

Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

Weekly Bulletin

17 March 2019

2nd Sunday in Lent

In the coming week

Today

- 11.15am Extraordinary General Meeting-St Luke's
- 11.30am Annual General Meeting-St Luke's
- 4.30pm Messy Church-St Andrew's

Monday 18 March

- 3.00pm Home Group-Verna Rice
- 7.00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday 19 March

- 9.00am Craft Group-The Cottage
- 1.30pm Lenten Study- 104 Gallipoli Ave

Wednesday 20 March

- 10.00am Communion-Peninsula Village
- 7.00pm Lenten Study-Rosemary Bond

Thursday 21 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
- 4.30pm Messy Church Team-The Cottage
- 7.00pm Lenten Study-St Andrew's

Next Sunday 24 March

- 8.00am Communion-St Andrew's
- 10.00am Eucharist-St Luke'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.



Rector's Reflection

Dear friends,

As we accompany Jesus to Jerusalem to meet his destiny, as so many prophets had done before him, we know his earthly life is drawing to a close. Undeterred by the warning of his pharisee friends, he presses on toward the goal, doing so with a heavy heart. As Son of God and Word made flesh, he is deeply grieved by the waywardness of his people and their rejection of the Father's love and protection.

And so Jesus grieves, as any parent would whose children are in danger after repeated warning. It goes beyond anger and even disappointment, here we have profound sadness and grief because even though he is going to die, Jerusalem will be destroyed. And so, in what can only be described as amongst the most poignant words to be uttered by Jesus, he laments:

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

This beautiful image of a mother hen and her brood gives us a glimpse of the maternal nature of God, who is every bit mother as father to us. God is the ultimate parent, embodying both the

paternal and maternal qualities necessary for good parenting. In this lament, Jesus expresses God's maternal grief at the bloody-mindedness of her children who ignore her protection at their peril.

The maternal nature of God, complete with mother hen imagery, is good to bear in mind in this season of Lent, when we are called upon to do some self-examination and spiritual stock-taking to see where we're at with God. Are we the rebellious adolescent repeatedly turning our back on our father's unconditional love and protection; or do we have an adult faith that is at the same time mature yet humble before God? We must be under no illusion that we can go it alone.

In Jesus, God's great exemplar, we have the ultimate role-model. If we seek oneness with GOD, our ultimate parent, both father and mother, all we need do is model our lives on the life of Jesus. Lent presents us with an opportunity to concentrate our efforts in becoming more 'Christ-like'. As we journey with Jesus to Jerusalem, may we prepare to die to rise with and in Him.

May God bless you as your journey continues. May you always know God's protection, available to you and me in Christ.

Fr Michael

From the Parish

Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting to present the 2017 Audited Financial Statement and Report will be held today at 11.15am at St Luke's Church.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish of Woy Woy will be held today at 11.30am at St Luke's Church.

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

Finance

February Summary

RECEIPTS

Offertories	\$7,731
Donations	827
Op-Shop	2,412
Rent	1,940
Insurance Payout-Skylights.	<u>1,710</u>
	\$14,620

Missions - Nil

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*

Offertory Envelopes

Envelopes for April-September are available near the entry to the church.

PAYMENTS

Diocesan Contribution-Wages	
Insurance, etc.	\$11,473
Operating Expenses-Worship, Rates, Stationery, Maintenance, etc	<u>4,585</u>
	\$16,058

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:

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 3.20

The prayer of the day

God of our ancestors,
whose chosen servant Abraham
was given faith to obey your call
and go out into the unknown:
endow your Church with such faith
that we may follow you with courage;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's readings

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3.17-4.1

Luke 13.22-35

10.00am

Keith King

Jacky King

This morning's 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

For our prayers this week

Please pray for:

Kinship Care and Relative
Carers - parish-
coordinated/hosted peer
support groups and community forums for
grandparents raising their grandchildren.



Wider Community:

The First Peoples of the Diocese. All those who are suffering because of the drought. The Queen of Australia, the Governor General and the Governor.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Guadalcanal. The Anglican Church of Kenya. Diocese of Riverina.

Wider Church

Lutheran Church of Australia.

In the Diocese of Newcastle:

Our Bishops, Peter, Sonia and Charlie. The priests and people of Morpeth, Mt Vincent and Weston and Raymond Terrace.

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.

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 15.1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a

flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

Psalm 27

(To be said by alternate half verse)

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?:

**the Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my
foes, come upon me to devour me:

they shall stumble and fall.

3 If an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid:

**and if war should rise against me, yet will I
trust.**

4 One thing I have asked from the Lord,
which I will require:

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,**

5 To see the fair beauty of the Lord:
and to seek his will in his temple.

6 For he will hide me under his shelter
in the day of trouble:

**and conceal me in the shadow of his tent,
and set me high upon a rock.**

7 And now he will lift up my head:

above my enemies round about me.

8 And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary
with exultation:

I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.

9 O Lord, hear my voice when I cry:

have mercy upon me and answer me.

10 My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face':
your face, Lord, I will seek.

11 Do not hide your face from me:

or thrust your servant aside in displeasure;

12 For you have been my helper:

**do not cast me away or forsake me, O God
of my salvation.**

13 Though my father and my mother forsake me:

the Lord will take me up.

14 Teach me your way, O Lord:

**and lead me in an even path, for they lie in
wait for me.**

15 Do not give me over to the will of my
enemies:

**for false witnesses have risen against me,
and those who breathe out violence.**

16 But I believe that I shall surely see
the goodness of the Lord:

in the land of the living.

17 O wait for the Lord;

stand firm and he will strengthen your heart:

and wait, I say, for the Lord.

Philippians 3.17-4.1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Gospel: Luke 13.22-35

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, 'Lord, will only a few be saved?' He said to them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then in reply he will say to you, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets." But he will say, "I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!" There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.'

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I

tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

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For next week

Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55.1-9

Psalm 63.1-9

1 Corinthians 10.1-13

Luke 13.1-9

Hymns

560 All my hope on God is founded

585 I heard the voice

598 Dear Father, Lord of humankind

549 *God be in my head*

111 Praise to the Lord

Notices

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.

Generosity

Thank you

This week we say thank you to **those who teach Scripture in our Primary Schools.** Thank you for taking God's message to our local children.

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

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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.