

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF FORSTER - TUNCURRY

PARISH NEWS

The Conversion of Paul

29th January 2012

I am not ashamed for I know whom I have believed, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what he has entrusted to me. 2Tim 1.12

Welcome!

We warmly welcome you and invite you to join us for a cuppa and morning tea after the Service – we'd love to meet you!

Please take the time to complete the welcome slip given to you as you arrived, so we can get to know you!

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Before the service speak to the Lord;

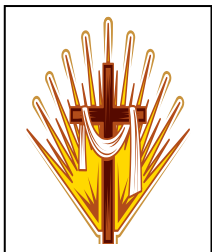
During the service let the Lord speak to you;

After the service speak to one another

Julie's Jottings....

- Today is Parish Sunday – we gather with our sisters and brothers across the parish at St. Pauls Nabiac as once again we celebrate the patronal feast of St Paul and our unity as one parish family. After worship tea, coffee, cakes and slices will be provided as we share a BYO picnic together.
- **Welcome Father Stephen and Rev'd Robyn Pullin who join our celebrations today. Great to have you here with us...**
- Commencing in February worship at each of the country centres will consist of a prayer service, approximately once per month. Sunday will vary according to other church calendar needs so keep an eye on the diary dates
- Lent begins on Ash Wednesday - February 22nd - please return last year's palm crosses for use as we prepare the ashes for 2012.

As we pray this week.....



MEMORIALS:

We pray for comfort for those who have recently died, especially **Frederick Gooch** and **Beryl Bulmer** ... and we remember with thanks those who we have loved whose anniversary occurs at this time.
May your light perpetual shine upon them.

If you would like a name recorded in the Memorial Book please contact the Parish Office.

OUR PRAYER CYCLES:

In our Parish:

- The coordinators and volunteers who work so hard at our Something Special Bookshop.
- The church leader's in our community who strive to work together as one, through the Wallamba Minister's Association
- Those who have asked for our prayers... **Noelle Allon, Norma & Doug Dowling, Marcia Mason, Shirley Naftel, Marjorie McPherson, Ray Sheffield, Barbara Sprows, Pat & Merv Goldsmith, Shirley Laws and Jill Permezel.**

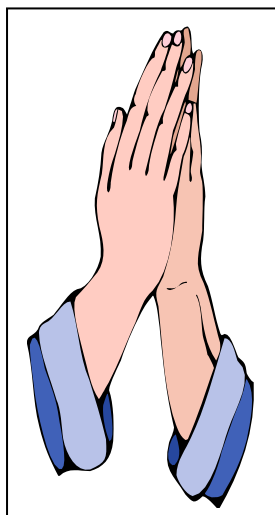
If you would like a name recorded in the Parish Prayer list please contact the Parish Office. Be sure to ask for permission from the person concerned before we publish their name.

In our Diocese:

- Bishops Brian Farran and Peter Stuart
- Parishes of Scone and Singleton
- Diocesan Ecumenical Commission
- Tri-Diocesan Covenant

Around the world:

- Our Partner Parish of Moama
- Paul and Marleen Roche in Nepal
- Liz Burns in Tanzania
- National Council of Churches in Australia
- New South Wales Ecumenical Commission



Mission News...

For the next few weeks Yvonne Elliot will be unable to access email as she will be convalescing from surgery. Please contact the Parish Office for any Mission or Parish Magazines items.

LETTERS TO LIZ BURNS – 2012

| Name | Week/Month |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Barbara Hughes | 1 - 2 February 2012 |
| Doreen Ovens | 3 - 4 February 2012 |
| Margot Bilston | 1 - 2 March |
| Jill Permezel | 3 - 4 March |
| Viv May | 1 - 2 April |

Liz's address: PO Box 7 Ngara, Tanzania

- **Back to Church Sunday February 19th**

How did your welcome audit go?

What impression do our buildings, grounds, services and people give to visitors and new comers about us and about God...? I imagine just a few bits and pieces need tidying up in each centre... Please include this prayer in your daily prayers and if you think of someone who doesn't come to church anymore invite them!!!

We thank you Lord that you created us and love us more than we can ever know. Without you our lives would be lost, but through Jesus you have given us all things richly to enjoy – the forgiveness of our sins and the gift of life eternal. We pray that we and our church family will be bold in inviting our friends to Back to Church Sunday.

We also pray that all who come to church on that day will be warmly welcomed and blessed with a desire to know you more.

May this Back to Church Sunday be a day of celebration of your love for all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Parish Council....

• EXPENDITURE ON PARISH BEHALF

Just a reminder to all that the Expenditure Policy allows for 'one off' approval of expenses up to \$100, for parish needs. For our records, please retain receipts and sign and print your name on them or ask that the invoice includes your name as the purchaser. All other expenditure must be discussed with the Parish Executive [i.e. the 3 parish wardens and rector]. Depending on the circumstances they may require that you obtain 3 quotes before approving the expenditure.

• Nomination forms for positions on Parish Council.

Nomination forms are now available in all 5 centres for the following positions.

- a. Churchwardens: 2 to be elected for the whole parish.
- b. Mission Secretary.
- c. Parish Councillor: up to 5 to be elected for the whole parish.

The same nomination form is used for the following non-Parish Council positions.

- a. Youth Representative: 2 to be elected.
- b. ADSF Officer.
- c. Parish Auditor.

Completed Nomination forms may be given to the Wardens or the Parish Secretary. Duties and Responsibilities of all these positions are outlined on a separate document, copies of which are on church notice boards in each centre and with the nomination forms.

• Parish Electoral Roll.

To be eligible to vote at the Parish AGM your name must be on the Electoral Roll.

Please check the copies of the Electoral Roll which are displayed at all centres.

If your name **does not** appear on the Electoral Roll and you would like it to, please complete a Parish Electoral Roll form which is at all centres and return it to the Parish Secretary Clive Davies by the closing date of **Sunday 12th February 2012**

• Annual Reports.

Reports for the AGM are due by Sunday 5th February 2012, to Clive Davies. It is requested that reports mention the achievements of each group against the **Diocesan Strategic Directions** – affectionately called the **6E's**.

- **E1- Energising** (affirming and renewing existing ministries)
- **E1- Engaging** (helping people reconnect with the Church)
- **E3- Emerging** (engaging people who've never connected with Church)
- **E4- Equipping** (education, training, formation pathways)
- **E5- Enabling** (ensuring app. Structures, funding & support)
- **E6- Empowering** (witnessing to God's compassion)

Community Connections.....

- **SRE 2012**

We have the great privilege of sharing the Good News about Jesus to all the primary age kids in our community. In 2012 there will be at least 10 classes between Forster and Tuncurry that will not have teachers. We currently have 2 parishioners prepared to teach 4 classes between them. Please prayerfully consider your involvement in this ministry and speak to the clergy if you want further information.

- **Men's Dinner**

Tuesday 7th February 2012, 6.00pm for 6.30pm St Alban's, Forster.

Speaker: **Brendan Guiney - Bootawa Dam.**

Cost only \$10 ph for a sumptuous dinner and dessert and coffee or tea. Soft drinks, wine and beer are available for purchase.

Lists at Forster & Tuncurry Churches or phone Clive Davies 6554 9747



- **Courthouse Morning Tea**

Court is once again in session with the regular lists commencing on **February 8th.**

This is a much appreciated ministry in our community – well done to all who assist

| Date | Names | Date | Names |
|---------|----------------------|----------|------------------------|
| Feb 8 | H Martin, J Richards | April 18 | K Hepworth, H Milligan |
| Feb 22 | V May, S Belton | May 9 | J Richards, S Belton |
| Mar 7 | M & W Williamson | May 23 | M Cooper, H Martin |
| Mar 21 | H Dwyer, M Cooper | June 6 | M & W Williamson |
| April 4 | R Wallace, B Allen | June 20 | H Dwyer, J Richards |

- **TAIZE Service**

The next reflective service in the style of Taize will be on **February 12th at 6pm.**

This is an ecumenical gathering so please join your sisters and brothers in Christ from our local Christian communities at Tuncurry Uniting Church for reflection and prayer at 6pm

- **SAMARITANS**

Don't forget to add an extra item to your shopping for our Samaritan offertory basket each week. Your non-perishable food items go directly to support local people in need, **Some Suggestions** Weetbix, long life milk, tinned fruit and vegetables, baked beans, spaghetti, vegemite, peanut butter, jam, honey, cheese spread, rice custard, noodles (packets), dry rice meals, tea, coffee, sugar.

Notices.....

- **Parish News**

In future please send any parish news and diary items to **PN@forsteranglican.com** or put them in the Diary pigeonhole.

- **Sale of second hand electrical appliances in our Op Shop.**

The Anglican National Insurance Program (ANIP) has advised that no one should sell any second hand electrical goods, regardless of whether it has been tested. Under consumer law the last seller may be responsible.

All electrical items sold must be brand new and in its original packaging with warranties etc.

- **Parish Magazine!** The first edition of the Parish Magazine will be on the parish Newsstands soon. Keep your eyes peeled. Please take a copy and share it with your friends...

- **EfM** – resumes tomorrow, **30th January 2012**, at St Nicholas' church from **1.30pm**.

Do you want to learn more about the bible – especially the background, history and what was happening in the world when the various books of the Bible were written? If so, EfM is for you. For more information contact me but also talk to the clergy or Di O'Keeffe. You may also like to talk to those continuing EfM this year - Kit Carson and Diana Murphy from Nabiac/Dyers; Helen Quinn, Pat Sanderson or Heather Webster from St Nick's; Jaslie Hannabus or Ken Bilston from St Alban's.

Margot Bilston, a co-mentor of the group.

- **Friendship Group**

This friendly bunch will resume meeting at St Nicholas this **Wednesday Feb. 1st at 10am**

- **Parish Barbecue**

Next Sunday[**February 5th**] come and join us for our monthly BBQ at St. Alban's. B.Y.O. everything – we will cook and wash up for you. We fire up the barbie at 12 o'clock and we really hope to see you there for a delicious lunch and a wonderful time!
Kevin Hepworth

- **Strolling Group... Monday, 6th February, 9am, St Alban's**

Do your body and mind a favour and come along and join us in a post-Festivities fitness walk! We don't work up a sweat; we work up a friendly time with our Christian friends while we get just that bit fitter. **THANK YOU** Helen Barber

- **New Beginnings**

Our bereavement support group will resume meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 3-5pm Bring a small plate of afternoon tea to share followed by group discussion and worship at 5pm. First one for the year is **February 9th**.

- **Liturgy Refreshers**

If you have yet to attend one pls let the clergy know – Liturgy Changes will commence on **Sunday 26th February** at our service at St Albans [NB one service only due to AGM]

- **Healing Ministry**

A service with prayers for healing, anointing and laying on of hands will resume on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5pm at St Albans. This will be a reflective communion service. The first for 2012 is on **March 27th**.

- **Lenten Silent Retreats for Women led by The Rev'd Pirriall Clift.**

The annual Anglican Women's retreats will be held at Stroud monastery Stroud.

Retreat 1 Friday 24th - Sunday 26th February.

Retreat 2 Tuesday 28th February - Thursday 1st March.

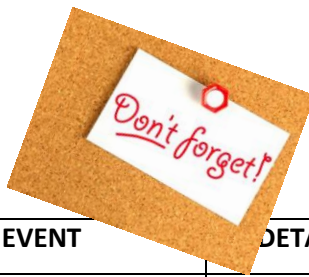
Day options Saturday 25th, Sunday 26th, Wednesday 29th February or Thursday 1st March.

Phone Jacqui Currey 4966 1454 for further details.



**Our next Messy Church is
February 4th 3:30 -
5:30pm
at St Alban's
come and join the fun!!**

This Week...



| DATE | TIME | EVENT | DETAILS | CONTACT |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Today Jan 29 | 10.00am | Parish Sunday Holy Eucharist | St Paul's | Clergy |
| Mon 30/1 | 1.30pm | EfM resumes | St Nicholas | Margot Bilston |
| Tue 31/1 | 9:00am | Gardening group | St Alban's | Viv May |
| | February | February | February | February |
| Wed 1/2 | 10.00am 2.30pm | Friendship group Nursing Home Communion | St Nicholas GLAICA | Joy Smith Kev Hepworth |
| Th 2/2 | 9.30am 10.30am 1.30pm | Holy Eucharist ?Bible study resumes? Bible study resumes | St Nicholas St Nicholas St Albans | Clergy Clergy Viv May |
| Sat 4/2 | 1.00pm | Bookshop volunteers | St Nicholas | Joanne Read |
| | 3.30pm | MESSY CHURCH | St Albans | Team |
| | 6:00pm | Vigil Eucharist | St Alban's | Clergy |
| Sun 5/2 | 7:30am | Eucharist | St Nicholas' | Clergy |
| | 9.00am | Holy Eucharist | St Alban's | Clergy |
| | 10.00am | Prayer service | St Paul's | Lay readers |
| | 12noon | Parish BBQ | St Albans | Kev Hepworth |

- **BYOB!!!?**

Don't forget to **Bring Your Own Bible**

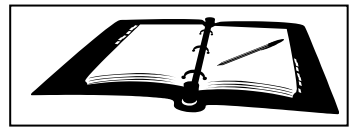
- to church or use a pew Bible.

NB references printed in the PN each week.

Quote of the week:

'Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in: aim at earth and you will get neither.'
CS Lewis

Dates for the Diary...



| DATE | TIME | EVENT | DETAILS | CONTACT |
|--------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 6/2 | 9am | Strolling Group | St Alban's | Helen Barber |
| 7/2 | All day 6pm | Clergy PD Men's Dinner | Raymond Terrace St Alban's | Clive Davies |
| 8/2 | 12noon 2.30pm | Mini Lunch Nursing Home Communion | St Albans Kularoo | Helen Barber Roster |
| 9/2 | 3.00pm | New Beginnings | St Albans | clergy |
| 11/2 | 1.00pm | Games Afternoon | St Alban's | Helen Barber |
| 12/2 | 10am 6pm | Harvest Festival Ecumenical Taize service | St John's Tuncurry Uniting | Clergy Clergy |
| 19/2 | | Back to Church Sunday | everywhere | Clergy |
| 21/2 | 5pm | Shrove Tuesday | St Alban's | Clergy |
| 22/2 | 9 10 1.30pm | Ash Wednesday liturgy Ash Wednesday liturgy Forster Guild | St Albans St John's St Albans | Clergy Clergy Lyn Davies |
| 24/2 | 26/2 | AW Silent Retreat | Stroud Monastery | See notice |
| 26/2 | 10.00am 11.30am | Parish Sunday Annual General Meeting | St Albans St Albans | Clergy Clive Davies |
| 28/2 | 1/3 | AW Silent Retreat | Stroud Monastery | See notice |
| March | March | March | March | March |
| 2/3 | ? | World Day of Prayer | ? | ? |
| 10/3 | ? | Sacrament of Holy Matrimony | St James | Clergy |
| 24/3 | 4pm | Sacrament of Holy Matrimony | St James | Clergy |
| 27/3 | 5pm | Healing Eucharist | St Albans | clergy |
| April | April | April | April | April |
| 2/4 | 5/4 | Art exhibiton | St Albans | Rev Jess |
| 4/4 | 7.00pm | Chrism eucharist | St Albans | |
| 5/4 | 5.00pm 7.00pm | Seder meal Messy Maundy Instituion of Lords Supper | St Albans Hall St Albans Church | Rev Julie |
| 8/4 | | EASTER DAY | Everywhere! | Clergy |

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Something Special Christian Bookshop: Ph. 6554 5068

Items for Parish News:

Email: PN@forsteranglican.com or leave in pigeonhole in parish office by 3pm Wednesday.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

| DATE | FIRST | PSALM | SECOND | GOSPEL |
|--|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| TODAY 29 th January St Paul | Acts 22: 3 - 16 | 117 | 1 Corinth. 13 | Luke 24: 44 - 48 |
| 5 th February Fifth Epiphany | Isaiah 40: 21 - 31 | 147 1 - 11 | 1 Corinth. 9: 16 - 23 | Mark 1: 29 - 39 |
| 12 th February Sixth Epiphany | 2 Kings 5.1 - 14 | 30 | 1 Corinth. 9.24-27 | Mark 1: 40 - 45 |
| Harvest Festival at St Johns | Deuteronomy 8.7 - 18 | 67 | 1 Tim. 6 6-10, 17-19 | Mark 4.26 - 29 |
| 19 th February Transfiguration | 2 Kings 2.1 - 12 | 8 | 2 Corinthians 4.3 - 12 | Mark 9.2 - 9 |

FROM THE TREASURER

December 2011

Income 27,733.63
Expense 23,227.87
Balance 4510.76

Missions Nov & Dec: \$855.30

Giving options

CASH: by envelope or place directly
in the offertory plate during the service.

CHEQUE: Pay to -
Anglican Parish of Forster Tuncurry

DIRECT DEBIT:

BSB: 032 543 **Account:.** 120742