**PARISH NEWS**

 **23rd April 2017**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.* 1 Peter 1.3

**FIFTH SUNDAY COMBINED SERVICE**

Next Sunday, 30th April, will be our Combined Parish Service. There will only be one service in the parish next weekend at **St Nicholas’ Church, Tuncurry, 9.30am.** We hope as many parishioners as possible will attend this service when we have the opportunity to worship together as a parish.

**SEAFOOD DINNER**

The traditional Seafood Dinner will be on Saturday, 6th May, 6.30 for 7.00pm at Krambach Hall. Menu as follows

Entrée: Prawns, Crab and Oysters

Main: Barbecued Fish & Salads

Sweets: Fresh Fruit Salad and Ice Cream

Tea and Coffee

Cost $30 per person. Raffles and Lucky Door Prizes

Bookings are essential – Tables of 8 (before Tuesday, 2nd May). Contact Aileen 6559-1541, Moya 6559-1265, or Helen Martin 6550-2383. Please bring glasses and drinks!

Non Seafood Diners, please notify us when booking, as other arrangements can be made.

**In Our Prayers:**

**Our Parish:**

* Study, reflection and prayer groups
* Please continue to pray for people with ongoing needs in your prayers each day:

*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:**

* Bishop Greg and Assistant Bishop Peter
* Parishes of Clarence Town, Dungog and Gresford-Paterson
* The Religious Society of Friends
* First Peoples of the Diocese
* Bishop to Torres Strait Islander People (Bp Saibo Mabo)

**The World:**

* The Peace of Jerusalem
* 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.

**COURTHOUSE ROSTER**

3rd May Heather Dwyer & Nerelle Duff

17th May Mavis Humphries & Margaret Connell

**CONTACT DETAILS**

**Parish Priest:** The Reverend Mark Harris 6555 4200

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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: **00040071**

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

**HELP DESPERATELY NEEDED**

Our Something Special Bookshop ***desperately*** needs volunteers to cover the absences of regulars. If you can assist, please notify Deborah Laurie (0402359780)  or Judy Hall (0400890728).

**SAMARITANS FOOD**

For April, small tins of baked beans or spaghetti, quick meals. Perhaps any half price specials you notice!

**RUG RATS**

There will be no craft class for the Rug Rats on Anzac Day, 25th April. Coralie.

**A COACH FOR KRAMBACH?**

We are thinking of hiring a coach to take parishioners to the Seafood Dinner at Krambach. If you would be interested in travelling by coach, please put your name on the list at the back of St Alban’s, or phone the Parish Office on 6555-4200

**A NOTE OF THANKS**

I have received a delightful thank you note from the late Brian Goldsmith’s wife Dulcie thanking us for the catering after Brian’s funeral at St Nicholas’s. She writes that family and friends said it was “wonderful”. So well done. Dulcie is now living at Glaica House, Tuncurry and loves visitors.

Helen Barber.

**TUNE UP MEN’S WEEKEND**

“Getting Fine-Tuned for Life”, the 2017 Anglican Men’s Weekend, is on 19th-21st May 2017 at “”Tahlee” via Karuah. A weekend for Christian men and their friends to grow as followers of Jesus. See Phillip Castle for more details. 0422 036656. ***Three men are going from the parish so far. It is not too late to join them.***

**OUR MISSION FOR APRIL – ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION**

ABM'S Five Marks of Mission are:

* Witness to Christ's saving, forgiving and reconciling love for all people
* Build welcoming, transforming communities of faith
* Stand in solidarity with the poor and needy
* Challenge violence, injustice and oppression, and work for peace and reconciliation
* Protect, care for and renew life on our planet

Please give as generously as you can this month – our Mission Giving totals have declined rather sadly over the last year.