**PARISH NEWS**

**CHRISTMAS 1, 31st December**

***My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel. Luke 2:30-32***

**The Archdeacon of Newcastle and The Diocesan Council**

Warmly invites

Members of your Parish

to attend the Installation and Commissioning

of the 14th Bishop of Newcastle

**The Right Reverend Dr Peter Stuart**

on

Friday 2nd February 2018 at 7pm

In

Christ Church Cathedral Newcastle

A list has been placed in each Church – so add your

name and contact number if you will be attending.

 Judy will be organising a coach

 if we get sufficient numbers and the cost

will be similar - $25-$30

**RSVP by Sunday, 21st January, 2018.**

**As we worship our God we include in our prayers this week:**

**In Our Parish:**

Holiday makers and visitors

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

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 – **Philip Frank Ovens, Alex Campbell**

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.

**In Our Diocese:**

Bishop Peter & Nicki & their family

Diocesan Boards & Committees

**Parishes, Schools and agencies**:

Fresh Expressions and new ministries around the Diocese

**SUPPORT TO DEFENCE FORCE ANGLICAN CHAPLAINCY –**

Pray for the Primate and Metropolitans of the Anglican Church of Australia.

*Most gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church:*

*fill it with all truth*

*and in all truth with all peace;*

*where it is corrupt, purge it;*

*where it is in error, direct it;*

*where anything is amiss, reform it;*

*where it is in want, furnish it;*

*where it is divided, heal it*

*and unite it in your love;*

*through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

*(AAPB, Broughton Books 1999 p.210)*

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**BCA –** Reaching Australia for Christ since 1919 -

Nomads Coordinators – Mr Doug & Mrs Frances Orr

**OUR PARISH VISION –**

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

**SAMARITANS –**

Now **BACK TO BASICS** till the end of January, so whatever you consider “basic” – that’s what people will need during January.

**SCRIPTURE UNION FAMILY MISSION –**

Approximately 20 adults and a few children have arrived and are “living” in St. Alban’s Hall till Friday, 5th January. The Leaders of the group will be staying with Phillip & Deborah.

They are joining us for worship today at St. Alban’s.

We will be praying for the success of the mission and offering any assistance needed.

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE –**

Great to have so many come along to this service, it was truly a “spirit filled” occasion . The sausage sizzlers had great fun and a meaningful time of “getting to know you”.

**MISSION OUTREACH FOR JANUARY – ABM**

Anglican Board of Mission – ABM’s Five Marks of Mission –

*Witness to Christ’s saving, forgiving and reconciling love for all people.*

*Build welcoming, transforming communities of faith*

*Stand in solidarity with the poor and needy*

*Challenge violence, injustice and oppression, and work for peace and reconciliation*

*Protect, care for and renew life on our planet*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY-**

As we gather together we acknowledge the traditional custodians of this area, the Worimi people, and their elders, past, present and future. It is they who hold the memories, traditions, culture and hopes of Aboriginal Australia. May we walk together, united in spirit and respect, towards a better and brighter future for this land, our land, AUSTRALIA.

**READINGS FOR 31st December – (today)**

Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Psalm 148, Galations 4:4-7, Luke 2:22-40.

 **7th January –**

Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11.

**IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK –**

*Monday, 1st Strolling Group –meet at St. Alban’s at 9.30am*

*Wednesday, 3rd Friendship Group – meet at St. Nicholas’*

 *Tuncurry, 10am*

 *GLAICA service 3pm*

*Friday, 5th* *Service at Estia, Forster 10.30am with Rev Bill*

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