

# Anglican Parish of Parkes

St George's  
PARKES

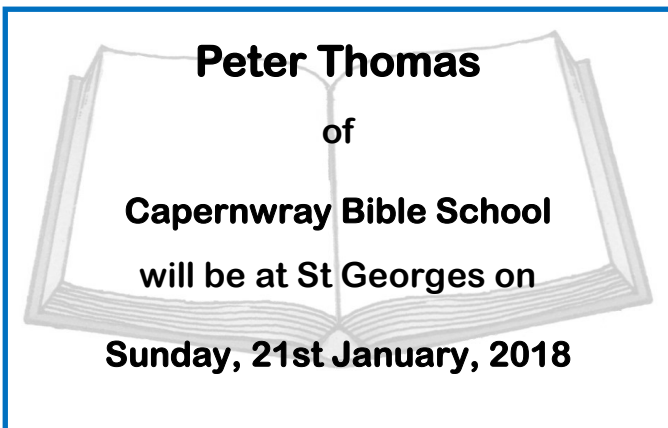
St Stephen's  
PEAK HILL

St Stephen's  
BINDOGUNDRA

Holy Trinity  
REEDY CREEK

Sunday, 7 January, 2018  
The Baptism of our Lord

## Upcoming events:



Mission partner:



## News for You

Welcome to St Georges and we give thanks that you could join with us. If you are visiting today, we hope that we met your need and that you felt welcomed by our congregation. If you are looking for a new family to join fill out connect form and tick a box and be assured of a visit by Fr Ron.

### Church Services Next Week:

#### St Georges, Parkes

Wednesday

10 Jan Holy Communion, 10am

Saturday

13 Jan Holy Communion, 6pm

Sunday

14 Jan Holy Communion, 7:30am

14 Jan Children's Service, 9:30am

#### St Stephens, Peak Hill

Sunday

14 Jan Holy Communion, 9am

### Diocesan Events:

7 Feb Clergy Conference

17 Feb Synod

### Parish Events:

8 Jan Toy Library (open for returns only)

13 Jan Soul Café

20 Jan Quiet Day

21 Jan Peter Thomas Capernwray Bible School

10 Feb Leaders Retreat

13 Feb Shrove Tuesday

14 Feb Ash Wednesday

10 Mar PACE Fundraiser - An Evening on the Green

## From the Rectory

Welcome to 2018

With 2017 behind us it is time to look ahead into the new year. As always our direction should be the way God is leading us. This is not a new year resolution, this is a reality of our Christian journey. A day started with prayer is built on good foundations. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of January we will be having a quiet day here at St Georges led by the team from Shalom House. The day will be focused being centred on God, listening to his leading for the year ahead. This year we have elections for Parish Council and again we all need to be discerning whether we are called to be on Council. On 10<sup>th</sup> February their will a retreat day out at the Christian School for Parish Council, and the Leadership team. Also, now is also a time we are looking at all our rosters and people's involvement in service for our wonderful creature, this is for all aspects of ministry, so again be praying and asking God for direction. Soon there will also be time put aside for where we can have a morning looking at the different pieces of ministry which when drawn together has the body of Christ working together the way we should be.

Blessings

Father Ron

Confirmation this year will be held on Sunday, 5th August, 2018. If you are interested in being confirmed, or know someone who is, please contact Father Ron on 0457 736 775 or Jodie in the Parish Office on 6862 1868.

### January Birthdays

7th Bill Skinner, 9th Una Colley, 11th Geordie Duncan, 26th Cheryl Thompson, 28th Mavis Moon, 30th Rebeckah Auld



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### Sentence of the day:

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. *Acts 10.38*

### Collect of the day:

Eternal God,  
at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan  
you proclaimed him your beloved Son,  
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant that all who are baptised into his name  
may keep the covenant they have made,  
and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour;  
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,  
one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

### Study Questions:

Paul asked the Ephesian disciples three questions. How would you answer them?

1. He asks if they received the Spirit when they believed, did you?
2. Paul asks them what baptism they received, what yours?
3. Were these "disciples" Christians?

**Pastoral Care** Do you need a visit at home, nursing homes or in hospital, fill out the connect form return on the collection plate so it can be forwarded on to one of the team? If it is to be a private visit for some reason call the church office or Fr Ron personally.

### Ministries at St Georges

**Little Acorns** Is a ministry for mums and young children. Held in the top hall at St Georges 10am till 12 noon each Tuesday of school term.

**Connect** An afterschool program for children from kindy to year 6, connecting children to the message of Christ. Fridays 4pm – 6pm.

**SGY** Is a ministry for youth and young adults! Currently running Fridays 7 till 8.30pm. A time of fun, learning and sharing a meal together.

### Sunday School and Kids Church

Sunday school is every Sunday during the service except every second Sunday of the month which is Kids Church, followed by morning tea.

**Service Information:** Please feel free to contact the Office on 6862 1868 during office hours to book a meeting with the

Ministry Team for any of the following: Weddings, Baptisms, Confirmation, Funeral and Memorial Services, Investigating Christianity, Hiring Church Facilities.

### Prayers

Thank the Lord for all who have volunteered throughout 2017 in our Church. Please pray how God wants you, as part of the body of Christ, to contribute to the health of our Church body in 2018.

Does God want you to assist with the children's ministries? Is God calling you to stand for Parish Council? Does God want you to contribute to the services in some way (eg being a sides person/ welcomer, Bible Reader, Leading Prayer's for the world)? Are you being called to help with refreshments/fellowship activities or participate in Bible/Prayer groups? Does God want you to help clean and maintain the building and grounds?

PRAY for UNITY within our church body so that each person, being loved and valued, will shine with God's love and grace in our community.

If God is prompting you to consider how you could contribute please speak to Ron or one of the Wardens.

### Readings This Week

Genesis 1:1-5 (page 1)  
Psalm 29 (page 248, APBA)  
Acts 19:1-7 (page 903)  
Mark 1:4-11 (page 812)

### Hymns

**7:30am – 435, 67, 673, 699**

**9:30am - 1072, 1055, 1075, What a beautiful name it is**

### Figures for W/E 31/12/17

Collections	\$3,467.00
Budget.	\$2,985.00
Surplus.	\$482.00

### Figures for month of December 2017

Total collections	\$16,023.00
Dec budget.	\$14,925.00
Surplus.	\$1,098.00

### Parish Directory

#### Rector

Rev'd Ron Spindler 0457 367 775

#### Hon Assistant Deacon

Rev'd Alicia Westcott 0417 218 978

#### Office Administrator

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Food Pantry 10am-4pm (Thur)

Boutique 10am-5pm (Mon-Fri)

### Wardens

#### (Parkes)

John Unger 0429 196 705

Derrick Milling 6863 4904

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#### (Peak Hill)

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### Readings Next Week

#### 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3.1-10 (page 215)

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-18 (page 370, APBA)

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (page 929)

John 1:43-51 (page 862)