

# PARISH NEWS

**11<sup>th</sup> December 2016**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**



Anglican Parish  
Forster Tuncurry

*Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.'* Isaiah 35.3–4

## DECEMBER MINI LUNCH

Wednesday: 14<sup>th</sup> December – 11.30 for 12 Noon

Please come to this annual "Thank-you" Lunch.

Trading table and Food Hamper Raffles only 50c per ticket

*And please support the Samaritans Appeal!*

## PARISH BARBECUE TODAY

Don't forget the Parish Barbecue today -

Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 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!



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Dec 18:** 6pm St John's Children's Service, Dyer's Crossing

**Dec 20:** 6pm Wallamba Minister's Combined Service, Forster

**Dec 24:** 5.30pm BBQ at St Alban's followed by 6.30pm

Contemporary Carol service, Forster;

7pm Anglican/Uniting Combined service, Nabiac;

11pm Holy Communion, Forster

**Dec 25:** 6am Holy Communion, St James' Bungwahl;

8am Holy Communion, St Alban's;

9.30am Informal Contemporary Communion, Forster;

9.30am Holy Communion, St Nicholas Tuncurry

## **In Our Prayers:**

### **Our Parish:**

- Childcare workers and children
- Please continue to include these people with ongoing needs in your prayers each day: **Pam Fibbens, Connie Dixon, George Hodgson, Mavis Griffis, James, Binimoy Dastidar, Jean Pearce, Maureen Ralph and Marion Bigg.**

*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
- The Cathedral
- Corrective Services Chaplaincies
- Ecumenical Conversations
- Diocese of Gippsland

### **The World:**

- The Episcopal Church of Kentucky, USA
- 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: **George Belton, Harry Underwood and Colin Ellison**

### **CONNIE'S ADDRESS**

The Davies Growth Group received a Christmas card from Connie Dixon and her address is – Mrs Connie Dixon, “Kennett Home” 103 The Drive, Stanwell Park, 2508. We thought other friends may wish to send Christmas blessings and greetings to Connie.

<b>This Week</b>				
<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
12/12	9.30am	Toddler Time	St Alban's	Trisha Harris
13/12	9.00am	Gardening Group	St Alban's	Viv May
14/12	8.00am	Tea, Toast & Theology	St Alban's	Rev Mark
"	10.30am	Home Communion	Beaumont	Pat Sanderson
15/12	9.30am	Holy Eucharist	St. Nicholas'	Rev Mark
17/12	5.30pm	Contemporary	St Alban's	Rev Mark
18/12	8.00am	Holy Eucharist	St Alban's	Rev Mark
"	9.30am	Contemporary	St Alban's	Rev Mark
"	9.30am	Holy Eucharist	St Nicholas'	Rev Bill
"	11.30am	Holy Eucharist	St Paul's	Rev Bill
"	6.00pm	Children's Service	St John's	Rev Mark

## **GROUPS IN RECESS**

Bible Study Groups, Rugrats Craft Group and Friendship Group will be in recess until February. Rugrats will resume on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February.

## **SAMARITANS**

Christmas is coming rapidly, so Christmas type food (shortbread, ham, long life custard) and small, unwrapped gifts would be welcome. Also Christmas wrapping paper. Toothpaste and tampons would help to complete more care packs.

## **PARISH NEWS**

The Parish News is having a break on 25<sup>th</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> January.

## **THANKS FROM KEN AND MARGOT**

Thank you everyone for the numerous expressions of good wishes for our future that we've received from so many parishioners. We really appreciated the farewell at St Nicholas, complete with a beautiful cake made by Pat Sanderson. We thank God for the many people have supported and encouraged us the variety of ministries in which we've been involved during our 14 years in this parish. Thank you everyone.

We're sure God has new doors opening for us when we move to Kincumber early next year.

## **CD PLAYER FOR OP SHOP**

Does anyone have a CD player/radio they no longer use which could be donated to the Op Shop? Our CD player has broken down and we would like to be able to play CDs. Customers often comment on our music (usually favourably).

## **SOMETHING SPECIAL CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP**

There's still time to buy Christmas cards, gifts and books. Call in on weekdays 9 am to noon.

If you would like to order a copy of any of the following devotional guides:

- Daily Bread (Jan-Mar) by Scripture Union \$11.99
- Encounter with God (Jan-Mar) by Scripture Union \$11.99
- Every Day with Jesus (Jan-Feb) \$8.50

Through the bookshop, please let us know. You can phone the bookshop on 6555 4272 or email [bookshop@forsteranglican.com](mailto:bookshop@forsteranglican.com) or phone Deborah on 0402 359 780.

## CONTACT DETAILS

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<b>Items for Parish News:</b>		
Email: PN@forsteranglican.com or leave in the pigeonhole outside the Parish Office by 3pm Wednesday.		
<b>Our Mission:</b>		
<i>To be a Spirit-inspired, multi-congregational parish who point to the Kingdom of God by proclaiming the gospel, ministering to our communities and building God's church.</i>		

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

DATE	FIRST	PSALM	SECOND	GOSPEL
<b>11<sup>th</sup> December</b> Advent 3 <b>Contemporary</b>	Isaiah 35: 1-10 James 5: 7-10	Psalm 146	James 5: 7-10	Matthew 11: 2-11
<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b> Advent 4 <b>Contemporary</b>	Isaiah 7: 10-16 Romans 1: 1-7	Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19	Romans 1: 1-7	Matthew 1: 18-25
<b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b> Birth of Our Lord <b>Contemporary</b>	Isaiah 9: 2-7 Titus 2: 11-14	Psalm 96	Titus 2: 11-14	Luke 2: 1-14
<b>1<sup>st</sup> January</b> Epiphany <b>Contemporary</b>	Isaiah 60: 1-6 Ephesians3: 1-12	Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14	Ephesians3: 1-12	Matthew 2: 1-12

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## **PARISH OFFICE UPDATE**

Judy and Clive have now begun taking up the role of manning the Parish Office. Please bear with us as we learn our way around things. No doubt we will make mistakes and not do things quite the way that they were done before. We will both have our "L" plates on. Our regular days will be different during the holiday season – but we will endeavour to cover the office from 9am to 12pm each Monday through to Thursday. Please keep us in your prayers as we endeavour our best to best serve our parish.

## **GOOD NEWS FROM BELINDA**

After a gruelling four hours of unemployment, I was offered the position of book keeper at Camp Elim. The job begins on 10<sup>th</sup> January which allows time for a long break. Thank you for your kind cards and gifts and for keeping me in your prayers. Belinda.

### **Quotable Quotes:**

*Christmas is the perfect time to celebrate the love of God and family and to create memories that will last forever. Jesus is God's perfect, indescribable gift . The amazing thing is that not only are we able to receive this gift, but we are able to share it with others on Christmas and every other day of the year. Joel Osteen*

