** PARISH NEWS**

**13th August 2017**

**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*They cried out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’* Matthew 14.26–27

**SOMETHING SPECIAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

Our bookshop is celebrating its first birthday with a week of celebrations beginning on Saturday 26th August.

On the Saturday it will open from 10am-1pm and we’d like to see all parishioners drop by to support us. You can expect to enjoy the following:

* 10% discount on all stock
* A trading table of pre-loved Christian books in good order
* Devonshire Teas
* Cutting of the birthday cake

If you have Christian books in good order that you would like to donate, please bring them along to Clive or Judy in the office or drop them off to the bookshop.

**OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS**

Clive is away on holidays at present so if you ring or visit the office on either Tuesday or Wednesday next week, the smiling helpful Peter Board will assist you. Thanks to Peter for offering to help out !

**PARISH BARBECUE TODAY**

The Parish Barbecue is today, Sunday, 13th August, at 12 noon. Bring your own steaks or sausages and have them expertly cooked by the Parish Chefs. Or just bring your own sandwich and join in the fellowship!

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

As we gather together we acknowledge the traditional custodians of this area, the Worimi people, and their elders, past, present and future. It is they who hold the memories, traditions, culture and hopes of Aboriginal Australia. May we walk together, united in spirit and respect, towards a better and brighter future for this land, our land, AUSTRALIA.

**In Our Prayers:**

**Our Parish:**

* Nursing home residents and shut-ins
* Please continue to pray for people with ongoing needs in your prayers each day:  **Pam Fibbens, George Hodgson, Mavis Griffis, James, Paul Raymond Ferris, George Mazaraki, Rachel & her three boys, Daphne, Leonie Bell, Jared Wynter, Barbara Hughes, Lee Kirk** and **Jill Permezel.**

*If you would like to add someone to the Parish Prayer list, be sure to obtain permission from the person concerned and then contact the Parish Office.*

**Our Diocese:**

* Assistant Bishop Peter Stuart and Nicki
* Parishes of Charlestown and Cockle Bay
* Lakes Grammar - An Anglican School
* Local communities and their leaders
* Diocese of Melbourne

**The World:**

* The Diocese of Remo (Lagos, Nigeria)
* Liz Burns (CMS Tanzania)

We commend to God’s keeping those who have recently died and we pray for those who mourn their passing. We remember with thanks those whom we have loved whose anniversary occurs at this time: **John B. Haynes.**

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**Items for Parish News:**

Email: PN@forsteranglican.com or phone Janet 6554 5981 or parish office 6555 4200 by 12noon Wednesday.

**Our Bank Details:** BSB**:** **705 077** Account: **000400710**

Acc Name: **Anglican Parish of Forster/Tuncurry**

**MORE ABOUT COFFEE**

Another $105.75 from coffee sales has gone to help the High School Chaplains. Thank you from Keith.

**SAMARITANS – AUGUST**

For the month of August we are going back to basics: tea, coffee, sugar, long life milk, milo etc.

**COURTHOUSE ROSTER**

23rd August Mavis Humphries & Margaret Connell

6th September Heather Milligan & Patricia Dastidar

**A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR A FAMILIES MINISTER**

Loving and Generous God,

We bring before you all who minister in your name in this parish and we pray for the need for a families’ minister. Please give wisdom and guidance on the raising of finance to support this outreach. May we approach this with the generosity of Spirit you show to us. Give to those who will be tasked with this selection, courage, guidance, sensitivity and discernment in the implementation of this ministry initiative. We ask these things through your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FAMILIES MINISTER FUNDING**

Special donation envelopes have been placed in the foyer of each church as indicated by last week’s letter to parishioners. Parish Council urges each parishioner to take up the invitation by either giving a one-off donation or a regular weekly contribution.

Remember, we need to raise around $50,000 to support this endeavour.

We have 182 enrolled parishioners in our parish. If we each gave:

* $1 weekly for 52 weeks, this would amount to $9,464.
* $10 weekly for 52 weeks, this would amount to $90,464

Alternately, if we each gave a one-off donation:

* $1 we would our parish would realise $182
* $10 we would our parish would realise $1,820
* $25 we would our parish would realise $4,550
* $50 we would our parish would realise $9,100
* $100 we would our parish would realise $18,200



**SAFE MINISTRY TRAINING**

The next Safe Training update course will be held in St Albans Hall on Saturday 13TH September from 9am-12pm. This is a refresher course and is a must for those whose certificates of currency are close to expiring. Qualifications last for 3 years and the refresher course is a must if you wish to maintain your currency. If you don’t, you will need to complete again the full day course. Many of our parishioners completed this course some 2-3 years ago so please check your currency.

**ST ALBAN’S 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

Many thanks to Suellen Belton who has agreed to coordinate the special luncheon which will be held at Club Forster on Sunday 29th October.

Thanks also to Trisha Harris who has agreed to coordinate a mini-fete on the Saturday. Trisha would love to have 3-4 people assisting her. Please consider doing this as it is a huge undertaking and she needs our support. Perhaps you could volunteer to coordinate Devonshire teas, a trading table, a white elephant stall, etc.

If you could assist in this venture please see Trisha at church on Sunday or alternatively let Clive or Judy know at the office.

**OUR PARISH PRAYER**

Gracious God,

We give you thanks and praise for our parish.

May we always delight in and care for our beautiful wildlife, flora waterways, land and sky.

Bless us as we minister to our communities in the power of your Spirit.

Unite us in faith and bind us together in love, that we may proclaim your gospel with courage and enthusiasm, build your Church, and bring you glory in all we do.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.