

Anglican Parish of Parkes

St George's
PARKES

St Stephen's
PEAK HILL

St Stephen's
BINDOGUNDRA

Holy Trinity
REEDY CREEK

Sunday, 23 September, 2018
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

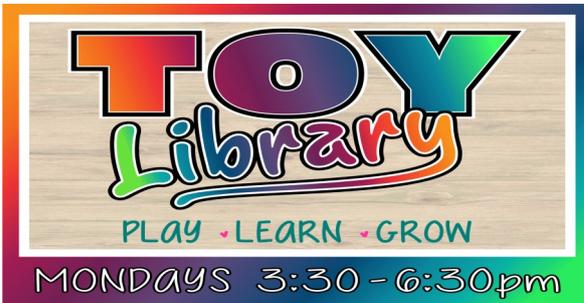
Our **Vision** is to be a growing faith community of lives transformed by Christ.

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), Austin MacRae, (12th), Kylie McIntosh (17th), Harrison Day (19th), Lorraine Chambers (21st), Don Brownbill (23rd), Thomas Corcoran (26th), Annabelle Nash (28th).

Upcoming events:



TOY Library
PLAY • LEARN • GROW
MONDAYS 3:30 - 6:30pm

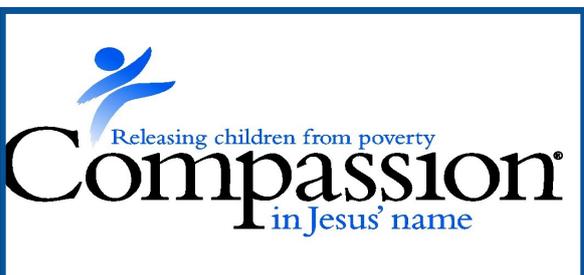


Little Acorns - PLAYGROUP
Tuesday, 10am-12pm
at St George's Church Hall
Contact Church Office on 6862 1868
FROM LITTLE THINGS, BIG THINGS GROW



Connect Kids
Fridays, 4 to 5:30pm, \$2per child

Mission Partner



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

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

Tuesday

25 Sept Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Little Acorns, 10am to 12,
Upper Hall

Wednesday

26 Sept Holy Communion, 10am

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Next Week:

St Georges, Parkes

Saturday

29 Sept Holy Communion, 5pm
30 Sep Holy Communion, 7:30am
Holy Communion, 9:30am

St Stephens, Peak Hill

Sunday

30 Sep Ext Holy Communion, 9:30am

Parish Events:

Sept

25 Leader's Meeting, 7:30pm
28 National Police Remembrance Day
Service, 10am

James 3 - Taming the Tongue

James is writing to a community in conflict. People are fighting, people are arguing, and things are not going well. In the second chapter of the epistle, the argument is over the narrow-mindedness of class distinction. In the third chapter is that the fighting is intense. People are speaking in anger, using words that pierce and hurt.

James says that such speech is like arson. It sets things on fire. And some things that burn down can never be rebuilt. James letter is a practical letter, and this is great advice for Christian Community.

How many of us know relationships that have completely broken down because one person spoke a harsh word to another? How many of us know churches that were completely turned upside-down because one person said something to someone else, or one person could have said something to put out the flame and didn't?

Words hurt. Words tear things down. And, words can't be unspoken, once they've been spoken.

In a return to the first chapter, James seems to be saying once again, "Be slow to speak." Choose your words carefully.

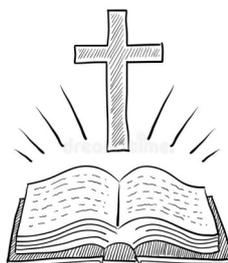
Because when you remember how deeply your words can cut, if spoken wrongly, you might just be gentler.

And, a gentler community of brothers and sisters in Christ goes a long, long way in not setting relationships and churches on fire.

Without breaking any confidences, have there been moments in ministry where a harsh word set your church on fire? WWJD/SAY.

Blessings

Father Ron



Sentence of the day:

Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all. *Mark 9.35*

Collect of the day:

God and Father of all,
you have taught us through your Son that the last shall be first,
and have made a little child the measure of your kingdom:
give us the wisdom from above,
so that we may understand that in your sight
the one who serves is the greatest of all.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and 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." *Psalms 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.

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.

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

Please pray:

- for our Diocese as it looks to the time of Bishop Ian finishing and to the new agreements with Sydney Diocese to help us to maintain our current Diocese. Pray for those selected on Bishop in Council and the Bishop Selection Panel, including Jay Quince.
- for our church here in Parkes. May you Lord God work in the hearts and minds of our church family to truly commit to Jesus and the way we are to live under the power of His resurrection which brings us under a new covenant as taught to us in the New Testament.
- that despite all the financial things going on around us, that we will be strong in our faith and witness to Jesus.
- for our leaders, both ordained and lay, including the Ministry Team and the Parish Council.
- for our Children's Ministries, including the School Scripture, Sunday School, Little Acorns and Toy Library, Kids Connect and Nexis.
- for our country and especially for our Prime Minister Scott Morrison that the Lord will "hem him in, behind and before" vs 5. Psalm 139



Congratulations to Brenden and Emma Bennett on the safe arrival of their baby girl, Harleigh Louise Bennett. God's blessings for Harleigh and your family.

Readings This Week

Pentecost 18

Proverbs 31:10-31 (pg 535)

Psalms 1 (APBA 224)

James 3:1-12 (pg 981)

Mark 9:30-37 (page 821)

Hymns

7:30am: 664, 553, 857, 167

9:30am: Powerpoint

Figures for W/E 16/9/18

Collections \$2,334.00

Target \$2,700.00

Shortfall \$366.00

Parish Directory

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Readings Next Week

Pentecost 19

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10 & 9:20-22 (pg 390)

Psalms 124 (APBA 361)

James 5:12-20 (pg 983)

Mark 9:38-50 (page 821)