

Anglican Parish of Parkes

St George's
PARKES

St Stephen's
PEAK HILL

St Stephen's
BINDOGUNDRA

Holy Trinity
REEDY CREEK

Sunday, 18 February, 2018
First Sunday in Lent

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:

Saturday, 24th February 2018, 6pm

Guest Speaker:

Paul Davey, Compassion Australia

Please join us for dinner in the hall following the service and bring a plate to share

Youth Group will be running every second Friday beginning Friday, 16th February 2018

7:00pm to 8:30pm

Cost: gold coin donation


Come along and join us for a night of fellowship and fun!

Women's Bible Study & Prayer Group meets

Tuesday, 20th February, 1:30pm in the Lower Hall

Come join us to explore the Prayer Jesus Prayed in the Garden before His Arrest, and Pray with us. Finishes at 3pm

Mission partner: Paul Davey, Compassion Aust


Releasing children from poverty
Compassion
in Jesus' name

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:

Monday

19 Feb Toy Library, 3:30-6:30pm
Upper Room Disciplines
3pm

Tuesday

20 Feb Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Little Acorns, 10-12 noon
Women's Bible Study,
1:30pm Lower Hall

Wednesday

21 Feb Holy Communion, 10am

Thursday

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

Friday

23 Feb Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Ladies Bible Study at
GREGSONS, 10:30am
Connect Kids, 4-6pm

Next Week:

St Georges, Parkes

Saturday

24 Feb Holy Communion, 6pm

Sunday

25 Feb Holy Communion, 7:30am

25 Feb Holy Communion, 9:30am

St Stephens, Peak Hill

Sunday

25 Feb Holy Communion, 6pm

Diocesan Events:

March

8/9th Peacewise training

Parish Events:

February

18th Lenten Studies, 2pm, Parkes

20th Parish Council, 7:30pm

21st Lenten Studies, 6pm, PH

24th Paul Davey, Compassion

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25th AGM, 11:30am

25th Lenten Studies, 2pm, Parkes

28th Lenten Studies, 6pm, PH

From the Rectory:

The third step of Stewardship

The third step in stewardship is that we are also called to be the caretaker of God's creation. We are called to be the caretaker of God's garden. If God owns the garden, we are the caretakers. Take a look at Genesis 1, The third step is the realization that I am called to be the steward or caretaker of God's creation and the physical property that God has entrusted to me in my life. To rule is to have power or authority over them. It is the same word as "dominion." God has given us human beings, who are made in the image of God and are like God. Human beings are the crown of creation; we are at the top of the line in the pecking order; and we are to care for the creation that God has entrusted to us.

Genesis 2:15 "The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." It is the same thought. We are to cultivate the earth, to work it, and we are also to guard, protect and care for the earth. If God is the owner of the heavens and the earth and everything that is on the earth, then you and I are to protect it. That is our job. We are to be God's stewards in doing that. The same word for "steward" is the same word for "caretaker" of the earth. Are we standing up to what God wants us to do?

Blessings

Father Ron

February Birthdays

6th Jan Powter,
6th Kieran Duncan,
14th Jan Tanswell,
16th Keith Woodlands,
18th Mitchell Applebee,
19th Norma Garment,
21st Dee Melville,
24th Barry Garment,
28th Sam Quince



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Sentence of the day:

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. *Mark 1.15*

Collect of the day:

God of the new and eternal covenant,
as the forty days of the great flood
swept away the world's corruption
and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life:
grant to us, who are washed clean and born again
in the saving flood of baptism, the wellspring of your grace,
that your gift of new life may flourish once again;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Next Weekend: Saturday, 24th and Sunday, 25th February

Mr Paul Davey, from Compassion Australia will be our guest speaker at next weekends' services: ie, Saturday, 24th February at 6pm and Sunday, 25th February at 7:30am and 9:30am. Please join us for dinner in the hall following the 6pm service Saturday night and bring a plate to share.

Compassion is a Christian international holistic child development organisation. Through our Child Sponsorship Program, more than 1.8 million children are currently being released from poverty in Jesus' name. With over six decades of experience, Compassion's unique approach to solving poverty works: research proves it.

Children are very precious to God, yet they are often the hardest hit by poverty. Poverty is often defined as living on less than \$2 per day. But poverty is complex. Poverty is more than just a lack of money. It's not being able to go to school, battling poor health, social stigma and feelings of isolation, shame and worthlessness.

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 our Lord for His many Blessings-take time to ponder on How Good God has been to you.

Pray for the start up of all the Church activities this year especially with Easter being early, and there are extra study groups.

Pray for the Children and Youth activities, with more scripture teachers needed and people to lead Sunday School.

Pray for the Church AGM, for Jodie doing all the preparations, for our Church family to commit to being present and standing for positions and the smooth running of the meeting.

Pray for Anglicare that the ministry will reach the people needing assistance and God's love will flow through all the Volunteers. Pray for Natalie as she heads up this Ministry.

Readings This Week

Lent 1

Genesis 9:8-17 (page 6)

Psalms 25:1-10 (page 244, APBA)

1 Peter 3:18-22 (page 985)

Mark 1:9-15 (page 812)

Hymns

7:30am – 760, 108, 212, 159

9:30am - 642, 685, 249, 914

Figures for W/E 11/2/18

Collections \$2246.00

Budget \$2985.00

Shortfall. \$739.00

Parish Directory

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Readings Next Week

Lent 2

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (page 11)

Psalms 22:24-32 (page 242, APBA)

Romans 4:13-25 (page 916)

Mark 8:31-38 (page 820)