

Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

Weekly Bulletin

26 May 2019

Sixth Sunday of Easter

In the coming week

Today

5.00pm Sunday Night Live-St Andrew's

Monday 27 May

3.00pm. Home Group-Verna Rice

7.00pm Choir Practice-St Luke's

Tuesday 28 May

9.00am Craft Group-The Cottage

1.30pm Bible Study-104 Gallipoli Ave

2.15pm Happy Hour-St Andrew's

Wednesday 29 May

7.00pm Bible Study-Rosemary Bond

Thursday 30 May

8.30am Communion-St Luke's

10.00am Little Pelicans-St Andrew's

10.30am Coffee & Chat-Ruby's, Umina

Next Sunday 2 June

8.00am Communion-St Andrew's

10.00am Communion-St Luke's

3.00pm. Liturgy Team-St Andrew's

5.000pm 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 Communion is a more formal style of worship. Holy Communion 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.

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.



From the Parish

Reflection

In our parish we are committed to supporting mission agencies that work overseas as well as here in Australia. The main mission agencies we support in this parish are ABM (Anglican Board of Mission – Australia) which has projects in many overseas countries as well as with our indigenous population; BCA (the Bush Church Aid Society of Australia) whose work is explained below; CMS (Church Missionary Society) which sends trained people to share the gospel and work in communities around the world; as well as the Bible Society and others.

Today we are celebrating the 100th birthday of BCA

The Bush Church Aid Society of Australia has a heart for people living in remote and regional Australia. We are committed to going the distance to reach Australia for Christ.

Under God, we do this by

- proclaiming Christ so that people may respond to Him;
- nurturing Christians in their faith and ministry;
- strengthening local Christian communities in their mission;
- providing services of Christian care and advocacy;
- developing an understanding of Christ's mission and
- promoting active partnership throughout the church.

On 26 May 2019, we remember the people who have gone before us and those who shared the vision of spreading the good news of Jesus Christ across our nation.

BCA's role over the years grew and developed as different needs arose. Over the last century BCA has enjoyed responsibility for ministries ranging from flying padres, church services, Scripture in schools and family counselling, to welfare and medical services. Mission vans, hostels, hospitals, the Flying Medical Service, Mail Bag Sunday School, clergy, nurses and others played their part in taking the love of Christ to all corners of our vast continent. Men and women took the good news of Jesus and shared His love in practical ways. BCA worked hard to meet people's physical, emotional and spiritual needs in locations that were starved of services and support systems. A number of our original ministries remain today in addition to new ministries that have been added over the years.

The basic characteristics of the men and women who serve Bush Church Aid – their great love of God, their unwavering determination and perseverance – have not changed in nearly 100 years.

We support BCA and the other mission organisations through sacrificial giving for their work, through prayer and by personally encouraging the missionaries by correspondence. To become a BCA supporter go to their website www.bushchurchoaid.com.au or ring 9262 5017.

Today there is a retiring offertory for the work of BCA – please give generously.

Rosemary Gillham (Mission Secretary)

From the Parish

100 Years Old

BCA (Bush Church Aid) is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its conception today.

There will be a retiring offertory at all services for the work of BCA. Please give as you are able.



BCA Centenary Prayer

Almighty and gracious God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We praise you for planting your fruitful word in this land over many generations, through many different ministries, and we rejoice that many Australians have found new life through faith in Jesus.

Today we especially thank you for your faithfulness in sustaining the work of the Bush Church Aid Society over the past one hundred years.

We grieve that we have not always shown your love and truth in our common life. We recognise the injustices done to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and ask that you would help us walk together as one, reconciled through Christ.

Please continue to pour out your Spirit on your church, so that we might reach Australia for Christ. Raise up many labourers and empower us to be your witnesses, so that this nation would worship its true Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In whose name we pray. Amen

Prayer for our Parish

Heavenly Father, we bring before you our parish of Woy Woy.

We give thanks for what has been good in the past and ask for forgiveness for the things that have brought grief and pain to ourselves and others. Strengthen our faith and give us the courage to look forward to the future, depending on your Holy Spirit for guidance and wisdom. Unite us in the truth and fill us with your love so that we may love one another well. Give us a vision for the extension of your kingdom here on the Peninsula, and teach us to praise you in everything.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour. Amen.

Cursillo Group Reunion

The Tuesday Group Reunion is now being held at Verna's place, 39 Connex Rd Umina, at 3.30 pm on the first Tuesday of the month. Come and join us all are welcome.

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: 28th May

TIME: 2.15 pm – 3.15 pm

THEME: FRANTASTICS

Contact for transport if required is 4341 0646

Readings for this week

Acts 16.9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptised, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Psalm 67

(To be said by alternate half verse)

1 Let God be gracious to us and bless us:

and make his face shine upon us,

2 That your ways may be known on earth:

your liberating power among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God:

let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing:

for you judge the peoples with integrity,

and govern the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God:

let all the peoples praise you.

6 Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness:

and God, our God, will bless us.

7 God shall bless us:

and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Revelation 21.10-14,21.22-22.5

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the

Israelites; on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever

The Gospel: John 14.23-29

Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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For next week

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16.16-34

Psalms 97

Revelation 22.12-22

John 17.20-26

Hymns

246 Christ is the world's light

521 Lord Christ at your first eucharist

MP52 Because he lives

MP50 Be still for the presence

569 Guide me O thou great redeemer

Notices

Spirituality in the Pub

Tuesday 4th June, 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: **Adrian Gomez** is the Ordained deacon at Wahroonga. He also works at the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal, helps with Catholic Youth festivals, is Youth Ministry Coordinator at St. Leo's Catholic College and Team Leader on St. V de P Night Patrol.

Rev Rex A E Hunt is a retired Uniting Church minister and 'grass roots' religious naturalist and social ecologist. Rex is the founding Chair of "The Common Dreams Conference of Religious Progressives" in the South Pacific and author/editor of eight books.

Finance

April Summary

RECEIPTS

Offertories	\$9,948
Donations	876
Op-Shop	2,874
Rent	2,530
Other	<u>20</u>
	\$16,248
Transfer from Special Purpose A/c	<u>\$24,880</u>
	\$41,128
MISSION - ABM	\$279
BCA Boxes	\$525

Happy Hour-A new leader is required

Is that you? In 1992 Happy Hour, an important monthly ministry of outreach to people who live alone especially if requiring transport was commenced. The ministry provided a happy hour (based on caffeine not alcohol) when people could share ideas and have fellowship together.

The formal program included a thought for the week, a prayer, and a few hymns as well as a theme for the day, eg. Favourite hymns, when people are encouraged to participate. A delicious afternoon tea is enjoyed by all and transport is provided for those who require it.

The ministry is now in its 27th year, but unfortunately the current team, mainly for health reasons, is unable to continue. The session on 28th May is organised when the FRANTASTICS will be entertaining us.

The session on 25th June will be the final session organised by the current team.

If you are interested in developing this important ministry further please contact Verna Rice Ph 4341 0646 or Fr Michael Ph 0417 650 805.

OUTGOINGS

Diocesan Contribution-Insurance	
Wages, etc.	\$11,322
Operating Expenses	5,143
GST-to be Refunded	2,798
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	\$19,263
Fascia and Guttering	<u>24,880</u>
	\$44,143
Mission - ABM	\$279
BCA	\$525

Generosity

Thank you

This week we say thank you to **all our welcomers** who greet us in such a warm and friendly fashion. Thank you for your cheerful service.

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.