

Anglican Parish of Parkes

St George's
PARKES

St Stephen's
PEAK HILL

St Stephen's
BINDOGUNDRA

Holy Trinity
REEDY CREEK

Sunday, 4 February, 2018
The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Our **Vision** is to be a growing faith community of lives transformed by Christ.

Our **Mission**: We are followers of Christ, who, with God's help, are encouraging Spirit-filled people to share and teach God's word.

Upcoming events:

St George's Anglican Church Annual General Meeting

Sunday
25th February, 2018
11:30am

This year is an election year - nominations are being called for Parish Council by Friday, 16th February, 2018

St George's Anglican Church Annual General Meeting

Please ensure all reports are submitted to Jodie by Friday, 9th February, 2018



Lenten Studies
Commences 18th February
Enrol today

Mission partner: Paul Davey, Compassion Aust.



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.

This Week:

Tuesday

6 Feb Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Women's Bible Study,
Lower Hall, 1:30pm

Wednesday

7 Feb Holy Communion, 10am
Panorama Home Group,
7:30pm

Thursday

8 Feb Panorama Home Group,
7:30pm
Men's Group, Lower Hall,
7:30pm

Friday

9 Feb Morning Prayer, 8:30am

Next Week:

St Georges, Parkes

Saturday

10 Feb Holy Communion, 6pm

Sunday

11 Feb Holy Communion,
7:30am

11 Feb Kid's Church, 9:30am

St Stephens, Peak Hill

Sunday

11 Feb Holy Communion,
9.30am
AGM, 10:30am

Diocesan Events:

7 Feb Clergy Conference

17 Feb Synod

Parish Events:

February

10th Leaders Retreat

10th Men's Breakfast,
7/7.30am

10th Ultreya, 2-4pm

10th Soul Café, 2-5pm

13th Shrove Tuesday

14th Ash Wednesday

18th Lenten Studies

20th Parish Council

24th Paul Davey, Compassion

25th Paul Davey, Compassion

25th AGM, 11:30am

From the Rectory:

The first step in Stewardship

Today I am talking on the principles of stewardship and over the next couple of weeks I shall continue to put snippets in the pew sheets. What you will be reading are teachings from the Old Testament teachings of Biblical stewardship in the Old Testament, and we will examine the first and fundamental principles of Biblical stewardship. **Step one** Psalm 24:1 ¹ The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; ² for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters." This was written about 3,000 years ago. This verse is clear. The earth and everything in the earth belongs to God. All the people who live on this earth belong to God. Why? Because God created everything. God founded the earth and established it. This is the first step, the knowledge that everything on the earth belongs to the Lord.

What I am suggesting is that the first step is to realize that everything belongs to God. The heavens. The earth. Everything in the heavens. Everything on the earth. You and I, we own a big fat nothing. We are temporary here on this earth. Who is going to own your house in a hundred years? Who is going to own your car? Who is going to put anything material in your casket and take it along to heaven? No one? We know deep in our souls that everything belongs to God. At the heart of all people who love God and are generous in their giving, is the profound but simple awareness that everything (the heavens, the earth, and everything on the earth) belongs to God. That is real basic. That is the first button hole.

Blessings

Father Ron



Sentence of the day:

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles. *Isaiah 40.31*

Collect of the day:

Saving God,
whose Son, Jesus Christ, healed the sick
and brought them wholeness of body and mind:
inspire us, his disciples,
so that we may constantly proclaim his gospel
by our words
and by the dedication and integrity of our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Recommencing:

Toy Library, Lower Hall, Monday, 5th February, 3:30pm - 6:30pm

Little Acorns Playgroup, Upper Hall, Tuesday, 6th February, 10am - 12pm

Connect Kids, Upper Hall, Friday, 16th February, 4pm-6pm, \$2 per child



Are you able to volunteer one Sunday per month to help with Sunday school?

Please speak to Father Ron about assisting with this valuable children's ministry.

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

COME HOLY SPIRIT and fill each of us so we will live our lives to God's glory. May we focus our minds on God's kingdom work here in Parkes. May each of us seek God to know what role He wants us to play in His kingdom church.

As we consider February, ask God where He wants you to be involved.

How can you become more involved in **church services?**

Does God want you to nominate for **Parish Council?**

Is God calling you to become more involved in **Bible Studies?**

Does God want you helping in **Children's Ministry** particularly Sunday School.

Are you being called to help in **Anglicare?**

Are you a practical person? The church needs to be cleaned and the grounds maintained. Is that where you fit in? Ask God.

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 1:26-28 (page 1)

Psalms 24 (page 244, APBA)

Colossians 3:23-24 (page 958)

Matthew 25:14-30 (page 807)

Hymns

7:30am – 705, 181, 515, 564

9:30am - 1259, 1276, What a beautiful name it is, 1151

Figures for W/E 28/1/18

Collections \$2703.00

Budget. \$2985.00

Shortfall. \$282.00

Figures for month of January 2018

Total collections \$10022.00

Jan budget. \$11940.00

Shortfall. \$1918.00

Please note: there was no 9.30 service on Sunday 14/1, due to the Gospel Service.

Parish Directory

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Readings Next Week

Transfiguration

2 Kings 2:1-12 (page 290)

Psalms 50:1-6 (page 272, APBA)

2 Corinthians 4:3-12 (page 939)

Mark 9:2-9 (page 821)