

# Anglican Parish of Parkes

St George's  
PARKES

St Stephen's  
PEAK HILL

St Stephen's  
BINDOGUNDRA

Holy Trinity  
REEDY CREEK

Sunday, 3 March 2019  
Transfiguration Sunday

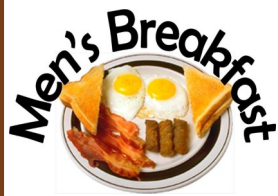
Our **Vision** is to be a growing faith community of lives transformed by Christ.

Our **Mission**: We are followers of Christ, who, with God's help, are encouraging Spirit-filled people to share and teach God's word.

## March Birthdays

Dorothea Tom (2nd), Sandra Milling (7th),  
Hayden Pfaff (8th), Pat Thomas (9th),  
Jude Melville (15th), Helen Mulligan (20th),  
Margaret Cowell (22nd), Carla Lindbeck (24th),  
Amelia Tanswell (27th), Aliencia Woodlands (27th),  
Jessica Bondareff (28th),  
Margaret Applebee (30th), Sarah Corcoran (30th)

## Upcoming events:



St George's Hall  
Saturday  
8th March 2019  
7 for 7:30am

Guest Speaker: Bruce Lindbeck

## ULTREYA

Saturday, 8th March, 2018  
Lower Hall  
2pm

## Soul Cafe

Saturday, 8th March, 2019



2pm to 5pm  
All Welcome!



## Mission Partner

**ABM**  
Anglican Board of Mission - Australia  
Working for Love, Hope & Justice

## Transfiguration Sunday

This is **Transfiguration Sunday** and we need to understand God as 'Holy' understand the 'Holy Nature of God' and I thought... dear Lord how am I going to explain this one?

The Holy Nature of God...if we don't have God's nature as 'holy' correct every other doctrine (or belief), we apply to our faith and belief will be incorrect also. 'God as Holy' is seen as the most important doctrine. Yet, people seem to think they are free to make up their minds as to what God is like – we don't want to 'water down' and reduce God to our terms, to something which is acceptable to us. We don't want to grieve God or substitute man-made objects and ideas in the place of the one true God. 'Holy' is a quality, it indicates a distinction between ordinary and non-human power. Psalm 99 tells us to exalt the Lord our God! Moses did...the evidence was seen on his face, the 'radiant face of Moses'. God told Moses to write this down, His message for all people to learn from, including us! Write it down so you don't forget. Moses had been with the Lord for many days.

The word transformed is used 4 times in the New Testament. Twice describing Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration and twice describing God's effect on Christians. We have what is described as a change on the outside that originates from a change on the inside. The bible tells us it is **NOT** something **WE** do, but something that is done **to us**. God's word gives us the understanding that we been made spiritually alive (John 3:3), having become a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17) as a result of faith in Jesus Christ. We also understand that those who submit to the authority of God will be changed.

Have we ever changed our behaviour hoping our heart and desire will change as well?

What have been the changes in our character since we became a Christian?

What more needs to be changed?

Blessings

Father Ron

## This Week:

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

5 Mar Morning Prayer, 8:30am  
Little Acorns, 10am to 12noon

### Wednesday

6 Mar Ash Wednesday Service, 10am

### Thursday

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

### Friday

8 Mar Morning Prayer, 8:30am  
Connect Kids, 4 to 5:30pm  
Nexus Youth, 7 to 8:30pm

## Next Week:

### St Georges, Parkes

#### Saturday

9 Mar Holy Communion, 5pm

#### Sunday

10 Mar Ext Holy Communion, 7:30am  
Kid's Service, 9:30am

### St Stephens, Peak Hill

#### Sunday

10 Mar Holy Communion, 9am

## Diocesan Events:

### Apr

13 Diocesan Ultreya, Dubbo

## Parish Events:

### Mar

7 Alpha, Upper Hall, 7pm  
8 Men's Breakfast, 7/7:30am  
8 Soul Café, Upper Hall, 2pm to 5pm  
8 Ultreya, Lower Hall, 2pm  
13 AWA Meeting, Upper Hall, 2pm  
14 Alpha, Upper Hall, 7pm  
23 Fashion Parade & High Tea,  
St George's Hall, 2pm



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### Sentence of the day:

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. *John 1.14*

### Collect of the day:

O God,  
glorious and faithful, you reveal the beauty of your face  
to those who seek you with a sincere heart:  
strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross,  
and open our hearts to its transforming power,  
so that, clinging in love to your will for us,  
we may walk as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and 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

#### Transfiguration

Exodus 34:29-35 (pg 71)

Psalm 99 (APBA 325)

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (pg 939)

Luke 9:28-36 (page 843)

#### Hymns

**7:30am: 327, 230, 784, 445**

**9:30am: 1226, 1003, 1034,**

**What a Beautiful Name, 1072**

#### Figures for W/E 24/2/19

Collection \$2309.00

Target. \$2680.00

(Please note new target figure in line with 2019 budget.)

Shortfall. \$371.00

Figures for month of February 2019

Total collections \$9676.00

Feb target. \$10,780.00

Shortfall. \$1,104.00

#### Parish Directory

##### Rector

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Food Pantry 10am-4pm (Thur)

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#### Readings Next Week

##### 1st Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (pg 159)

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (APBA 319)

Romans 10:4-13 (pg 921)

Luke 4:1-15 (page 835)