**PARISH N EWS**

**EASTER 5 – GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

**29th APRIL, 2018.**

*In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.* 1 John 4.10–11

**TODAY - PARISH FIFTH SUNDAY SERVICE 29TH APRIL, ST. ALBAN’S 9.30AM –**

Rev’d Bill Green and Jill have been invited to attend this service. As with all fifth Sundays during the year, there will be only one service in the parish.

**SEAFOOD DINNER! – KRAMBACH HALL –**

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**Date: Saturday, 5th May, 2018. 6.30pm for 7.00pm**

**Entrée: Prawns & Oysters**

**Mains: BBQ Fish and salads**

**Sweets: Fresh fruit salad and ice cream followed by tea & coffee.**

**Cost: $30 per person.**

**Entertainment by Lindsay.**

**Raffles and Lucky Door Prizes**

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL – TABLES OF EIGHT (8) before Tuesday, 1st May.**

Contact: Aileen 6559 1541 Moya 6559 1265 Helen 6550 2383

Please bring your drinks and glasses!!! Non-seafood diners please notify when booking, as other arrangements will be made.

This is always a fantastic night – the food – the entertainment – the company.

**MOVIE FUNDRAISER – “PAUL THE APOSTLE” –**

Showing on Sunday, 6th May, 1.30pm at Great Lakes Cinema, Tuncurry. Cost $20 a ticket – half this money will go to SIFT – Scripture in Forster/Tuncurry. Tickets available at our Bookshop.

**BBQ AT ST. ALBAN’S –**

On the first Sunday of the month – Sunday, 6th May – even though the fundraiser movie is the same date, the BBQ regulars are keen to get together. 12 noon BYOE – cutlery, crockery, glasses supplied – as well as friendship and laughter. Don’t need to BBQ – munch on a sandwich or a piece of celery!!

**OUR PARISH VISION –**

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

**REST IN PEACE**

Condolences to Trisha, Mark and family on the death of Trisha’s mother, Pam Fibbens, who died recently after a long illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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

**In Our Parish:**

Our special prayer for a Families Minister.

The Book Shop and the Op Shop.

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.**

*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.

**In Our Diocese:**

Bishop Peter & Nicki

Archdeacon Sonia Roulston

Archdeacon Charlie Murry

Les Forester and Jennifer

**Wider Community:**

The First Peoples of the Diocese.

The Society of St Francis at Stroud

Relief Agencies

**CONGRATULATIONS, NOLENE!**

One of our parishioners, Nolene Lever, has been named Barnardos Mother of the Year. Nolene, a proud Bundjulung woman, has fostered more than 50 children over the years. What a great achievement!

**TUNCURRY FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

Next meeting of the group is on Wednesday, 2nd May, 10.00am at St Nicholas Church, Tuncurry. Come along for a chat and a cuppa! All welcome.

**SAFE MINISTRY TRAINING –**

A full day course will take place at St. Alban’s on Saturday, 1st September. Anticipated cost $30. Check with the office if you’re unsure whether there is a need for you to attend this training – 5543 7683.

**OUR BOOKSHOP –**

Wow – what an impressive new collection. The book “I can only Imagine” a memoir Bart Millard – the true story that inspired the hit song and major motion picture, $19.99. Also the CD “I can only Imagine” $16.99, and all those second hand books that are marked at such low prices…………….

**BOOK CHAT – from JUDY HALL -**

Saturday, 5th May at St. Alban’s at 10.30am. Next month we are talking about a book/s that we have read about prayer. Why not come along and share what you have been reading about this vital topic? You’ll be very welcome.

**THE NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ –**

Is set down for Saturday, 12th May, from 8.30am till 4pm. All organised parishioners are enthusiastically ready to connect meaningfully with our community. So……. If you can go along on the day and purchase a sausage or two that would be great!!

**JEWELRY FOR OP SHOP**

Do you have any old costume jewelry you no longer wear? Our stocks are running low at the Op Shop and jewelry is always a good seller. See one of our volunteers or just drop it in to the Shop.

**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!

**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.

**THE BIBLE SOCIETY - OUR PARISH MISSION FOR MAY**

The Bible Society’s mission is to: “See all people engaged with the Bible in a language they can understand, in a format they can use, and at a price they can afford.”

Early in the life of Australia, passionate community leaders like Lady Macquarie **created the Bible Society. They knew it wasn’t just government that could build a nation**. It would need people of hope, people who live light.

Today, the Bible Society is Australia’s longest-living organisation. For more than 200 years, the Bible has done Australia a lot of good. And there’s a lot more good it will do yet. So we’re creating new ways to advocate for the Bible, to promote it, and offer people new ways to engage with it.

**A NOTE FROM SUELLEN –**

BCA box opening in March resulted in $706.90 being sent to the Society. Thank you on their behalf.

**PARISH NEWS – 29TH APRIL THRU TO 13TH MAY –**

Janet Lawrence will be the person to chat to about “news” items – phone 6554 5981 or email jan2max@bigpond.net.au.

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**Items for Parish News:** Phone Janet 6554 5981, jan2max@bigpond.net.au or Parish Office 5543 7683 by noon Wed, thanks.

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