God’s ability or his intention

to keep his promise made to David.

How wonderful to realise when Jesus came, God had a plan right from the beginning and God never intended to let his people down!

In our present time it can be very easy to doubt that God’s promises of peace on earth and justice for all can be relied on. It seems to us that God works too slowly and depends too much on humankind to bring about his purposes. Waiting on God tests our patience and our faith.

It is good to remember that right throughout history God’s people have been tested in this way and that God has never failed them.

Next week we begin the season of Advent – a season of watching and waiting. Just as the people of Israel were waiting for the Messiah just over 2000 years ago – so we wait for the return of Jesus, when his everlasting Kingship will be recognised by all creation. Are we looking forward to that day? Are we trusting God to keep his promises? Is Jesus already King of our lives?

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

God bless

Rosemary

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.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study

The Bible Study group will not meet this week, but will meet on 5th and 12th December.

Christmas Tree in the Church

In recent years we have placed a Christmas Tree in each of our churches during Advent to receive donations to be given to Mary Macs. This year Mary Macs have advised that they do not require these donations, so we will collect your gifts for Samaritans Emergency Relief at Wyoming. Please see insert for suggestions.

Happy Hour

Come and join us for a chat, a sing, afternoon tea and lots of fun.

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

WHEN: 27th
November

TIME: 2.15 pm – 3.15 pm

THEME: Advent

Contact Verna for transport if required on 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:

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing. Revelation 5.12

The prayer of the day

Everlasting God,
whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son,
our Lord and King:
grant that the people of earth,
now divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's readings

2 Samuel 23.1-7 Psalm 93
Revelation 1.4b-8 John 18.33-37

8.00am Elizabeth Corless Derek Corless
10.00am Robert Wheeler Les Smith

This morning's 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

For our prayers this week

Please pray for:

Respite care for children
and adults with
disabilities - Central Coast
and Newcastle.



Wider Community:

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Guadalcanal. The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. Diocese of Willochra.

Wider Church

Heads of Christian Churches.

In the Diocese of Newcastle:

Our Bishops, Peter, Sonia and Charlie. The priests and people of Stroud, Williamtown, Medowie Mallabula.

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, Rosemary Bond, 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

2 Samuel 23.1-7

Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,

the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the Lord speaks through me,
his word is upon my tongue.

The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,
is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting
covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?

But the godless are all like thorns that are
thrown away;

for they cannot be picked up with the hand;
to touch them one uses an iron bar
or the shaft of a spear.

And they are entirely consumed in fire on the
spot.

Psalm 93

To be said by alternate half verses

1 The Lord is king, and has put on robes of glory:

the Lord has put on his glory,

he has girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the world so firm:

that it cannot be moved.

3 Your throne is established from of old:

you are from everlasting.

4 The floods have lifted up, O Lord,

the floods have lifted up their voice:

the floods lift up their pounding.

5 But mightier than the sound of many waters,
than the mighty waters or the breakers of the
sea:

the Lord on high is mighty.

6 Your decrees are very sure:

**and holiness, O Lord, adorns your house for
ever.**

Revelation 1.4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Gospel: John 18.33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

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For next week

First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33.14-16

Psalm 25.1-10

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

Luke 21.25-31

Hymns

273 Lo! he comes with clouds descending

272 Come, thou long expected Jesus

271 The advent of our God

Our Supper Invitation

315 Mine eyes have seen the glory

Notices

Christmas Songs of Praise

Presbyterian Women's Association, St David's Presbyterian Church 118-120 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy warmly invite you to attend their Annual Songs of Praise for 2018. Jeff Long from REM will be Guest Speaker.

Tuesday 11th December at 10.15 am

Service followed by a special Christmas morning tea.

An offering will be invited to support Youthlife (REM) at Brisbane Water Secondary College

RSVP: 4th December - Mrs Jeanette Stephenson
4344 7220



Basic SRE (Scripture) Teacher Training

There are some schools on the Central Coast where students do not have an SRE lesson as there is no one available to take the SRE lesson.

You may like to prayerfully consider taking up the challenge to teach SRE next year, attend the Basic SRE Teacher Training Course (5 x 2 hour modules) in February at either Kincumber or Bateau Bay and to support and pray for the SRE (Scripture) programme in Primary Schools on the Central Coast.

Remember, SRE Teachers are missionaries when they go into the schools spreading the Good News about God, the Bible and important Christian truths.

Please see Fr Michael or Rosemary Gillham (0408 416 181) if you feel God is challenging you to help meet this need.



Generosity

Thank you

This week we say thank you to **those on flower rosters** who supply our churches with beautiful flower arrangements each week. Thank you for sharing your talent and love of flowers.

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)

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.

Ministry Team

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