

Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

Weekly Bulletin

24 February 2019

7th Sunday after Epiphany

In the coming week

Today

5.00pm. Sunday Night Live-St Andrew's

Monday 25 February

Tuesday 26 February

9.00am. Craft Group-11 Fleet St Umina

1.30pm Bible Study- 104 Gallipoli Ave

Wednesday 27 February

9.30am. Communion-Blue Wave

7.00pm. Bible Study-Rosemary Bond

Thursday 28 February

8.30am. Communion-St Luke's

10.00am. Little Pelicans-St Andrew's

10.30am. Coffee&Chat-Ruby's Umina

Friday 1 March

Saturday 2 March

Next Sunday 3 March

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.



Reflection

'It was not you who sent me here, but God.' (Genesis 45:8)

That was a remarkable statement coming from Joseph whose brothers had acted out of jealousy in selling him as a slave to Egyptian traders and then telling their grief-stricken father that he had been killed by a wild animal. What treachery! Joseph had every right to harbour anger and even revenge towards his brothers. He had spent years in jail in Egypt having been falsely accused of mis-conduct. He had not been able to see his father for many years and his younger brother, Benjamin, who was also special to him. There had been times when he would have feared for his life; and yet he saw God's hand in all of it. He always trusted God, even when it seemed that God had deserted him. God indeed had a special task for Joseph; and that was to save the people of Israel from death by famine and to be Pharaoh's right-hand man.

In the scene that we have as our first reading today, Joseph recognises his brothers while they are unaware of who he is. He acts in the most forgiving and compassionate way towards them; telling them who he is and explaining that in spite of their evil actions, God has blessed him. He puts them at ease and promises to provide for them into the future while the famine continues.

We are told that Joseph weeps – so loudly that everyone outside can hear it. Perhaps he has dreamed of this day when he would be reconciled to his family. He obviously has not forgotten them over the years. He must have prayed for this to happen. What a touching scene! What an example for us!

Perhaps today we can reflect on relationships in our own families. Are there rifts or tensions that need to be mended? Joseph teaches us that it doesn't matter who the injured party is, we should be praying for reconciliation. We may have to persevere in prayer for a long time – many years perhaps – but we, like Joseph, need to trust that God has a good plan for us and the ones we care about.

I will finish with a prayer from the MU worship book:

God of peace, we pray for families in crisis. Heal the broken-hearted, and bind up the wounded; comfort and sustain them in their need. Grant them wise and faithful friends, grace to forgive and be forgiven, and courage for the road ahead, in the name of Jesus. Amen. (Margaret Wilson)

God bless

Rosemary

From the Parish

REM Teacher Visits

Today we welcome Jacq Bohr to St Andrew's.

Electoral Roll

A list of those on the Parish Electoral Roll is at the church entry. If your name is not on this Roll and you will be attending the Annual Meeting and intend to vote on any item you must have signed a declaration stating that you are eligible to be an elector. Copies of the Declaration are also available.

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.

Thank You

I would like to convey my sincere thanks to my church families at St. Luke's and St. Andrew's for the love, care and prayers you have all given me and my beloved daughter. This support has meant so much to me and still is, just words cannot express how much. With love Jean Doré.

Wheelchair

If anyone is in need of a brand new, heavy duty wheelchair, Sue Fahey has one and she would like to donate it to someone in need of it. Please ring her on 0418 296 635.

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*

BCA Boxes

It is that time again! March is the month for the collection of the box money.

Could you please have your box to the office or to church by 24th March?

Many thanks

Rosemary G

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: 26th February

TIME: 2.15 pm – 3.15 pm

THEME: Down Memory Lane

Contact for transport if required is 4341 0646

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:

Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.
Luke 6.35

The prayer of the day

God of compassion,
keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son,
who prayed even for his enemies.
In our words and deeds help us to be like him,
through whom we pray,
Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Today's readings

Genesis 45.3-11, 15 Psalm 37.1-11, 40-41
1 Corinthians 15.35-50 Luke 6.27-38

8.00am Keith King Jacky King
10.00am Robert Wheeler Penny Wheeler

This morning's hymns

143 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
217 Love divine, all loves excelling
MP1072 In Christ alone
607 *Make me a channel of your peace*
675 Shine, Jesus, Shine

For our prayers this week

Please pray for:

Mentors at the Wickham
student accommodation.



Wider Community:

The First Peoples of the Diocese. Authors and poets. All those who are suffering because of the drought, bushfires and floods.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Guadalcanal. The Church of Pakistan (United). Diocese of Wangaratta.

Wider Church:

National Council of Churches in Australia..

In the Diocese of Newcastle:

Our Bishops, Peter, Sonia and Charlie. The priests and people of Nelson Bay and Stockton.

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, Hendrina Collison, Brett Donnelly, Jean Doré, Carol Fraser, Jenny, Bill Gates, Sandra Heath, Elaine Rand, Lucy Roy, Lorraine, Mary, Rebecca, Joy Woodward.

Stephan Ukovic and family and Graham Stockley following the death of Helen Ukovic.

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

Genesis 45.3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Psalms 37.1-11, 40-41

1 Do not vie with the wicked:

or envy those that do wrong;

2 For they will soon wither like the grass:

and fade away like the green leaf.

3 Trust in the Lord and do good:

and you shall dwell in the land

and feed in safe pastures.

4 Let the Lord be your delight:

and he will grant you your heart's desire.

5 Commit your way to the Lord:

trust him, and he will act.

6 He will make your righteousness

shine as clear as the light:

and your innocence as the noonday.

7 Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him:

**do not be vexed when someone prospers,
when they put their evil purposes to work.**

8 Let go of anger and abandon wrath:

let not envy move you to do evil

9 For the wicked shall be cut down:

**but those who wait for the Lord shall
possess the land.**

10 In a little while the ungodly shall be no more:

**you will look for them in their place, but
they will not be found.**

11 But the meek shall possess the land:

and enjoy the abundance of peace.

40 Deliverance for the righteous shall come from the Lord:

he is their strength in time of trouble.

41 The Lord will help them and deliver them:

**he will save them from the ungodly and
deliver them,**

because they come to him for refuge.

1 Corinthians 15.35-50

But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of

God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Gospel: Luke 6.27-38

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

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For next week

Last Sunday after Epiphany

Exodus 34.29-35 Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2 Luke 9.28-36

Hymns

MP1201 Longing for light
234 How good, Lord to be here
732 Lift up your hearts
703 *As the deer pants for the water*
216 Rejoice, the Lord is King

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?".

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

Memorial Service - Helen Ukovic

The memorial service for Helen Ukovic will be held at St Luke's Woy Woy on Friday 1st March 1:30pm for a 2pm start.

Parishioners who knew Helen are invited to attend.

Generosity

Thank you

This week we say thank you **to those who assist our church worship services** - servers, chalice assistants, readers and intercessors.

Thank you for all you do to enable our gathered 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

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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.