

Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

Weekly Bulletin

10 February 2019

5th Sunday after Epiphany

In the coming week

Today

- 12Noon. Lunch-Bayview, Woy Woy.
- 3.00pm Pastoral Partners-St Andrew's
- 5.00pm. Sunday Night Live-St Andrew's

Monday 11 February

- 7.00pm. Choir Practice-St Luke's

Tuesday 12 February

- 9.00am. Craft Group-4/155 Blackwall Rd
- 1.30pm Bible Study- 104 Gallipoli Ave
- 7.00pm. Parish Council-St Andrew's

Wednesday 13 February

- 9.30am. Communion-Blue Wave
- 1.30pm. Senior Citizens-St Andrew's
- 7.00pm. Bible Study-Rosemary Bond

Thursday 14 February

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

Friday 15 February

Saturday 16 February

Next Sunday 17 February

- 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

Dear Friends,

From the moment of his baptism, it is Jesus' desire to gather to himself a community of followers thus highlighting the importance of discipleship to the gospel narrative. Calling Simon Peter and the brothers James and John, brings something of a family dynamic to this little band of first followers. Ironically, in becoming part of Jesus' family they forego their own, sacrificing their homes, their closest kin as well as their livelihoods. Following this itinerant preacher means leaving behind all that is familiar and embarking on a journey into the unknown.

The Sea of Galilee, around which much of Jesus' ministry takes place, is a potent symbol in the gospel, representing at the same time the creative and destructive forces of nature. No one knew better than Simon Peter and the sons of Zebedee that Galilee could be life-giving one moment and life-destroying the next. Although their livelihoods depended on it, inclement weather could be lethal to fishermen who couldn't swim. Doubtless, many perished on Galilee where storms brewed at a moments notice.

In biblical terms the 'sea' symbolises a world of chaos and darkness; a place ruled by the

demonic, from which people (fish) must be caught for God's Kingdom. Hence the significance of the first disciples as fishermen, their occupation becomes something of a metaphor for that which they are called to become - fishers of people.

Being 'fishers of people' is no less our vocation than theirs of old, we too are beckoned by Jesus into the chaos of uncharted waters. As with his first band of disciples, so too can we draw strength in knowing that he is with us to meet the challenges ahead especially when all seems disordered.

My hope and prayer for our church this year is that we heed the call of Christ afresh, and renew our vision as 'fishers of people'. We 'fish for people' through the various ministries of our church, let us prayerfully ponder anew how we might more effectively be 'fisher-folk'. Let us pray for God's guidance in all future parish endeavours.

Blessings for the week that awaits.

Fr Michael

From the Parish

Annual Report

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

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

Anglican Women's Lenten Silent Retreat

A great opportunity to take time out to prepare yourself for Easter.

This year the Retreat Conductor is our own Rosemary Gillham.

Dates:

Residential Options

Friday pm 08/03 – Sunday 10/03

Tuesday pm 12/03 – Thursday 14/03

Day Options

Saturday 09/03

Wednesday 13/03

8.45 am to 5.00 pm approx

See brochures on table for further details

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*

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.

World Day of Prayer

This year the World Day of Prayer service is being held on Friday 1st March at 10.30am at St Matthew's Lutheran Church, 8 Jumbuck Crescent, Woy Woy. The country of Slovenia has prepared the service this year.

Any enquiries or transport help, please contact Penny Wheeler 4341 8510.

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:

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and was buried, and was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and appeared to many. 1 Corinthians 15.3–4

The prayer of the day

Most holy God,
in whose presence angels serve in awe,
and whose glory fills all heaven and earth:
cleanse our unclean lips
and transform us by your grace
so that your word spoken through us
may bring many to your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's readings

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| Isaiah 6.1-13 | Psalm 138 |
| 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 | Luke 5.1-11 |

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| 8.00am | Derek Corless | Elizabeth Corless |
| 10.00am | Terry Steward | Ruth Simon |

This morning's 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

For our prayers this week

Please pray for:

The Samaritans
Foundation.



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. The Anglican Church of the Central American Region. The Anglican Church of Uganda. General Synod Office.

In the Diocese of Newcastle:

Our Bishops, Peter, Sonia and Charlie. The priests and people of Wyoming and Wyong. Mothers Union, Anglican Women and Justice Ministries and Chaplaincy.

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.

Jean Doré and family on the death of her daughter Susan Moore.

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

Isaiah 6.1-13

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’ And he said, ‘Go and say to this people:

“Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.”

Make the mind of this people dull,

and stop their ears,

and shut their eyes,

so that they may not look with their eyes,

and listen with their ears,

and comprehend with their minds,

and turn and be healed.’

Then I said, ‘How long, O Lord?’ And he said:

‘Until cities lie waste

without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;
until the Lord sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

Even if a tenth part remains in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled.’

The holy seed is its stump.

Psalm 138

1 I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart:

even before the gods will I sing your praises.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name:

because of your faithfulness and your loving-kindness, for you have made your name and your word supreme over all things.

3 At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer:

and put new strength within my soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord:

for they have heard the words of your mouth;

5 And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord:
that the glory of the Lord is great.

6 For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly:

and he comprehends the proud from afar.

7 Though I walk in the midst of danger,
yet will you preserve my life:

**you will stretch out your hand against the
fury of my enemies, and your right hand
shall save me.**

8 The Lord will complete his purpose for me:
**your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for
ever;
do not forsake the work of your own hands.**

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Gospel: Luke 5.1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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For next week

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 17.5-10

Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15.12-20

Luke 6.17-26

Hymns

745 Seek ye first

160 Father all loving and ruling

254 O changeless Christ, forever new

544 *Since the world was young*

416 Great God, your Spirit

Notices

Spirituality in the Pub

Tuesday 5th March, 2019, 7.30pm - 9.00pm

The Grange Hotel Function Room

Cnr: Renwick St & Pacific Hwy, WYOMING

Bistro opens at 5-30pm.

Inquiries: 4328 2596 or 0498 588 261

Theme 2019: "Reflections on my Spiritual Journey"

TWO SPEAKERS:

Rabbi Jeffrey Kamins: Senior Rabbi at Emanuel is involved in interfaith dialogue and committed to social justice projects, particularly concerning refugees, the environment and animal rights.

Paul McFarlane: Trained nurse and Anglican Pastor with Masters' Degree in Loss & Grief, currently leads a team of volunteer chaplains, trains paramedics and is a community ambassador with "RU OK?".

Movie - Indivisible - 28 February

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?

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

English as a Second Language

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.

Generosity

Thank you

This week we say thank you **to Anthea P and all the choir members** for sharing their love of song. Thank you for all you do to enhance our worship.

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)

Ministry Team

Parish Priest:

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Day off Monday.

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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.