

# Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

## Weekly Bulletin

24 March 2019

3rd Sunday in Lent

### In the coming week

#### Today

- 2.00pm. Special Meeting-St Andrew's  
5.00pm Sunday Night Live-St Andrew's

#### Monday 25 March

- 7.00pm Choir Practice

#### Tuesday 26 March

- 9.00am Craft Group-The Cottage  
1.30pm Lenten Study- 104 Gallipoli Ave  
2.15pm. Happy Hour-St Andrew's

#### Wednesday 27 March

- 9.30am Communion-Blue Wave  
7.00pm Lenten Study-Rosemary Bond

#### Thursday 28 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 31 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.



### Reflection

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What questions do you have for God?

I guess the one on our minds at the moment is why did 50 people have to die in Christchurch in such a barbaric act? Where was God on that terrible Friday? Why didn't he stop that crazy man?

People have always questioned God. I was in the NT at the time of cyclone Tracey and I remember people who otherwise would have said they didn't have any faith, asking why did God allow that to happen? It is part of human nature.

The truth is that we live in a fallen world – a world that is not the way God intended it to be. The first eleven chapters of the book of Genesis set out for us in allegorical stories the way humans have used their free-will given by God to spoil and desecrate the world and ourselves. We are not puppets controlled by God, but free agents called to love and obey him.

The question that should be asked when any tragedy occurs is 'What do we do now?' 'What do we learn and how do we move forward?'

Is it possible that this terrible event in Christchurch could bring greater compassion and unity across faiths and ethnic groups? The Genesis narrative also teaches us that humanity has a common origin. As my year six students

have asked me when hearing the creation story, 'Does that mean we're all related, Miss?' Yes, we are most definitely – our brothers and sisters have different coloured skin and have different ways of expressing themselves and their beliefs etc – but we are all related.

I have tried to think what I would do if a gunman came into one of our Sunday services and started firing. Would I be a coward and seek only to protect myself? Would it cause me to hate the perpetrator and become hardened in heart? Who knows?

Jesus calls us to live lives that are risky. Following him requires us to put to death selfish desires and fears. 'Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.' We have an eternal future with God to look forward to, but while we are on this present earth we need to be asking not 'Why do these things happen', but 'What does God require of me?'

The answer comes from Micah 'to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.'

May God give us the courage to follow him.

Rosemary

## From the Parish

### BCA Boxes

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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

### AGM

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Congratulations to all those elected to positions in the parish at last week's AGM.

**Parish Council** - Derek Corless, Nevin Cramond, Sue Gates, Marina Hanson, John Powell

**Wardens** - Jacky King, Nicola O'Regan

**Mission Secretary** - Rosemary Gillham

**Safe Ministry Officer** - Sandy Wyatt

#### Rector's Appointments:

**Warden** - Chris Francis

**Parish Council** - John Meek, Jackye Miller-Calvert, Ruth Simon, Sharlene Wilson

### Co-location Survey

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Surveys will be distributed this week. Please complete and return them to the boxes in each church by Sunday 7th April.

### Special Meeting

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All adult parishioners are invited to attend a meeting at St Andrew's today at 2pm relating to recent revelations of historical abuse in the parish.

## 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*

### Offertory Envelopes

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

### Happy Hour

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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 March

TIME: 2.15 pm – 3.15 pm

THEME: Favourite Poems

Contact for transport if required is 4341 0646

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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:

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Isaiah 55.6

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## The prayer of the day

O God, the fountain of life,  
to a humanity parched with thirst  
you offer the living water that springs from the Rock,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ:  
stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit,  
that we may profess our faith with freshness  
and announce with joy the wonder of your love.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
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

Isaiah 55.1-9	Psalm 63.1-9
1 Corinthians 10.1-13	Luke 13.1-9

8.00am.	Verna Rice	Denise Hammond
10.00am	Robert Wheeler.	Penny Wheeler

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## This morning's 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

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## For our prayers this week

Please pray for:

Tenant Participation  
Resource Scheme -  
supporting tenants who  
are in social housing.



### Wider Community:

The First Peoples of the Diocese. All those who are suffering because of the drought. Royal Commissions as they undertake their work.

### 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.

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 55.1-9

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Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is  
not bread,  
and your labour for that which does not  
satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to  
you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of  
Israel,  
for he has glorified you.  
Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Lord, that he may have  
mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts

### Psalm 63.1-9

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*(To be said by alternate half verse)*

1 O God, you are my God:

**eagerly will I seek you.**

2 My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you:

**as a dry and thirsty land where no water is.**

3 So it was when I beheld you in the sanctuary:

**and saw your power and your glory.**

4 For your unchanging goodness is better than  
life:

**therefore my lips shall praise you.**

5 And so I will bless you as long as I live:

**and in your name will I lift my hands on  
high.**

6 My longing shall be satisfied as with marrow  
and fatness:

**my mouth shall praise you with exultant  
lips.**

7 When I remember you upon my bed:

**when I meditate upon you in the night  
watches,**

8 How you have been my helper:

**then I sing for joy in the shadow of your  
wings,**

9 Then my soul clings to you:

**and your right hand upholds me.**

## 1 Corinthians 10.1-13

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I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

## The Gospel: Luke 13.1-9

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At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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## For next week

### *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

Joshua 5.2-12  
2 Corinthians 5.16-21

Psalm 32  
Luke 15.11-32

### Hymns

129 Amazing Grace  
MP1099 Oh, the mercy of God  
233 I will sing the wondrous story  
407 *Breathe on me breath of God*  
351 Lift high the cross

## 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.

## ABM Lenten Envelopes

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This week's Lenten envelope is to support St John's Anglican Seminary, Zambia.

AMB has supported St John's Seminary for almost a decade now. It is the national seminary of the Anglican Church in Zambia, training ordinands and clergy from all five Anglican dioceses across Zambia. The training prepares them to minister in fast-growing urban and rural congregations of the Church.

The seminary, which receives a small monthly grant from the National Church, does not charge tuition fees, in order to enable students from poor dioceses to attend. However, this operation grant is not enough to cover the seminary's expenses. It is dependent on donor aid for staff salary support, maintenance, its internet facility, and books for both the library and student' use after the training.

In 2019, the seminary will introduce its own local diploma and degree courses in Theology. Please give generously to support clergy training and formation in the Anglican Church in Zambia.

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## Generosity

### Thank you

This week we say thank you to **members of the parish council** for the work they do in service of the parish. Thank you especially to our **Treasurer**, Geoff; and **Wardens**, Chris, Nicola and Jacky. Thank you for all you do to keep our parish functioning so well.

### 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**

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*Day off Monday.*

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### Safe Ministry Officer

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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.**