

# Anglican Parish of Parkes

St George's  
PARKES

St Stephen's  
PEAK HILL

St Stephen's  
BINDOGUNDRA

Holy Trinity  
REEDY CREEK

Sunday, 4 November, 2018  
Twenty Fourth 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.

## November Birthdays

Lyn Bignell (10th), Jay Quince (13th),  
Thomas Day (14th), Father Ron (16th),  
Finlay Quince (23rd), Kim Paul (27th),  
Heather Powter (28th)

## Upcoming events:

### LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 6th November  
1:30pm in the lower hall  
All Welcome!



St George's Hall  
Saturday  
10th November  
7 for 7:30am

## ULTREYA

Saturday, 10th November, 2018  
Lower Hall  
2pm

### Celebration Dinner for the Centenary of the end of the First World War

Saturday, 10th November, 2018  
Tickets available at RSL Club  
\$60 per person  
For more information contact Keith Woodlands

## The Mission of Christ

The mission of Christ was to **proclaim to all who were blind that their sight could be recovered**. Once again, this proclamation is made in the power of the Spirit. The power of the Spirit brings the power of the Kingdom of God into our lives now. Christ opened the eyes of the spiritually blind.

Two thousand years ago, which seems like yesterday as, the world has not changed that much, God's Son entered the world – a world of poverty, oppression, injustice and war. A world which seemed to be losing all Hope. The main stay of Jesus' mission was, for Him to die for our sins on the cross and, through repentance and faith in him, open the way for us to experience eternal life with the Father. As Romans 5:8 says, "God demonstrated his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us". Jesus paid the penalty for our sins!

But like the old TV add there is more; When Jesus began His ministry on earth, He outlined His mandate – "to preach good news to the poor....to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." (Luke 4:18-19).

Jesus came to earth to preach the Good News – to give people an understanding of the Kingdom of God and the eternal hope that they had through Him. Jesus not only preached the Good News through His words, but He powerfully demonstrated the Good News through His actions!

From the scriptures we see God's compassion and concern for those in need. He constantly commanded His people to reflect His heart to those around them. God went as far as saying that "there should be no poor among you" (Deut 15:4-5). Unfortunately, this was a lesson that God's people struggled to learn.

Jesus came to reconcile a broken world restoring it to a right relationship. This is something that He has started, and which will be completed when He comes again!

In the mean time we still live in a world where there is enormous need, poverty, injustice and pain. As God's people, we are commanded to show His compassion to the poor. We are called to be His hands and feet in a hurting world. And this is not optional. It is a responsibility with which we are entrusted and are expected to fulfil.

So, we give thanks to our brothers and sisters in Christ that they are obeying Gods command and travelling to join with us this weekend. We thank God for the blessing they are to our parish and for the fellowship they share.

Blessings

## Father Ron

### This Week:

#### Monday

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

#### Tuesday

6 Nov Morning Prayer, 8:30am  
Little Acorns, 10am to 12,  
Upper Hall  
Ladies Bible Study & Prayer  
Group, Lower Hall, 1:30pm

#### Wednesday

7 Nov Holy Communion, 10am

#### Thursday

8 Nov Panorama Home Group,  
7:30pm  
Men's Group, Lower Hall,  
7:30pm

#### Friday

9 Nov Morning Prayer, 8:30am  
Ladies Bible Study at  
Gregsons, 10:30am  
Connect Kids, 4pm

### Next Week:

#### St Georges, Parkes

#### Saturday

10 Nov Holy Communion, 5pm

#### Sunday

11 Nov Holy Communion, 7:30am  
Kid's Church, 9:30am

#### St Stephens, Peak Hill

#### Sunday

11 Nov Ext Holy Communion, 9:30am

### Parish Events:

#### Nov

10 Soul Café, 2pm to 5pm  
Ultreya, Lower Hall, 2pm  
11 Service of Remembrance, 4pm,  
St Georges



### Sentence of the day:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these. *Mark 10:29-31*

### Collect of the day:

God of peace,  
you taught us that in returning, and rest we shall be saved,  
in quietness and confidence shall be our strength:  
by the power of your Spirit  
lift us to your presence,  
where we may be still and know that you are God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
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." *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.**

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**

Prayers:

- Please pray for our farmers and all those effected by the drought. Please send drought breaking rains so the grass will grow and give some relief to farmers having to constantly feed and water their stock.
- Pray that we will be alert to the needs of those around us especially those who are hurting or suffering. Pray for God's peace, comfort and healing for them. May we remember Henry and Bev and ask God's presence with them.

As the effects of the drought and none or limited income continues, at the Anglicare Pantry we are helping more and more farmers with food and household and personal items. Basic food items are reasonably well covered by our Pantry stocks and extra donations from Foodbank, but we are short on things like tomato sauce, cooking oil and dog and cat food. Also donations of household goods such as soap, tissues, paper towel and other personal items would be appreciated. This is developing into a strong ministry to those in need, just encouraging and blessing people in a way that shows we care for people just as Christ Jesus cares for us. Thank you for your prayers and support. If you know of any farmers doing it tough, please encourage them to come to the Pantry on Fridays between 1pm and 4pm and if they are too shy to come bring them along or see us for a food and household/personal hamper to take to them. Speak to Sandra, Derrick or Natalie if you have any questions.

### Readings This Week

#### Pentecost 24

Ruth 1:1-18 (pg 210)

Psalm 146 (APBA 377)

Hebrews 9:11-15 (pg 975)

Mark 12:13-17, 28-34 (page 824)

#### Hymns

**7:30am: Let us sing to our God of Salvation (TIS 52), 396, 59, 148**

**9:30am: Christ is Enough (Hillsong)  
Great Are You Lord  
Revelation Song  
My Chains Are Gone  
It is Well**

#### Figures for W/E 28/10/18

Collections	\$2,703.00
Target.	\$2,700.00
Surplus.	\$3.00
Figures for month of October 2018	
Total collections	\$9,995.00
Monthly target.	\$10,800.00
Shortfall.	\$805.00

#### Parish Directory

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Food Pantry 10am-4pm (Thur)

Boutique 10am-5pm (Mon-Fri)

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#### Readings Next Week

##### Pentecost 25

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:3-17 (pg 211)

Psalm 127 (APBA 362)

Hebrews 9:23-28 (pg 976)

Mark 12:38-44 (page 825)