

# Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

## Weekly Bulletin

27 January 2019

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

In the coming week

Today

5.00pm. Sunday Night Live-St Andrew's

Monday 28 January

Tuesday 29 January

9.00am. Craft Group-Pam 4/155 Blackwall Rd

Wednesday 30 January

Thursday 31 January

8.30am. Communion-St Luke's

10.30am. Coffee&Chat-Ruby's Umina

Friday 1 February

Saturday 2 February

Next Sunday 3 February

8.00am Communion-St Andrew's

10.00am. Eucharist-St Luke's

3.00pm. Liturgy Team-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, 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

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Dear friends,

Luke's Gospel places the words of Isaiah on the lips of Jesus, which he reads in the synagogue as a kind of inaugural address. As with American presidents, Jesus sets forth his manifesto, what he stands for and intends to achieve during his earthly term in office. This is a reflection of his future church, and all that we stand for and hope to achieve.

This passage is at the very beginning of Jesus ministry. Having been baptised by John, and then led by the Spirit into the wilderness for a forty day fast, Jesus now returns to his home district of Galilee impressing many a synagogue with the graciousness of his words. Bearing in mind he'd not as yet healed anyone, cast out demons, or multiplied loaves and fish, his teaching must have been pretty impressive for the locals to lavish praise on him as they did.

And one of praise was the initial response to Jesus words in his hometown of Nazareth, sadly it wouldn't last, and what happens there, whilst launching his mission, gives us a foretaste of what will happen in Jerusalem at the other end of the gospel.

His message is radical and all inclusive. Jesus' inaugural address, is what we would call in the church his 'mission statement', but its more than

what as Isaiah's words reflect God's desire for all humanity - both Jew and Gentile alike:

"The Spirit of The Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lords favour."

Having read Isaiah's words, Jesus goes on to preach the worlds shortest sermon, saying: 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' This is not yesterday, or someday, but today, because every day in Jesus is 'today'. As such, Jesus words are as ever fresh as they've ever been.

In reading this passage from Isaiah 61, (which is called a servant song), Jesus announces fulfilment of prophecy and defines what his messianic role is. "Anointed me" means made me Christ or Messiah. Understood literally, the passage says Christ is God's servant who will bring to reality the longing and the hope of the poor, the oppressed, and the imprisoned. The Christ will usher in amnesty and liberation and restoration.

May we, like Jesus, be God's servants in the gospel.

Blessings for the week that awaits

Fr Michael

### Christmas Stamps

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Mission agencies convert used stamps into income.

When you receive your Christmas mail, please remove the stamps with 1cm of the surrounding envelope, and bring them to the parish office by the end of January. Thank you so much.

### Tuesday Bible Study Fellowship

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This group will resume on Tuesday 5th Feb, meeting at 104 Gallipoli Ave at 1.30pm.

New members are very warmly welcome.

Enquiries to Rosemary 0408416181

### Advance Notice Annual General Meeting

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The AGM will be held on 17th March 2019.

It would be appreciated if all reports for inclusion in the Annual Report could be received in the Parish Office before 21st February.

### 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*

### Wednesday Bible Study Fellowship

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This group will resume on Wednesday 6th February at 7pm, meeting at 58 North Burge Road, Woy Woy. We will explore the First Epistle of John and new members are most welcome. Enquiries to Rosemary Bond on 4344 6298 or 0409 454 990.

### Funeral - Helen Baker

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The funeral for Helen Baker will be held at St Andrew's on Wednesday at 1pm.

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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:

Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah: 'The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives.' Luke 4.18

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## The prayer of the day

Life-giving God,  
who sent your Son Jesus to proclaim your kingdom  
and to teach with authority:  
anoint us with your Spirit,  
that we too may bring good news to the poor,  
bind up the broken-hearted,  
and proclaim liberty to the captive;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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## Today's readings

Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10                      Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 12.12-31                      Luke 4.14-21

8.00am	Nevin Cramond	Lynette Cramond
10.00am	Dennis Hogan	Meryl Schofield

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## This morning's hymns

106 Now thank we all our God  
MP1201 Longing for light  
517 Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus  
717 Give thanks with a grateful heart  
447 Lord, your almighty word

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## For our prayers this week

Please pray for:

Women's Refuges in Taree  
and Kempsey.



## Wider Community:

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

## Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Guadalcanal. The Province of the Anglican Church of Rwanda. Bush Church Aid Society.

## In the Diocese of Newcastle:

Our Bishops, Peter, Sonia and Charlie. The priests and people of Muswellbrook, Scone and Singleton. CEY Ministries.

## 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:

Olga Arkell, Joan Armstrong, Shannon, Brett Donnelly, Jean Doré, Carol Fraser, Jenny, Bill Gates, Sandra Heath, Elaine Rand, Lucy Roy, Lorraine, Mary, Rebecca, Joy Woodward, Melanie.

Doug Baker and family on the death of Helen on Wednesday.

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

### Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10

all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way,

eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

## Psalm 19

*To be said by alternate half verses*

1 The heavens declare the glory of God:  
**and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;**

2 One day tells it to another:  
**and night to night communicates knowledge.**

3 There is no speech or language:  
**nor are their voices heard;**

4 Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:  
**and their words to the ends of the earth.**

5 There he has pitched a tent for the sun:  
**which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.**

6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound:  
**and nothing is hidden from its heat.**

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:  
**the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.**

8 The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:  
**the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:  
**the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.**

10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold:

**sweeter also than honey,  
than the honey that drips from the comb.**

11 Moreover, by them is your servant taught:  
**and in keeping them there is great reward.**

12 Who can know their own unwitting sins?:  
**O cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous  
sins, lest they get the mastery over me:  
**so I shall be clean, and innocent of great  
offence.**

14 May the words of my mouth and the  
meditation of my heart be acceptable in your  
sight:

**O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

## 1 Corinthians 12.12-31

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For just as the body is one and has many  
members, and all the members of the body,  
though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.  
For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into  
one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and  
we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one  
member but of many. If the foot were to say,  
'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the  
body', that would not make it any less a part of  
the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I  
am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that  
would not make it any less a part of the body. If  
the whole body were an eye, where would the  
hearing be? If the whole body were hearing,

where would the sense of smell be? But as it is,  
God arranged the members in the body, each  
one of them, as he chose. If all were a single  
member, where would the body be? As it is,  
there are many members, yet one body. The eye  
cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you',  
nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of  
you.' On the contrary, the members of the body  
that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and  
those members of the body that we think less  
honourable we clothe with greater honour, and  
our less respectable members are treated with  
greater respect; whereas our more respectable  
members do not need this. But God has so  
arranged the body, giving the greater honour to  
the inferior member, that there may be no  
dissension within the body, but the members  
may have the same care for one another. If one  
member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one  
member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually  
members of it. And God has appointed in the  
church first apostles, second prophets, third  
teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of  
healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership,  
various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all  
prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?  
Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in  
tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the  
greater gifts. And I will show you a still more  
excellent way.

## The Gospel: Luke 4.14-21

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Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

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## For next week

### *Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

Jeremiah 1.4-10

Psalm 71.1-6

1 Corinthians 13.1-13

Luke 4.21-32

### Hymns

526 Lord Jesus Christ

MP988 How deep the Father’s love

650 Brother, sister, let me serve you

MP1157 Behold the Lamb

687 God gives us a future

## Notices

### 2019 Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Training Programmes

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Equipping the Saints. Eph. 4:12

An Advanced training programme in Pastoral care will be offered on the Central Coast in 2019 from February to October. Student placements during training can be in either Gosford or Wyong Hospitals and training can be used towards formal chaplaincy qualifications with the Sydney College of Divinity. We offer an exciting way for you to discover and develop your pastoral ability and become equipped for ministry with a public or church setting.

If you would like to know more please contact:

Chaplain Frank Wortley on 02 4320 2253

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## Generosity

### Thank you

This week we say thank you **to those who assist with our Mission projects**, Rosemary Gillham, Derek and Elizabeth Corless and Barry Sale. Thank you for taking on this responsibility

### 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

### Parish Priest:

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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.**