

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF FORSTER - TUNCURRY

PARISH NEWS

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

5th February 2012

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles. Isaiah 40.31

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

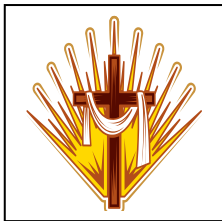
Julie's Jottings....

- **LENT** begins on February 22nd. The liturgy of the ashes will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday at St Albans and St John's and on Thursday at St Nicholas. [see diary dates] - Please return last year's palm crosses for the preparation of the ashes for 2012.

Lent activities will include extra study groups, a Contemplation chapel in St Albans which will be open daily and Lent breakfast meetings on Tuesday mornings at 8am. More details soon...

- Thanks to all who participated in our **Parish Sunday** last week- over 90 of us gathered for some awesome singing, dancing, acting and praying and then we gathered for food and fellowship. Don't miss the next opportunity to gather with your parish family [**AGM Sunday 26th Feb 10 at St Albans**, followed by the AGM at 11.30] See you there.....

As we pray this week.....



MEMORIALS:

We pray for comfort for those who have recently died,
... and we remember with thanks those who we have
loved whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Keith Dee and Joan Turnbull

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:

- Staff & clients of the many Welfare Organisations in our communities.
- Those who have asked for our prayers... **Noelle Allon, Norma & Doug Dowling, Marcia Mason, Shirley Naftel, Marjorie McPherson, Ray Sheffield, Barbara Sprowls, Pat & Merv Goldsmith, Shirley Laws and Jill Permezel.**

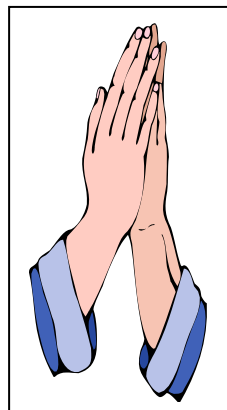
If you would like a name recorded in the Parish Prayer list please contact the Parish Office. Be sure to ask for permission from the person concerned before we publish their name.

In our Diocese:

- Bishops Brian Farran and Peter Stuart
- Parishes of Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend and Kotara South

Around the world:

- Our Partner Parish of Moama
- Paul and Marleen Roche in Nepal
- Liz Burns in Tanzania
- Diocese of Bathurst



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

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 – 2012 PO Box 7 Ngara, Tanzania**

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
Ros Thacker	3 - 4 April
Nance Roche	1 - 2 May

- **CMS** has advised that last year's giving levels have a short fall of \$400,000. Please pray about how you may be able to respond to this need.

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

Letters have been posted to all our local funeral, baptism and wedding contacts over the past 2 years as well as about 50 people who have been identified as 'used to comes'. Now it's up to you - Who are you going to invite?

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

- **BYOB!!!?**

Don't forget to **Bring Your Own Bible** to church or use a pew Bible.
NB references printed in the PN each week.

Parish Council....

- **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)

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

Community Connections.....

- **Strolling Group... Monday 6th February, 9am at St Albans**

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

- **Men's Dinner ...Tuesday 7th February 6.00pm for 6.30pm St Alban's**
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... Wednesday February 8th.**

Court is once again in session. 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	Mar 7	M & W Williamson
Feb 22	V May, S Belton	Mar 21	H Dwyer, M Cooper

- **Bible Study - Tuncurry** reconvenes on **Thursday, 9th February** at 10:30 am.

As there will be only two meetings before we begin the Lenten Studies, we shall look at the Pastoral Letters to Timothy and Titus. We will not have study books; these will be Read, Reflect, and Discuss sessions. Come and join us. You can prepare by reading the first letter to Timothy and have your questions and comments ready. Kevin

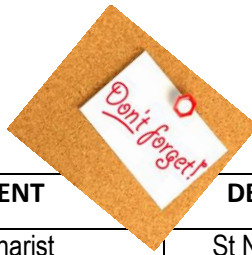
- **New Beginnings** resumes **Thursday February 9th at St Albans from 3-5pm**

Our bereavement support group begins with some changes. Bring a small plate of afternoon tea to share.

- **TAIZE Service... Sunday February 12th** at 6pm, at Tuncurry Uniting Church

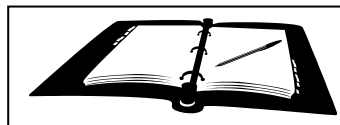
This reflective service in the style of Taize is an ecumenical gathering. Please join with your sisters and brothers in Christ from our local Christian communities.

This Week...



DATE	TIME	EVENT	DETAILS	CONTACT
Today Sunday 5/2	7:30am	Eucharist	St Nicholas'	Clergy
	9.00am	Eucharist	St Alban's	Lay readers
	10.00am	Prayer service	St Paul's	Margot Bilston
	12noon	Parish BBQ	St Alban's	Kev Hepworth
Mon 6/2	9am	Strolling Group	St Alban's	Helen Barber
	1.30pm	EfM resumes	St Nicholas	Margot Bilston
Tue 7/2	All day	Clergy PD	Raymond Terrace	-
	9:00am	Gardening group	St Alban's	Viv May
	6.00pm	Men's Dinner	St Alban's	Clive Davies
Wed 8/2	12noon	Mini Lunch	St Albans	Helen Barber
	2.30pm	Nursing Home Communion	Kularoo	Roster
Thur 9/2	9.30am	Holy Eucharist	St Nicholas	Clergy
	10.30am	Bible study	St Nicholas	Clergy
	1.30pm	Bible study	St Albans	Viv May
	3.00pm	New Beginnings	St Albans	Clergy
Sat 11/2	1.00pm	Games Afternoon	St Alban's	Helen Barber
	6:00pm	Vigil Eucharist	St Alban's	Clergy
Sun 12/2	7:30am	Eucharist	St Nicholas'	Clergy
	9.00am	Eucharist	St Alban's	Clergy
	10.00am	Harvest Festival	St John's	Clergy
	6pm	Ecumenical Taize service	Tuncurry Uniting	Clergy

Dates for the Diary...



DATE	TIME	EVENT	DETAILS	CONTACT
19/2		Back to Church Sunday	everywhere	Clergy
21/2	5pm	Shrove Tuesday	St Alban's	Clergy
22/2	9	Ash Wednesday liturgy	St Albans	Clergy
	10 1.30pm	Ash Wednesday liturgy Forster Guild	St John's St Albans	Clergy Lyn Davies
24/2	26/2	AW Silent Retreat	Stroud Monastery	See notice
26/2	10.00am	Parish Sunday	St Albans	Clergy
	11.30am	Annual General Meeting	St Albans	Clive Davies
28/2	1/3	AW Silent Retreat	Stroud Monastery	See notice
March	March	March	March	March
2/3	10.00am	World Day of Prayer	Church of Christ Tuncurry	Pastor Ben Betz
3/3	3.30pm	MESSY CHURCH	St Albans	Team
4/3	10am	Parish BBQ	St Alban's	Kev Hepworth
Wed 7/3	10.00am	Friendship group	St Nicholas	Joy Smith
	2.30pm	Nursing Home Communion	GLAICA	Kev Hepworth
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	Seder meal	St Albans Hall	Rev Julie
	7.00pm	Messy Maundy Instituion of Lords Supper	St Albans Church	
8/4		EASTER DAY	Everywhere!	Clergy

Quote of the week:

Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads.
Henry David Thoreau

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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 Fifth Epiphany	Isaiah 40: 21 - 31	147 1 - 11	1 Corinth. 9: 16 - 23	Mark 1: 29 - 39
12th 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
19th February Transfiguration	2 Kings 2: 1 - 12	8	2 Corinthians 4: 3 - 12	Mark 9: 2 - 9
26th February First Lent	Isaiah 40: 21 - 31	139 1-18	1 Corinthians 9: 16 - 23	Mark 1: 29 - 39

FROM THE TREASURER

Finances for January

Income 30,706.40**

Expenses 21,189.61

Balance 9,516.19

Missions: 1,214.30

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

**Income included a transfer of \$10,000 from the Bookshop account to the General account. This is the first such transfer of funds in over 2 years and is a credit to the hard working volunteers at the Bookshop.