

# Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

## Weekly Bulletin

3 February 2019

4th Sunday after Epiphany

### In the coming week

#### Today

- 3.00pm Liturgy Team-St Andrew's  
5.00pm. Sunday Night Live-St Andrew's

#### Monday 4 February

- 3.00pm. Home Group-39 Connex Rd, Umina  
7.00pm. Choir Practice-St Luke's

#### Tuesday 5 February

- 9.00am. Craft Group-4/155 Blackwall Rd  
1.00pm Bible Study- 104 Gallipoli Ave

#### Wednesday 6 February

- 9.30am. Mothers Union-St Andrew's  
10.00am. Communion-Peninsula Village  
6.00pm. Prayer,Praise&Proclamation-St Luke's.  
7.00pm. Bible Study-Rosemary Bond

#### Thursday 7 February

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

#### Friday 8 February

#### Saturday 9 February

#### Next Sunday 10 February

- 8.00am Morning Prayer-St Andrew's  
10.00am. Eucharist-St Luke's  
12Noon. Lunch-Bayview, Woy Woy  
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, 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,

In this week's gospel, we find ourselves once again in the Nazareth synagogue, with the eyes of all fixed on Jesus. Having made the bold assertion that 'scripture has been fulfilled' in their hearing, their initial response to his gracious word is positive and favourable.

They seem almost pleasantly surprised that Joseph's son could speak so eloquently. Whilst it's true that Joseph is Jesus father, in an earthly sense, to restrict Jesus accordingly is to deny his divine sonship. And whilst it's true that Jesus is descended from the House of Israel, to limit him thus is to deny his vocation as a light to the nations.

Jesus pre-empts their rejection of the gospel, stating 'no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown'. He goes on to offer two examples in Hebrew Scripture where gentiles were ministered to by the prophets Elijah and Elisha, thus highlighting the precedent for gentile inclusion in God's kingdom.

Israel knew of God's grace toward all people as early as the covenant with Abraham, they knew the stories of the widow of Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian, they knew the story of Jonah and the Ninevites. Israel's rejection of Jesus' outreach to the gentiles is a rejection of their own scripture, contradicting that which God intended from the beginning.

Threatened by the scandal of grace, they immediately close ranks and shore up their

boundaries. Because they weren't open to the prospect of others sharing in the bounty of God's deliverance, they themselves were unable to receive it.

Jesus doesn't go elsewhere because he is rejected, he is rejected because he goes elsewhere. The Nazareth episode sets the pattern for the rest of the gospel, and the tension that erupts here will erupt again and again elsewhere.

It's an important piece of scripture for us as it reminds us that God's grace is never subject to the limitations and boundaries of any nation, church, group, or race. Those who would exclude others thereby exclude themselves. We are called to be instruments of God's grace for others, but we are never free to set limits on who may receive that grace.

Throughout history, the gospel has always been more radically inclusive than any human organisation, including the church. Strive as we might to express a breadth of love that resembles that of God's love for all, we never quite manage it. The unlimited grace of God offered us as free gift so scandalises us that, more often than not, we're unable to receive it.

Jesus could do nothing for his fellow Nazarenes because they weren't open to him. How much more might God be able to do with us if we were ready to transcend the boundaries and limitations on love that we ourselves have erected?

God bless the week that awaits us

Michael

## From the Parish

### Monday Bible Study Fellowship

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The Lectio Divina Bible Study group will resume on Monday 4th February, meeting at 39 Connex Road, Umina Beach at 3pm.

New members welcome.

Enquiries to Verna 4341 0646.

### 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

### 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.

### 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.

### Helen Baker

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Doug and family wish to express their heartfelt thanks to the parish for the support shown over the year's of Helen's illness and for your attendance at the funeral on Wednesday.

## 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*

### Movie - Indivisible - 28 February

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We're delighted to invite you to join us for a movie night to watch Indivisible and fundraise for the Australian Defence Force (ADF) Chaplaincy Ministry.

The movie is based on the extraordinary true story of Army Chaplain Darren Turner and his wife Heather. With a strong, faith-filled marriage, the Turners are ready to follow their calling: serving God, family & country.

All All funds raised will go towards the ADF Chaplaincy Ministry to provide Bibles to serving men and women.

Can you help place a Bible in the hands of serving men and women of the ADF?

——— See Page 7 for details.

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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

Righteous God,  
you confound the world's wisdom  
by giving your blessing to the lowly and pure in heart:  
give us such a hunger and thirst for justice  
and perseverance in striving for peace,  
that in our words and deeds  
the world may see the promise of your kingdom,  
which has been revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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## Today's readings

Jeremiah 1.4-10	Psalm 71.1-6
1 Corinthians 13.1-13	Luke 4.21-32

8.00am	Verna Rice	Neville Keen
10.00am	Graham Evans.	Ann Compton Martin

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## This morning's 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

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## For our prayers this week

Please pray for:

Anglican Care.



### Wider Community:

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

### Wider Church:

Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and  
Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay.

### Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Guadalcanal. Australian  
Defence Force Chaplaincy.

### In the Diocese of Newcastle:

Our Bishops, Peter, Sonia and Charlie. The  
priests and people of Kotara South, Lambton  
and Merewether. Lakes Grammar-An  
Anglican School.

### 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, Susan  
Moore, Elaine Rand, Lucy Roy, Lorraine,  
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

### Jeremiah 1.4-10

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Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,  
'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know  
how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord  
said to me,

'Do not say, "I am only a boy";  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you.  
Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
says the Lord.'

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my  
mouth; and the Lord said to me,

'Now I have put my words in your mouth.  
See, today I appoint you over nations and over  
kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.'

### Psalm 71.1-6

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*To be said by alternate half verses*

1 To you, Lord, have I come for shelter:

**let me never be put to shame.**

2 In your righteousness rescue and deliver me:

**incline your ear to me and save me.**

3 Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend  
me:

**for you are my high rock, and my  
stronghold.**

4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the  
wicked:

**from the grasp of the pitiless and unjust.**

5 For you, Lord, are my hope:

**you are my confidence, O God, from my  
youth upward.**

6 On you have I leaned since my birth:

**you are he that brought me out of my  
mother's womb,  
and my praise is of you continually.**

## 1 Corinthians 13.1-13

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If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all

knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

## The Gospel: Luke 4.21-32

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Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."'" And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

He went down to Capernaum, a city in Galilee, and was teaching them on the sabbath. They were astounded at his teaching, because he spoke with authority.

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## For next week

### ***Fifth Sunday after Epiphany***

Isaiah 6.1-13

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Luke 5.1-11

### **Hymns**

147 To God be the Glory

547 Be Thou my vision

658 Here I am Lord

*655 O Let the Son of God enfold you*

531 Sent forth by God's Blessing

## Notices

### **Movie Details - See Page 3**

Event details:

**Movie:** Indivisible

**When:** 28th February 2019

**Where:** [Avoca Beach Picture Theatre](#)

**Time:** 6:30pm-Nibbles prior to film

**Tickets:** \$20

Book Online - <https://www.avocabeachpicturetheatre.com.au/bible-society-fundraiser/>. -

OR

Contact the Parish Office to arrange the booking.  
4344 1347 or 0411 553 704

### **Second Sunday - Parish Lunch**

Please let Jackie King know if you will be joining us for lunch at the Bayview next Sunday at 12 Noon. Ph 0404 897 766.

## REM YouthLife Warehouse Sale

YouthLife are holding their monthly warehouse sale: Unit 4/93 Rawson Street, Woy Woy

8.00am - 12.00noon.

Saturday 16th February 2019.

Tell your Friends - All sales to be cash.

Parking on the street out front

Thank you for your support.

## REM YouthLife Prayer Breakfast

Support SRE in Local Schools

Hope Church

4 Sydney Avenue Umina Beach

Sat 16 Feb 2019 7.30am to 9.00am

Cost \$5.00 All Welcome

## REM Teacher Visits

Craig Hunter will visit St Luke's Sun 17 Feb 2019

Jacq Bohr will visit St Andrew's Sun 24 Feb 2019

## English as a Second Language Classes

St David's Presbyterian Church run a successful ESL programme assisting people to speak English.

They need the assistance of more English speakers to converse with the students. No teaching, just talking.

Classes run Tuesdays 9.00am to 12.00am.

If you can help contact Jeff Long 43444939 for details.

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## Generosity

### Thank you

This week we say thank you **to those who assist our Treasurer** with counting and banking of money. 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:

**Rev Canon Michael Davies**

Mobile phone: **0417 650 805**

Email: **mdavies0968@gmail.com**

*Day off Monday.*

### Children & Family Worker:

**Anthea Haughain**

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## The Cottage: parish office, op-shop and community space

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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.**