

## DIARY DATES THIS WEEK:

**Tuesday 3.2.26 10.30am Weekly Tuesday Prayer Group  
Church Vestry**

**Saturday 7.2.26 11am NO Waratah Village Service (David  
and Romaine away)**

**Sunday 8.2.26 9.30am Weekly service St Barnabas (LLM  
led, David and Romaine away)**

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Wednesday 12.2.26 NO 3.30-5pm Women's Connect group  
Parish Centre (David and Romaine away)**

**Friday 13.2.26 NO 1.15-2.30pm Friday Fellas Connect  
Group 41 Perseverance St (Peter L's place) (David and  
Romaine away)**

**Saturday 14.2.26 David and Romaine back for 11am Wara-  
tah Village Service**

**Tuesday 17.2.26 6.30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Night**

**Wednesday 18.2.26 6pm Ash Wednesday Service**

**Sunday 1.3.26 9.30am Bishop Mark will be with us at St  
Barnabas**

**Sunday 15.3.26 11am St Barnabas AGM**

**Saturday 21.3.26 Excellent Diocesan Conference Macquarie  
Anglican Grammar School, Dubbo 9am-3pm 'The Church  
I'd like to join Grows Disciples'**



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FEBRUARY 1ST YEAR C 2025—FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY.



**Sentence**

**Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**

**What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to  
love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6.8**

**Collect**

**Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**

**Righteous God, you confound the world's wisdom by giving  
your blessing to the lowly and pure in heart: give us such a  
hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in striving for  
peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the  
promise of your kingdom, which has been revealed in Jesus  
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Micah 6: 1-8 NIV UK Version**

**The LORD's case against Israel**

**6 Listen to what the LORD says:**

**'Stand up, plead my case before the mountains; let the hills hear what you have to say. 2 'Hear, you mountains, the LORD's accusation; listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth. For the LORD has a case against his people; he is lodging a charge against Israel.**

**3 'My people, what have I done to you? How have I burdened you? Answer me. 4 I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you, also Aaron and Miriam. 5 My people, remember what Balak king of Moab plotted and what Balaam son of Beor answered. Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD.'**

**6 With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.**

Hear the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**



*We welcome everyone...*



**BIRTHDAYS:**

Congratulations to those celebrating:  
No Birthday's or Anniversaries this week.



**Online Church Banking details for direct deposits.**

**St Barnabas Anglican Church  
Parish of West Wyalong.**

**BSB : 082 912**

**Account No : 39 265 5435**



Our New Invitation cards... spread the word!!

**YOU'LL FIND A WARM WELCOME**

**At ST BARNABAS ANGLICAN  
WEST WYALONG**



We are a multi-generational fellowship who worship on Sundays at 9.30am in the church, followed by morning tea in the hall. We have a weekly prayer meeting and two Connect Groups (fellowship, friendship and focus on God's word) fortnightly.

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Verse: **Jeremiah 29:11**

**'I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'**

- God's plans for your life are filled with goodness, purpose and promise.
- He gives you a hope and a future.
- Your future is secure in His hands, even when the present feels uncertain.
- His intentions toward you are kind, loving, and full of hope.

**PRAYER:** Lord, thank You that You hold my future in Your hands and that Your plans for me are good. Fill my heart with hope and help me to trust Your purposes for my life. Amen.



## HOLY COMMUNION

Marie Seckold

Micah 6: 1-8 Susan

Psalms 15 Stan

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31 Jan

Matthew 5: 1-12 Rector

### Parish of West Wyalong Mission Statement

WE SHALL SERVE CHRIST AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AS AN ALL-AGE WELL-RESOURCED GROWING ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP USING THE

“FIVE MARKS OF MISSION”

1. Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.

2. Teach, baptise, and nurture new believers.

3. Respond to human need by loving service

4. Seek to transform unjust structures of society.

5. Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

### Readings for Sunday 8th February 2026

Isaiah 58: 1-9 Marie

Psalms 116 Scott

Romans 12: 1-2 Geoff W.

Matthew 5: 13-20 Rector

Next Service 8TH FEBRUARY 2026

### WELCOMER

Wendy Mulder



Helen West



### MORNING TEA

### BRASS CLEANING



### FLOWER ARRANGING

Shirley Magrath



### COUNTING TODAY

Geoff West  
Marie Seckold



### Service Schedule :

### Service for next Sunday:

Holy Communion 9.30am



safe ministry

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## Psalm 15 NIV UK Version

### A psalm of David.

1 LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?

**2 The one whose way of life is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart;**

3 whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbour, and casts no slur on others;

**4 who despises a vile person but honours those who fear the LORD; who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind;**

5 who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

Hear the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**



## 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31 NIV UK Version

Christ crucified is God's power and wisdom

**18** For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. **19** For it is written:

**'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.'**

**20** Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law?

Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? **21** For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. **22** Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, **23** but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, **24** but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. **25** For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

**26** Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. **27** But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. **28** God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things – and the things that are not – to nullify the things that are, **29** so that no one may boast before him. **30** It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. **31** Therefore, as it is written: 'Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.'

Hear the word of the Lord: Thanks be to God.



### Prayer Requests:

**Our Nation:** Prime Minister, Premier, our Mayor and Councillors. All elected and appointed people in positions of responsibility and their decision making.



**Worldwide Church:** The Church of England.

**Bathurst Diocese:** Cathedral Parish: The Very Rev'd James and Mrs Fran Hodson, the Rev'd Phil and Mrs Sho Howes • Give thanks for people who are stepping up to do more • Pray for a strengthening of kids' ministry and the beginning of a youth group • Pray that congregation members would enjoy sharing their faith regularly • Pray for fruitful interaction between Anglicare and existing ministries.

**National:** The diocese of the Northern Territory with Bishop Greg Anderson, clergy and people. Praise God FOR the dean of the cathedral - the Rev'd Rob Llewellyn and pray that the Lord would unite bishop, dean and clergy around the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Other Needs:** Pray for Orange Anglican Grammar School, the Head, the Rev'd Louis Stringer, students, Chaplaincy Team, staff and parents. Pray that they will be centred around Jesus and help students, parents and staff to understand that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.

**Parish:** We are thankful to God for His ongoing provision for us, and pray that He will guide us in His infinitely great wisdom for how we can faithfully serve His Kingdom. We thank God for David and Romayne who have been ministering to us.

**Community:** Pray for those who work in local businesses, industry and offices, especially as they interact daily with many people. May Christians who are in business, be strengthened to be honest and caring in all their dealings and be a witness to those who don't yet know Jesus. Rotary, Lions, Men's Shed, CWA, Hospital Auxiliary, RSL Auxiliary, Community Transport and Drivers, Ambulance and Police Services, all Doctors and Nursing Staff at our local hospital.

**We pray for Healing for:** All patients who are in hospital, the Residents of the Waratah Village. We give thanks for the doctors and all staff who take care of them.

**Remembering the Faithful Departed:** We pray for the families of their departed loved ones on the anniversary of their death: Elsie Sheehan, Gladys Parmeter, Charlie Stephenson Bill Robinson, Norm Seckold, Jennie Larsen, William Berick, Joe Stubbs, Ivy Thompson, Betty Porter, Laurie Cobb, Ronald Collins, Alice Rothacker.



**Please for a suitable incumbent for our church**

**Bountiful God, in your mercy and grace please give to of St Barnabas, West Wyalong, a godly and Christ-like pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable the church to fulfil its calling. Do please give Bishop Mark and to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to the people of St Barnabas', warm and generous hearts. For Christ's sake. Amen**



***STRANGERS ARE FRIENDS***

*God knows no strangers. He loves us all,  
The poor, the rich, the great, the small,  
He is a friend who is always there  
To share our troubles and lessen our care,  
For no one is a stranger in God's sight,  
For God is love, and in His light  
May we, too, try in our small way  
To make new friends from day to day,  
So pass no stranger with an unseeing eye,  
For God may be sending a new friend by.*

*—by Helen Steiner Rice*

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Chapter 5, beginning at verse 1. NIV UK Version**

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ...**

**Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount**

**5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them.**

**The Beatitudes**

**He said:**

**3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.**

**This is the Gospel of the Lord Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



Acting Rector Writes :

What a joy it was for Romaine and me to attend the Mayoral reception for the candidates for this year's Bland Shire Australia Day awards. So many good stories about so many good and positive people in the shire. Acts of generosity and purpose and sacrifice; of giving to the community in so many ways. And the celebration of it all in the Australia Day Breakfast. From the heartfelt welcome to country with an emphasis on forgiveness and reconciliation to the reminder of our collective responsibility in the citizenship ceremony and then the reception of the award winners- all with an emphasis on the good in humanity.

There is no surprise that such values find their roots in the teachings of Jesus and as we travel through this (Church) season of Epiphany (of discovery and light) we see Matthew unfolding the teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. Starting in Matthew 5 with the Beatitudes ... a blueprint on how to live successfully ... how to relate peacefully and positively within society ... how to display the lifestyle of people of the Kingdom of God -or Kingdom of Heaven as Matthew puts it.

Beginning with "3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'" Jesus teaches that

those who start with a humble recognition of their spiritual 'poverty' and of their need of a Saviour have the possibility to live a life as a servant within the 'kingdom of heaven' now as well as eternally. These people, says Jesus, will be blessed as they exude meekness, hunger and thirst for righteousness, mercy towards others and have a peaceful, pure heart. The combination of such qualities will bring these people into a living encounter with the living Lord Jesus as they live out the values of his kingdom.

But it will not always be plain sailing – Jesus warns of persecution and mocking of the follower of Jesus as well as the Lord himself... but even in persecution there will be blessing and the ability to 'rejoice and be glad'.

How different is this portrait of life to the one that we get on the evening news! It is the difference Jesus makes- and we can grow in this lifestyle and deepen it as we were reminded by the Old Testament prophet Micah when he gave us the answer to the question "And what does the LORD require of you?" Answer "To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6.8  
Every Blessing,

David and Romaine