** PARISH NEWS**

 **27th August 2017**

 **TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Jesus said to them, ‘Who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’* Matthew 16.15–16

**YOU’RE INVITED!**

To: Our Anglican Women Spring Celebration (Manning Deanery)

Where: St Nicholas Church

When: 10 for 10.30am this Monday 4th September. Finishes around 2.30pm

Theme: ‘Facing the Future in the Spirit’s Power’ and the guest speaker is Brian Holmes from Anglican Overseas Aid.

Lunch Arrangements: Please bring your own.

**BOOKSHOP’S BIRTHDAY WEEK**

All this week there is 10% discount on all stock.

**BOOKSHOP CHANGE OF HOURS**

Please note that opening times have changed slightly. New times are as follows:

9am-12pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

10am-1pm each Saturday.

**OP SHOP APPEAL**

We are desperately in need of volunteers for the Op Shop, specifically for **Tuesday afternoons.** If we cannot get staff we may need to close the shop on Tuesday afternoons.

**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:**

* Local mission efforts
* 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:**

* Assistant Bishop Peter Stuart and Nicki
* Parishes of Muswellbrook, Scone and Singleton
* CEY Ministries
* Bush Church Aid
* Emergency service workers

**The World:**

* The Church in Ruvuma, Tanzania
* 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: **Joan Kidd, Father Brian Gill, Scott Murray** and **Tony King.**

**CONTACT DETAILS**

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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**

**SAFE MINISTRY TRAINING**

The next Safe Ministry Training update course will be held in St Albans Hall on **Saturday 16th  September** from 9am-12pm.

**CONNECT DINNER – SAVE THE DATE!**

We are hosting the next Connect Dinner on Saturday, 9th September at St Alban’s. The last one, held at the Church of Christ, was very successful with about 80 people attending. We hope to do just as well!

**COURTHOUSE ROSTER**

6th September Heather Milligan & Patricia Dastidar

20th September Frances McPherson & Bev Christiansen

**SPRING PROGRAM**

Due to unforeseen circumstances the quarterly Sunday services reading program will not be printed for another two weeks. We apologise for this delay. The readings for Sunday 3rd September and Sunday 10th September are as follows:

Pentecost 13: (Sunday 3rd September)

Exodus 3v1-15; Psalm 105v1-6 & v23-26; Romans 12v9-21; Matthew 16 v21-28

Pentecost 14(Sunday 10th September)

Exodus 12v1-14; Psalm 149; Romans13v1-10; Matthew 18 v10-20

