

Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

Weekly Bulletin

10 March 2019

1st Sunday in Lent

In the coming week

Today

- 12Noon Parish Lunch-The Bayview
5.00pm. Sunday Night Live-St Andrew's

Monday 11 March

- 7.00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday 12 March

- 9.00am Craft Group-The Cottage
1.30pm Lenten Study- 104 Gallipoli Ave
7.00pm. Parish Council-St Andrew's

Wednesday 13 March

- 9.30am Communion-Blue Wave
1.30pm Senior Citizens-St Andrew's

Thursday 15 March

- 8.30am. Communion-St Luke's
10.00am Little Pelicans-St Andrew's
10.30am Coffee&Chat-Ruby's Umina
2.00pm. Lenten Study-St Andrew's
7.00pm. Lenten Study-St Andrew's

Next Sunday 17 March

- 8.00am Communion-St Andrew's
10.00am Parish Service-St Luke's
11.15am. Extraordinary General Meeting
11.30am. Annual General Meeting-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.



Reflection

Today's Gospel reading from Luke tells us of Jesus being led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness and there being tempted by the devil. This happens directly after Jesus has been baptised by John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit then descending upon him from heaven. The voice of God is heard confirming that Jesus is his beloved Son and that he is pleased with him. This very public confirmation of Jesus' identity would have been heard by many people and the news would have spread.

Jesus then goes into the wilderness and is tempted for forty days. We generally concentrate on the three temptations detailed in Luke's gospel but forget that he was tempted the entire time. He ate nothing and would have suffered greatly, both physically and in every way. The devil begins by challenging Jesus' identity "If you are the Son of God . . .", knowing full well that Jesus is indeed who he says he is. There would've been no need to try to tempt him otherwise. He then proceeds to try to undermine Jesus' special relationship with God his Father, by attempting to lure him with challenges of physical gratification, earthly power and a show of a self-serving miracle. If Jesus had succumbed to these temptations then that relationship would have been damaged and his identity undermined.

Jesus quotes Scripture from the book of Deuteronomy that all must come from God. The devil also attempts to quote from the Scriptures but fails to better Jesus.

We, too, are tempted every day. We are tested and lured in so many ways. We suffer from wanting to blame God for illness, upheaval, self absorption, fear of change, and a lack of progress in our financial or emotional situations. As Christians, our identity is also challenged. Who hasn't had someone say to them "If you are a Christian then why do/don't you do this? Why did your church do such and such a thing?"

As Christians we are sure of a helper in the Holy Spirit. Just as the Holy Spirit was with Jesus throughout his trials, he is also with us, always. We are children of God. This is our identity and security, it is also our responsibility. To trust God in everything can be difficult but overcoming the temptation to doubt opens us up to his loving promise that we can get through all things in his name.

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From the Parish

Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting to present the 2017 Audited Financial Statement and Report will be held on Sunday 17th March 2019 at 11.15am at St Luke's Church. Copies of the Report are available today.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish of Woy Woy will be held on Sunday 17th March, 2019 at 11.30am at St Luke's Church. Copies of the Annual Report are available today.

Nomination Forms

Nomination Forms for the positions of Warden (2) Parish Councillors (5) and Mission Secretary (1) are available. Forms completed and signed by the Nominator and the Nominee should be received in the Parish Office by 11am on Friday.

Currently these positions are held by -

Warden	Jacky King
	Nicola O'Regan
Councillors	Hendrina Collison
	Nevin Cramond
	Sue Gates
	Marina Hanson
	John Meek
	John Powell
	Ruth Simon
Mission Secretary	Rosemary Gillham

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*

Lenten Studies

There will be 3 Lenten Studies on Prayer using videos and discussion. On Tuesdays at 1.30pm at 104 Gallipoli Ave Woy Woy beginning on 12th March. On Thursdays at 2 pm and 7 pm at St Andrew's beginning 14th March.

There will also be a Lenten Study exploring the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ through eyewitness accounts of the Apostle Peter using a book of 40 daily reflections titled "Peter at the Cross" by David Mulready. on Wednesdays at 7pm at 58 North Burge Road, Woy Woy beginning 20th March.

Please add your name to the Sign-up sheets if you intend joining one of the groups.

For additional information please contact Rosemary Gillham 0408 416 181- Tuesday group, Fr Michael 0417 650 805. - Thursday Groups OR Rosemary Bond 0409 454 990 Wednesday Group and for copies of the book.

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:

Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.

Luke 4.8

The prayer of the day

O saving God,
who led your people through the wilderness
and brought them to the promised land:
so guide us that, following our Saviour,
we may walk through the wilderness of this world
and be brought to the glory of the world which is to
come;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's readings

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Psalm 91.1-2,9-16

Romans 10.4-13

Luke 4.1-13

8.00am Neville Keen.

Olive McGhie

10.00am Ruth Simon

Kathy Martin

This morning's hymns

569 Guide me O thou great redeemer

591 Forty days and forty nights

576 O for a closer walk

502 *Soul of my Saviour*

223 How sweet the name of Jesus

For our prayers this week

Please pray for:

Emergency Relief Centres
in Newcastle, Central
Coast, Hunter and Mid
North Coast.



Wider Community:

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Guadalcanal. Province of the Anglican Church of Congo. Episcopal Church of the USA. Diocese of Gippsland.

In the Diocese of Newcastle:

Our Bishops, Peter, Sonia and Charlie. The priests and people of The Cathedral. Correct time Services Chaplaincies. Ecumenical Conversations.

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.

The family of Joan Williamson whose funeral is at Greenway Chapel on Thursday.

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

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16

(To be said by alternate half verse)

1 Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most high:

who abide under the shadow of the Almighty,

2 They will say to the Lord

'You are my refuge and my stronghold:
my God in whom I trust.'

9 The Lord himself is your refuge:

you have made the Most High your stronghold.

10 Therefore no harm will befall you:

nor will any scourge come near your tent.

11 For he will command his angels:

to keep you in all your ways.

12 They will bear you up in their hands:

lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You will tread on the lion and the adder:

**the young lion and the serpent
you will trample under foot.**

14 'You have set your love upon me,' says the Lord, 'and therefore I will deliver you:

**I will lift you out of danger,
because you have known my name.**

15 'When you call upon me I will answer you:

**I will be with you in trouble, I will rescue
you and bring you to honour.**

16 'With long life I will satisfy you:

and fill you with my salvation.'

Romans 10.4-13

For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

'The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Gospel: Luke 4.1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him."'

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you", and

"On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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For next week

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3.17-4.1

Luke 13.22-35

Hymns

224 All hail the power of Jesus' name

25 As pants the hart

599 Take my life

712 *Create in us a clean heart*

464 Seek, O seek

Notices

St Luke's Morning Tea

Over the years Terry has been a stalwart in assembling the Hall each Sunday for our Morning Tea. We need people to step in when Terry is not available. If you are able to be a back-up for Terry could you please contact Irene Dunn on 4342 3830 and let her have your contact details.

Name Badges

We are about to order some more Name Badges, if you require one could you please let the Office know. They are \$20 each for either a Pin or a Magnet

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.

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

Spirituality in the Pub

Tuesday 2nd April, 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:

Rachel Willis: Rachel started as CEO at Coast Shelter in July 2018. She is driven by a passion to make a difference in the community she grew up in.

Hilary Wong: Born and raised in the UK Hilary moved to Australia in 2018 with her Australian husband and young son and became the Rector of Wyoming Anglican Church.

Lenten Envelopes

ABM Lenten Envelope to support The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Fund is included in the Bulletin today.

Generosity

Thank you

This week we say thank you to **Derek C.**, for Power Points and **Derek B.**, for his gift of music. Thank you for all you do to enhance 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.

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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.