

Anglican Parish of Parkes

St George's
PARKES

St Stephen's
PEAK HILL

St Stephen's
BINDOGUNDRA

Holy Trinity
REEDY CREEK

Sunday, 27 January 2019
The Third Sunday after Epiphany

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.

January Birthdays

Bill Skinner (7th), Una Colley (9th),
Geordie Duncan (11th), Cheryl Thompson (26th),
Mavis Moon (28th), Rebeckah Auld (30th)

Upcoming events:



31st January 2019 to 11th April 2019

Soul Cafe

Saturday, 2nd & 9th February, 2019



2pm to 5pm
All Welcome!



Bishop Election Board Meetings open to all Parishioners

Forbes: Friday, 1 February, 6:30pm, St John's Hall
Mudgee: Saturday, 2 February, 2pm, St John's Church
Dubbo: Tuesday, 5 February, 6:30pm, Holy Trinity Hall
Kelso: Wednesday, 6 February, 6:30pm, Holy Trinity Hall

AGM - 24th February 2019

Reports for the Annual General Meeting are due to Jodie in the Office by 1pm Wednesday 6th February.

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

This Week:

Monday

28 Jan Toy Library, on holidays

Tuesday

29 Jan Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Little Acorns, on holidays

Wednesday

30 Jan Holy Communion, 10am

Thursday

31 Jan Panorama Home Group,
7:30pm
Men's Group, Lower Hall,
7:30pm

Friday

1 Feb Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Connect Kids, on holidays
Nexus Youth, on holidays

Next Week:

St Georges, Parkes

Saturday

2 Feb Holy Communion, 5pm

Sunday

3 Feb Holy Communion, 7:30am
Holy Communion, 9:30am

St Stephens, Peak Hill

Sunday

3 Feb Ext Holy Communion, 9am

Diocesan Events:

Feb

16 Synod, St Barnabas, Orange

Parish Events:

Jan

31 Alpha, 7pm

Feb

2 Soul Café, 2pm to 5pm
9 Soul Café, 2pm to 5pm
9 Men's Breakfast, 7:30am
9 Ultreya, Lower Hall, 2pm
17 Bishop Ian's Farewell visit
24 AGM Meeting

Revival or Renewal

"And you will know the truth,
And the truth will set you free."

Two little old ladies were walking out of church one Sunday. One said, "My, that preacher certainly preaches for a long time!" Her friend replied, "No, he really doesn't preach a long time, it just seems like a long time!" I wonder what they would have thought about a service that had about six hours of Bible reading and preaching at the people's request, during which the people stood the whole time! And not only that, they came back the next day for more! That was the remarkable situation that we read about in Nehemiah 8. It would be accurate to call it a revival or a time of unusual spiritual renewal.

At the centre of this revival was the exposition of Scripture.

A strong emphasis on God's Word is a primary mark of spiritual renewal.

Down through the centuries, God's people have gone through cycles where His Word has been neglected and the spiritual condition of His people falls apart. In His grace, God sends renewal, with one of the main marks of such renewal is a emphasis on God's Word. If you have never done so, I'd encourage you to read through the entire Bible in the New Year. For spiritual renewal, God's people must read His Word. Attentiveness stems from reverence. If we maintain our reverence for God and that fact that He is speaking to us through His Word, we will pay attention to what He says. Spiritual renewal comes through reverently hearing God's Word when it is read and preached. Roman 1:16 gives good understanding of the power within the gospel.

Blessings

Father Ron



Sentence of the day:

Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah: 'The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives.' *Luke 4.18*

Collect of the day:

Life-giving God,
who sent your Son Jesus to proclaim your kingdom
and to teach with authority:
anoint us with your Spirit,
that we too may bring good news to the poor,
bind up the broken-hearted,
and proclaim liberty to the captive;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.

A prayer for the time of choosing a Bishop (APBA p. 212, used with permission)

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this diocese a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your Church be built up and your name glorified; 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.

Prayers for Alpha:

- Pray for each member of our church to have the confidence to invite someone to the Alpha Course
- Pray for the Lord to prepare the hearts and minds of those that will be invited
- Pray for the team helping organize Alpha including the hosts and helpers that they would be filled with the Holy Spirit and have the gift of wisdom and the ability to make everyone feel welcomed.

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 Kids An afterschool program for children from kindy to year 6, connecting children to the message of Christ. Fridays 4pm – 5:30pm.

Nexus Is a ministry for youth and young adults! Currently running alternate 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.

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.

Readings This Week

Epiphany 3

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (pg 379)

Psalms 19 (APBA 239)

1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (pg 933)

Luke 4:14-21 (page 835)

Hymns

7:30am: 20, 673, When I needed a neighbour (TIS 629), 708

9:30am: Powerpoint

Figures for W/E 20/1/19

Collections \$2,839.00

Target. \$2,700.00

Surplus. \$139.00

Building Maintenance

To date: \$21,627

Parish Directory

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Readings Next Week

Epiphany 4

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (pg 609)

Psalms 71:1-6 (APBA 293)

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (pg 933)

Luke 4:21-30 (page 835)