

Anglican Parish of Parkes

St George's
PARKES

St Stephen's
PEAK HILL

St Stephen's
BINDOGUNDRA

Holy Trinity
REEDY CREEK

Sunday, 1 April, 2018
Easter Day

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

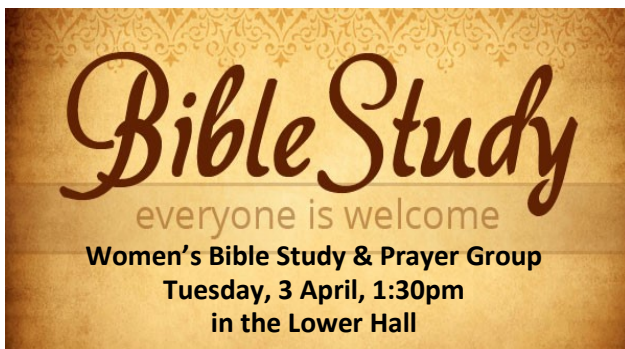
Our **Mission**: We are followers of Christ, who, with God's help, are encouraging Spirit-filled people to share and teach God's word.

Upcoming events:



soul cafe

Saturday, 7th April
2pm to 5pm
Prize for Best Easter Bonnet!



Bible Study
everyone is welcome

Women's Bible Study & Prayer Group
Tuesday, 3 April, 1:30pm
in the Lower Hall



AWA FLOWER SHOW

St George's Hall
Saturday, 28th April 2018
9am to 4pm

Entry: \$10 (incl morning or afternoon tea)
Plant stall, cake stall, craft stall

Mission partner: Sarah & Stephen Morse



Sarah & Stephen Morse
(our Mission Partners)
Will be attending services on
Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th April

From the Bishop:

The Mercy of God

The Priest walked quietly from his church with a group of friends carrying a large wooden cross. A small crowd followed him and when they reached the park in a NSW country town they placed the cross on top of a low bank so it could be clearly seen. Gently, firmly and sensitively the priest spoke to the growing crowd. He told us of the monstrous deeds of men that ended in the crucifixion of Jesus and he highlighted the vengeful attitudes of people both then and now, but then he showed how God in his great mercy had shown his love by dying releases us from the burden of human sin. The God who created the world, who fashioned people to reflect his character allowed himself to be put to death by them. In his trial Jesus is calm. In his flogging he does not seek revenge and on the cross he cries out to God to forgive his murderers.

Yet all humanity is gathered at the foot of the cross for that is the place of mercy, not justice. The vilest deeds of men are met with the forgiveness of God. The self-sacrifice of Jesus confronts us with the immensity of the mercy of God who deals with us not according to what we deserve, but according to his steadfast love.

Whilst God in his mercy offers forgiveness to all, we are invited to step into that circle of forgiveness and, through turning away from the wrong we have done, to seek the presence of the risen Jesus to be our companion and hope now and for ever.

When we receive the mercy of God, we are called to live as people of mercy; whether that be in our daily family or work relationships, with those who are our neighbours and those in need, with the homeless, the powerless, those who are refugees or others who are pushed to the edges of our communities.

Mercy is the message of Jesus – in Holy Week and Easter.

May the mercy of God uphold us now and always.

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The Rt Rev'd Ian Palmer
Bishop of Bathurst

This Week:

Monday

2 April Toy Library, 3:30-6:30pm
Upper Room Disciplines

3pm

Tuesday

3 April Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Scripture at Parkes Public School, 10:30am
Little Acorns, 10-12 noon
Women's Bible Study,
Lower Hall, 1:30pm

Wednesday

4 April Holy Communion, 10am

Thursday

5 April Scripture in each public school, 12:15 to 2:30pm
Panorama Home Group, 7:30pm
Men's Group, Lower Hall, 7:30pm

Friday

6 April Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Ladies Bible Study at Gregsons, 10:30am
Connect Kids, 4-6pm

Next Week:

St Georges, Parkes

Saturday

7 April Holy Communion, 5pm

Sunday

8 Apr Holy Communion, 7:30am

8 Apr Kid's Service, 9:30am

St Stephens, Peak Hill

Sunday

8 Apr Ext Holy Communion, 9:30am

Parish Events:

April

7th Soul Café, 2pm to 5pm

8th Cursillo Sunday

25th Anzac Day, 7:30am

28th AWA Flower Show

28/29 Sarah & Stephen Morse visit

29th Peak Hill BBQ, 11:30am



Sentence of the day:

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.
The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia! *1 Corinthians 5.7-8*

Collect of the day:

Brightness of God's glory,
whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison:
as you have shared our frailty in human flesh,
help us to share your immortality in the Spirit;
let no shadow of the grave terrify us,
and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you.
Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days,
as the First and the Last,
the Living One,
our immortal Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Hymn to the Risen Christ

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,
Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over him.
In dying he died to sin once for all:
in living he lives to God.
See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep.
For as by one man came death:
by another has come also resurrection of the dead;
For as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

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.

Scripture A team of scripture teachers attend our public schools on Tuesdays and Thursdays to provide our children

with the opportunity to learn about God, Jesus and the scriptures.

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

May our church members grow in love for Christ, for one another, our our community and beyond. Thank you Lord that we have the freedom to meet Together to worship you and to come closer to you. We pray Lord that you will draw more people to join and support our church.

Micah 3:8 Says that God requires us "To act justly and love mercy and to walk humbly with your God". Please pray for Sarah and Stephen Morse as they continue to work in the area of Freedom from Slavery and to equip themselves to be able to have an impact in this area.

Readings This Week

Easter Day

Isaiah 25:6-9 (page 568)
Hymn to the Risen Christ (APBA 423)
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (page 935)
Mark 16:1-8 (page 829)

Hymns

7:30am – 652, 39, 357, 689

9:30am - 745, 1072, 357,

What a wonderful name,
1224

Figures for W/E 25/3/18

Collection	\$2,079.00
Target.	\$2,700.00
Shortfall.	\$621.00

Figures for month of March 2018

Total collections	\$11,758.00
March target.	\$10,800.00
Surplus.	\$958.00

Parish Directory

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Readings Next Week

Easter 2

Acts 4:32-37 (page 888)
Psalm 133 (APBA 423)
1 John 1:1-2:2 (page 989)
John 20:19-31 (page 883)