**PARISH N EWS**

**PENTECOST/WHITSUNDAY**

**20th MAY, 2018.**

*‘A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you,’ says the Lord God; ‘I will put my spirit within you and you shall live.’* Ezekiel 36.26; 37.14

**At the 9.30 St Alban’s service this morning we will welcome Indy Blacker as a newly baptized member of our faith. Welcome Indy and family!!!**

**THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

The Tuncurry Wednesday Friendship Group invites you to “The Biggest Morning Tea”.

**When?** Saturday, 2nd June, from 10.00am

**Where?** St Nicholas’ Church, Tuncurry (Corner of Bent & Lake Streets)

Please come and bring a friend (or two) All proceeds will go to Cancer Research.

Enquiries to Helen Barber 0419-996-594.

**TRADING TABLE – BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

It is hoped to have a lively Trading Table at the Biggest Morning Tea. If you could donate any home-cooked items such as cakes, slices, jams, pickles, etc, it would be much appreciated.

**MINI-LUNCH - JULY**

As yet we have no group/individuals who have offered to run this event. Please consider this prayerfully. Catering only is required. The St Nicholas Friendship group will assist with trading table, selling tickets, as usual. Please contact either Judy or Clive at the Parish office before June 13. Parish Council members will be catering for the June Mini-Lunch.

**OUR PARISH VISION –**

“We will connect meaningfully with our community in order to inspire hope and transformed lives through faith in Jesus.”

**AS WE WORSHIP OUR GOD WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**In Our Parish:**

Our special prayer for a Families Minister.

Stewardship & fundraising

Please continue to pray for people with ongoing needs in your prayers each

day, **Keith Bell, Louise, Leonie Bell, George Hodgson, Paul Raymond Ferris, Maureen Armstrong, Lesley Barrett, Jenny Lawson, Ella Engel, Rosalyn Ferris, Nina Learmond, Diane Hardin Allan Winston and Elaine Latta.**

*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 5543 7683.*

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 we have loved whose anniversary occurs at this time: **Noreen Priest, Lawrence Allen** and **Jennifer Joy Smith**.

**In Our Diocese:**

Bishop Peter & Nicki

Assistant Bishop Sonia Roulston

Assistant Bishop Charlie Murry

Les Forester and Jennifer

**Wider Community:**

The First Peoples of the Diocese.

Homeless people

Parish of Bulahdelah and Tea Gardens

**MEN’S DINNER**

Next Anglican Men’s Dinner Tuesday 5th June 2018 6.00pm for 6.30pm St Alban’s Hall Forster.

Speaker: John Loty  Subject: “Some chapters of my life”

$15ph. Drinks available. Lists at back of all churches or phone Clive Davies 0412 653061.

**OP SHOP MEETING**

Everyone who helps at the Op Shop in any way is invited to a general meeting on Wednesday, 23rd May, 4.00pm in St Alban’s Hall. Come along for a cuppa, discussion and any new ideas you may have - and to meet all those other helpers that you never get to see!

**SAFE MINISTRY TRAINING**

We have some Safe Ministry Training dates coming up soon:

• Refresher at Wingham (St Matthew’s) on 26 May, 9am-12pm.

• Full Day at Raymond Terrace (St John’s) on 16 June,

9am-4pm.

To participate in one of these training events you may complete and return your registration form to safeministry@newcastleanglican.org.au

**SAMARITANS COLLECTION FOR MAY**

For the month of **MAY** the collection will focus on SOUP – tins, packets, whatever you can kind find on the SOUP shelves – or ½ price specials!

**COURTHOUSE MINISTRY – MAY/JUNE**

23rd May Frances McPherson and Bev Christensen

6th June Heather Milligan and Patricia Dastidar

20th June Beryl Allen and Marg Cooper

**TRIP TO ISRAEL**

Judy Hall is in the process of organising a small group(15 participants only) trip to the Holy Land, departing Australia in the last week of January in 2019. Cost for the trip only is around $2,500 for 14 days. Flight costs are approximately $2,200 – so total cost would be around $4,700. Please see Judy if interested. An itinerary is available upon request.

**MORPETH LECTURE**

The Morpeth Lecture returns in 2018 with keynote speaker Professor Juliana Claassens. The lecture series was founded to bring theological engagement into the issues of contemporary life. The theme is The Case of the Trafficked Princesses (Jer 40-44): Trauma Hermeneutics as Pedagogical Tool for Teaching on Gender-Based Violence.

Keynote speaker: Prof Juliana Claassens is Professor in Old Testament and Head of the Gender Unit at the Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University. Her most recent book Claiming Her Dignity: Female Resistance in the Old Testament has been published with Liturgical Press in 2016, and won third prize in the Gender section of the Catholic Book Association Book Awards.

Date: Tuesday June 5 2018. Time: 6pm. Venue: Christ Church Cathedral.

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