

Anglican Parish of Parkes

St George's
PARKES

St Stephen's
PEAK HILL

St Stephen's
BINDOGUNDRA

Holy Trinity
REEDY CREEK

Sunday, 2 September, 2018
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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.

September Birthdays

Benjamin McIntosh (9th), Betty Thornton (10th), Riley Duncan (10th), Joyce Irving (12th), Kylie McIntosh (17th), Harrison Day (19th), Lorraine Chambers (21st), Don Brownbill (23rd), Thomas Corcoran (26th), Annabelle Nash (28th).

Upcoming events:

St Stephen's Anglican Church Peak Hill Quilt Show & Workshop

Saturday 8th September 2018

Quilts needed for Church Display
Quilting workshops 9am to 5pm
Morning Tea & Lunch included
Workshop bookings: Kerry Swain 6769 3297
Enquiries: Tanya Stanford 6869 1270 ah or

Reedy Creek BBQ

Sunday, 16th September, 2018
following the 11:30am service
Please bring along meat, salads, drinks,
chairs etc
Everyone welcome!



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

3 Sept Toy Library, 3:30 to 6:30pm
Upper Room Disciplines 3pm

Tuesday

4 Sept Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Little Acorns, 10am to 12,
Upper Hall
Women's Bible Study &
Prayer Group, Lower Hall,
1:30pm

Wednesday

5 Sept Holy Communion, 10am

Thursday

6 Sept Panorama Home Group,
7:30pm
Men's Group, Lower Hall,
7:30pm

Friday

7 Sept Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Ladies Bible Study at
Gregsons, 10:30am
Connect Kids, 4 to 5:30pm
Nexus Youth Group, 7 to
8:30pm

Next Week:

St Georges, Parkes

Saturday

8 Sept Holy Communion, 5pm

Sunday

9 Sept Holy Communion, 7:30am
Kids Service, 9:30am

St Stephens, Peak Hill

Sunday

9 Sept Holy Communion, 9:30am

Diocesan Events:

Sep

14-16 Diocesan Synod

Parish Events:

Sep

1 Soul Café, 2pm to 5pm
5 Spring Market Meeting, 7pm
8 Quilt Show & Workshop,
St Stephen's Peak Hill
16 Reedy Creek BBQ, 11:30am
22 Spring Market Day, St George's

James

James is authored by James "the brother of Jesus." He was the biological brother of Jesus. Even though he was a blood relative, he did not believe Jesus was the Christ until after the resurrection (Jn7:5). Soon after the resurrection it seems he had a conversion Acts 1:14 tells how the brothers of Jesus were present with the disciples after the resurrection but before Pentecost. The Book of James is one of the earliest written books in the New Testament, if not the earliest. It is not so much a book as much as it is a letter. It is written to Jewish Christians who were scattered throughout the world after the martyrdom of Stephen (Acts 8:1).

James is not a personal letter, but a chain letter, designed to be passed from person to person and church to church. While the original intended recipients were Jewish Christians of the first century, this letter has insight for all believers, both Jewish and Gentile. James is sometimes referred to as the Proverbs of the New Testament. James is a book that is filled with much wisdom and practical thoughts for everyday living. To capture the theme of this book in one word would be "perseverance."

We rarely associate joy with the challenges of life, but James makes the point that a believer can meet adversity with joy. From the author of Hebrews "Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross (Heb 12:2)." The reality is we will all encounter difficult moments in life. We cannot prevent the trials of life, but we can choose how we respond to them. James gives us the wisdom to persevere and even find joy in the most difficult challenges. Please read James.

Blessings

Father Ron



Sentence of the day:

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.
James 1.17

Collect of the day:

Cleanse our consciences, O Lord,
and enlighten our hearts
through the daily presence of your Son Jesus Christ,
that when he comes in glory to be our judge
we may be found undefiled and acceptable in his sight;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Following is a prayer that Bishop Ian has requested that we pray regularly

A Prayer for the future of our Diocese

Prayer: "Let your gentle spirit lead me in the right path." *Psalm 143:10*

Good Shepherd of your people, lead us, we pray, in ways of wonder and delight. Teach us by your Spirit to discern your way, trust your directions and give us courage to humbly walk with you. When the way is tough grant us a fresh vision of Jesus; when we are tempted by ease deepen our love for you. May the Gospel of forgiveness, healing and hope give us purpose for our journey and keep us faithful to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16

Pray for:

- the rain that is needed to break this drought and for our farm families and businesses as they continue to struggle with the effects of the drought.
- our farming families and businesses that their basic needs will be met.
- that those who need food assistance will come to Food for Farmers at the Georgie's Pantry on Friday between 1 to 4 pm.
- our Diocese and all those in leadership in all that needs to be worked out over the coming months. May God guide them in all the decisions ahead of them.
- all those who are members of our church family. May we hold firm in our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and may we live this faith and pass it onto our children and grandchildren.

The Archbishop of Sydney's prayer for rain:

Our heavenly Father, we acknowledge our ingratitude when we have taken your goodness for granted, when the heaven has poured forth rain and the earth has produced its fruit. Yet now we cry to you for help, as the drought in New South Wales deepens. Have mercy on our land; have mercy on the people of the land. May your bountiful hand send forth rain upon our parched earth. Fulfil your promises that while the earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not cease, so that those in remote and rural areas may find relief from their distress and glorify your name for the provision of their needs. We ask this in the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Ecumenical Prayer Day on 9th September at 2pm....Combined Churches of Parkes "Prayer for Rain" afternoon on spare block in front of St George'sfor prayer for the support of farmers and rain.

Readings This Week

Pentecost 15

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 (pg 140)

Psalm 15 (APBA 234)

James 1:17-27 (pg 980)

Mark 7:1-8, 14-23 (page 818)

Hymns

7:30am: 449, 625, 133, 506

9:30am:

Behold

Across the Lands (MP 1141)

Sea of Crimson (Bethel)

In Christ Alone (MP 1072)

Figures for W/E 26/8/18

Collections \$2,463.00

Target \$2,700.00

Shortfall \$237.00

Figures for month of August 2018

Total collection \$9,393.00

August Target \$10,800.00

Shortfall \$1,407.00

Parish Directory

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Readings Next Week

Pentecost 16

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (pg 527)

Psalm 125 (APBA 361)

James 2:1-10, 14-17 (pg 981)

Mark 7:24-37 (page 819)