

Anglican Parish of Parkes

St George's
PARKES

St Stephen's
PEAK HILL

St Stephen's
BINDOGUNDRA

Holy Trinity
REEDY CREEK

Sunday, 22 April, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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.

April Birthdays

Gbreena Walker (3rd), Luke Woodlands (5th),
Derrick Milling (6th), Hannah Tanswell (9th),
Lindsay May (18th), Craig Armstrong (20th),
Anna Woodlands (27th), Olive Cooper (28th),
Ewan Moody (29th)

Upcoming events:

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

St Stephen's BBQ & Picnic



Sunday, 29th April at
11:30am

Debutante Parade

St George's Church

Friday, 4th May

6pm

Mission partner: Sarah & Stephen Morse

Sarah & Stephen Morse

Will be attending services on

Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th April

Join us for dinner in the hall following the
Saturday 5pm service

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

23 April Toy Library closed for holidays
Upper Room Disciplines 3pm

Tuesday

24 April Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Little Acorns closed for holidays

Wednesday

25 April Anzac Day, 7:30am

Thursday

26 April Panorama Home Group,
7:30pm
Men's Group, Lower Hall,
7:30pm

Friday

27 April Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Ladies Bible Study at
Gregsons, 10:30am
Connect Kids on holidays
Nexus Youth Group on
holidays

Next Week:

St Georges, Parkes

Saturday

28 April Holy Communion, 5pm

Sunday

29 Apr Holy Communion, 7:30am

29 Apr Holy Communion, 9:30am

St Stephens, Peak Hill

Sunday

29 Apr Ext Holy Communion, 7:30am

Diocesan Events:

April

23-28 Soul Survivor, Coffs Harbour

30 to May 3 Clergy Retreat, Carcoar

Parish Events:

April

25 Anzac Day, 7:30am

28 AWA Flower Show

28/29 Sarah & Stephen Morse visit

29 Peak Hill BBQ, 11:30am

May

4 Debutante parade through
Church followed by the Ball

5 to 13 Capernwray visit

From the Rectory:

The Good Shepherd

Following one's vocation is a response from within to the needs outside us. A decision to work for the poor or assist people in need is not necessarily a vocation. A vocation meets the human needs of the world with a motivation from within. We care for our children and grandchildren not just because they are sick or insecure, but because we love them. This love will move us out to help them in various situations.

We find a call to be 'people for others' because our heart teaches us with Jesus that we are all brothers and sisters, and that God wants to save the world, and needs our help to do so.

This is the Sunday we all pray that our particular vocation in life may become clear and may become stronger.

God calls each of us to love God and love our neighbour. This is the first Christian calling; we then find the best way for each of us with our own particular set of gifts, talents and even weaknesses to live out that call to love.

We think especially today of religious life and priesthood. There are needs for priests, sisters and brothers in most parts of the world. As a community in families and parishes we thank those who have given their lives in these vocations and pray they may increase.

Blessings

Father Ron



Sentence of the day:

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'I know my own and my own know me.' *John 10.14*

Collect of the day:

Jesus, good shepherd of the sheep,
by whom the lost are sought
and guided into the fold:
feed us and we shall be satisfied,
heal us and we shall be whole,
and lead us that we may be with you,
where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayers for Rain

"Then he prayed again, and the sky gave rain and the land produced its fruit." (James 5:18)

Lord, we ask You to look upon us and give us the rain we so badly need in order to grow our crops and pastures so that we can provide for our families and fulfil our obligations. We ask that You grant us the support and comfort of Your presence so that we can get through this season, not matter what the outcome, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

O God, the earth is thirsty for rain and we wait for you to refresh the land and all its creatures, the rivers and lakes, the crops and gardens. Send abundant rain, we pray, and teach us to be better stewards of all the blessings you provide, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** ©The Anglican Church of Australia

Prayers for St Georges

Father, in the Name of Jesus, we come into Your presence, giving thanks for your people here at St Georges. You have called us to be a family as we gather, to be saints in the Body of Christ, to be the salt of Parkes and the light of the world. We recognize that You are God, and everything including St Georges was made by You and for You. We use our faith to call into being those things that be not as though they were.

We are a community of people who believe, we are teachable and ready to do so. We are a people of the Spirit, the Holy Spirit is our guide, and we are willing to testify, and bring glorify to Jesus at every opportunity. We are a people who love, the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, so we are forgiving and speak the truth in love. We thank You for Your presence among us and we lift our hands and praise Your Holy Name! Amen.

Lord as we face the coming months of change in our church situation we pray that we will be strong and of good courage...for we know that you the Lord our God will not leave us nor forsake us. Deut 31:6. Lord please give wisdom and guidance as our Parish Council considers the need to sell off properties to support the Diocesan Abuse Redress fund. We need Your wisdom in the way forward and particularly for Anglicare which will be effected with whatever decision is made.

St George's Fellowship Tea, Saturday 28th April after the 5pm Service

Please join with the Sat evening congregation as they share a meal together after their service. Sarah and Stephen Morse, the missionaries our church support, will be sharing this meal with us. Please bring a salad or sweet to share, BBQ meat will be provided.

It would be helpful if you could indicate what you will bring on the list on the front table in the church.

Although it is a busy weekend it is a huge effort for Sarah and Stephen to travel out to Parkes with their 2 young children so please come and support their visit.

Readings This Week Easter 4

Acts 4:5-12 (page 887)

Psalms 23 (APBA 243)

1 John 3:16-24 (page 990)

John 10:11-18 (page 872)

Hymns

7:30am – In Christ Alone
1, 649, 302

9:30am - Powerpoint

Figures for W/E 15/4/18

Collections	\$2,895.00
Target.	\$2,700.00
Surplus.	\$195.00

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Boutique 10am-5pm (Mon-Fri)

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Readings Next Week Easter 5

Acts 8:26-40 (page 891)

Psalms 22:26-32 (APBA 243)

1 John 4:7-21 (page 991)

John 15:1-8 (page 878)