

DIARY DATES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 10.2.26—10.30am Weekly Tuesday Prayer Group Church Vestry.

Wednesday 11.2.26—NO 3.30-5pm Women's Connect group Parish Centre (David and Romayne away).

Friday 13.2.26 NO 1.15-2.30pm Friday Fellas Connect Group 41 Perseverance St (Peter Luelf's place) (David and Romayne away).

Friday 13.2.26—6pm Parish Council in Parish Centre.

Saturday 14.2.26—11am Waratah Village Service (David and Romayne back today).

Sunday 15.2.26 9.30am Weekly service St Barnabas.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Tuesday 17.2.26—6.30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Night Parish Centre.

Wednesday 18.2.26 6pm Ash Wednesday Service.

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

Friday 6.3.26—10am World Day of Prayer service 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'.

The World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday, 6th March at St. Barnabas Anglican Church at 10 am. All Welcome.



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FEBRUARY 8TH YEAR C 2025—FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY.



Sentence: Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

**Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5.16**

Collect: Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be a light that shines in the world: let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Isaiah 58: 1-9 Epiphany 5 NIV UK Version

True fasting

58 ‘Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins. 2 For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them. 3 “Why have we fasted,” they say, “and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?”

‘Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. 4 Your fasting ends in quarrelling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. 5 Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one’s head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

6 ‘Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter – when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? 8 Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. 9 Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: here am I.

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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LORD!

Make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

—*St. Francis*

HOLY COMMUNION

Susan Haines

Isaiah 58: 1-9 Marie

Psalms 116 Scott

Romans 12: 1-2 Geoff W.

Matthew 5: 13-20 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 15th February

Exodus 24: 12-18 Susan

Psalms 62: 1-8 Rhonda

2 Corinthians 8: 1-9 Geoff C.

Matthew 7: 1-9 Rector

Next Service 15TH FEBRUARY 2026

WELCOMER

Wendy Mulder



Marlene Collins



MORNING TEA

BRASS CLEANING



FLOWER ARRANGING

Shirley Magrath



COUNTING TODAY

Geoff West
Marie Seckold



Service Schedule :

Service for next Sunday:

Holy Communion 9.30am



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Psalm 116 NIV UK Version

1 I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.
2 Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

3 The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow. **4 Then I called on the name of the LORD: 'LORD, save me!'**

5 The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.
6 The LORD protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me.

7 Return to your rest, my soul, for the LORD has been good to you.

8 For you, LORD, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, 9 that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

10 I trusted in the LORD when I said, 'I am greatly afflicted'; 11 in my alarm I said, 'Everyone is a liar.'

12 What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me?

13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. **14 I will fulfil my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.**

15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants. **16 Truly I am your servant, LORD; I serve you just as my mother did; you have freed me from my chains.**

17 I will sacrifice a thank-offering to you and call on the name of the LORD. **18 I will fulfil my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,** 19 in the courts of the house of the LORD – in your midst, Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

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

Romans 12: 1-2 NIV UK Version

A living sacrifice

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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



The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Chapter 5, beginning at verse 13. NIV UK Version

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ...

Salt and light

13 'You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

14 'You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your



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: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

Bathurst Diocese: Canowindra: The Rev'd Mick and Mrs Tammy George • Give thanks for the opportunity to host the Diocese Revitalisation Program and pray for its effectiveness

- Give thanks for the on-going relationship with the local Uniting Church and we commit to continuing to glorify God through Gospel work together.
- Pray for the resources - Gospel workers, Biblical wisdom, Finances and Prayer Warriors • More members of God's Family to join us as part of our local church.

National: The Diocese of Bunbury with Bishop Ian Coutts, clergy and people. Pray that the Diocese will know the joy of the Lord, and that that joy will be their strength.

Other Needs: Pray for the implementation of the Diocesan strategic plan, centred around the catch phrase SHARING JESUS FOR LIFE. Please pray that each parish might consider how they can take elements of the plan and put adapt and adopt them for their own parish and context. Pray that the plan will strengthen the witness of our diocese to the great news of Jesus and help train and equip us all in the task of making Jesus known.

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 Romaine who continue to minister to all.

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: Dot Kalms, Ernie Fealy, Bob Downey, Geoffrey Luelf, Marion Leadbitter, Sue Bloomfield, Lynette Mrowka, Phillip Templeman, Colin Dudley Staniforth, Thomas Linsdell, Chloris Hall, Jack Hatley, Margaret Renner, Yvonne White, Geoffrey Taylor.

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



Caroline writes:

Where I sit to write, I can enjoy the view of my garden. In my garden is a figure of a young girl sitting crossed legs on a big leaf. In her lap shaped like a bowl it would hold perhaps a tea cup or two of water.

Today I had the sprinkler going, the little dish now filled with water, about six or more sparrows enjoying a shower, taking it in turns to splash in the leaf bowl.

My intended bird bath never sees little birds but only big birds.

The bowl is a cement open flower held up by three very large frogs. I guess the little birds being watched by giant sized frogs while bathing isn't a good idea!

How to relate that to what I write about, I think perhaps I will leave that for you to ponder on!

Maybe the passage in the Bible that God's aware of even a small seemingly insignificant sparrow.

That day insignificant in a number created a beautiful moment for me to cherish.

—Caroline M. Peder



Father in heaven.

The fulfilment of the law

17 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. 19 Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practises and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

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



Acting Rector Writes :

The Joy of Giving

Today we start a three-week Sermon series on 'The Joy of Giving' – with a video from Bishop Mark Calder.

Today is “Giving Generously” based on Psalm 116 and Romans 12.1-2

On Sunday February 15 we will have Part 2 in the series, “Giving Generously”, based on Psalm 62.1-8 and 2 Corinthians 8.1-9

On Sunday March 1 Bishop Mark will be here in person to give us the last in the series “Giving Cheerfully” based on Psalm 27 and 2 Corinthians 9.1-8

Each week there will be a Practical Tip and below is Bishop Mark’s practical tip for this first week.

Meanwhile Romaine and I are away for a week on the mid north coast. We will be back for the Waratah service on Sat 14.2.26.... and our Sunday service 15.2.26.

Every Blessing,

David and Romaine



SIMPLE TRUST

Marilyn Ashcroft

Trust in the Lord with all of your heart,
And do not rely on your insight.
For God is the King, Lord of your life,
And wherever He leads you is right.

Trust in the Lord when the way seems so hard,
And nobody can understand,
For God is far greater than any one man,
He guides with His own gentle hand.

Trust Him completely for things yet to be,
For you know that the Lord will provide.
Yielding control into His tender hand,
Which way is for Him to decide.

But trust must be total, really complete,
And self must prepare to let go,
For God can't be Lord if you won't give in,
The depth of His love he can't show.

