

Thought for the Week from Mother's Union
Sunday 22nd January 2023



THE ANGLICAN LANTERN
PARISH OF WEST WYALONG
Including Tallimba, Ungarie, West Wyalong,
Wyalong and Yalgogrin Nth.



Heart for the poor

There's a physicality about Christianity that means heartfelt generosity must be coupled with action. What is felt in the heart is also to be felt in the pocket and in the muscles. The poor must be fed, visited. The poor are our neighbours, when we live nearby, when we clean and wash, sacrifice ourselves, our souls and bodies. They are Christ. 'When I need a neighbour, where you there?', Sydney Carter wrote paraphrasing Matthew 25:31ff. Mothers' Union members are to be neighbours: heart, soul and body.

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and will be repaid in full. Proverbs 19:17"

In the diocese of Down & Dromore, Nth Ireland MU connects with church programmes for the vulnerable and isolated. Children normally fed meals at school, are hungry during the holidays so hot meals are served. A camp on the green has free packed lunch and fun exercises. There's school uniform recycling. Poverty is real and relative. The love of Jesus is shared.

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JANUARY 22ND YEAR A 2023 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.



Sentence

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. Matthew 4: 23

Prayer of the Day

Loving God, the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of the hearts that serve you: help us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may faithfully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Isaiah 9: 1-4

1 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honour Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan – 2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. 3 You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. 4 For as in the day of Midian’s defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 27: 1-10

**1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?:
the Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

**2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
come upon me to devour me:
they shall stumble and fall.**

**3 If an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid:**

We welcome everyone

BIRTHDAY:

Congratulations to those celebrating: Birthday: Eddie Thomas 22nd.
Anniversaries: Frank & Shirley Magrath 25th,
Les & Noleen Barrass 27th.



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Welcome Gift

Thank you to all those who have donated towards the Welcome Gift for Steven and Caitlin Klouth so far. Feel free to continue as the Gift will only be handed out on the 11th February at his Commissioning Service.

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Wanted:

Cleaners on a volunteer basis to clean the church twice a month. If you can help, please see Gwen Downey or Frank. Parish Council is looking to find a contract cleaner.

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Notes to Remember:

- *At Parish Council Meeting, it was decided that fund raising events could and should be held next year.*
- *The First event Pan Cake Night on Tuesday 21st February.*
- *Second event End of Day Light Breakfast.*
- *The Catering committee have been asked to organise these events, but they will require a lot of help. After the Christmas holidays we can put out rosters for those willing to help.*

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The Commissioning of Rev Steven Klouth will take place on **Saturday, February 11th at 11am, here at St. Barnabas Anglican Church.**

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HOLY COMMUNION

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY Year A.

Marie Seckold
Licensed Lay Minister on Duty

Isaiah 9: 1-4 Fran Mitchell

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31 Geoff West

Matthew 4: 12-25

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 29TH JANUARY 2023

Micah 6: 1-8 Rhonda Widdows

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31 Geoff Winder

Matthew 5: 1-20



Next Service 29TH JANUARY 2023

SIDE PERSONS:

Pearl Woolstencroft



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MORNING TEA

Helen West



Arrangements have been made for professional cleaner to come

CHURCH CLEANING



BRASS CLEANING



FLOWER ARRANGING

Shirley Magrath

Frank Magrath
Terry Butcher



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COUNTING TODAY

Service Schedule



Service for next Sunday:
Holy Communion 9.30am

and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.

4 One thing I have asked from the Lord,
which I will require:

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,

5 To see the fair beauty of the Lord:
and to seek his will in his temple.

6 For he will hide me under his shelter
in the day of trouble:

and conceal me in the shadow of his tent,
and set me high upon a rock.

7 And now he will lift up my head:
above my enemies round about me.

8 And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary
with exultation:

I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.

9 O Lord, hear my voice when I cry:
have mercy upon me and answer me.

10 My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face':
your face, Lord, I will seek.

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1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

10 I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. 11 My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. 12 What I mean is this: one of you says, 'I follow Paul'; another, 'I follow Apollos'; another, 'I follow Cephas'; still another, 'I follow Christ.' 13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I did not baptise any of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so no one can say that you were baptised in my name. 16 (Yes, I also baptised the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptised anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the gospel – not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. 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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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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 North India (United).

National Church: The Diocese of Sydney with Archbishop Kanishka Raffel and regional bishops: Michael Stead, Gary Koo, Peter Lin, Peter Hayward, Chris Edwards along with Archdeacon for women, Kara Hartley, the Dean, Sandy Grant, clergy and people. Thank the Lord for the generosity of the Sydney Diocese, through whose gift, we are able to support our bishop and registrar.

Bathurst Diocese: The Parish of Grenfell – pray that the Lord will raise up someone to love and serve the people there and grace for the lay ministers who carry the load as they wait. Please pray for members of the Diocesan and Parish appointments boards. Pray for Bishop Mark and Susan.

Local needs: Pray for those who speak out against injustice in our society, that we will have hearts and ears to listen and act.

Parish: Today we welcome Rev Steven, Caitlin and baby Hannah Klouth as Steven conducts his first service with us.

Community: St. Vincent De Paul, Anglicare, Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels, Can Assist Committee, Far West Committee, Community Transport and their 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.

Faithful Departed: We pray for the families of their departed loved ones on the anniversary of their death: Janette Clark, William Bodley, Stan Dunlop, Bob Stanley, Frank Egan, Dennis Baker, Gwendoline Kelly, Stanley Hatcher, Jean Apps, Raymond McCulloch, Lawrence Josephs, Colin Carneige, Antonius Stam.

ANGLICARE

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BOOK EXCHANGE

*"A book is a gift
you can open again
and again" –
Garrison Keillor*

A cupboard has up been set on the verandah of St Barnabas for access to a variety of books. If you have any books you would like to donate, please leave them at the back of the Church. Feel free to have a look for yourselves – there may be something you would like to read!
Please spread the word –
anyone is welcome to make use of the book exchange!

CWCI:

An Invitation to the Introduction of the Book of REVELATION on Wednesday, 1st February 2023 from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm— including AFTERNOON TEA (provided).

WEST WYALONG COMMUNITY CHURCH HALL.

Guest Speaker: Mrs Kaye Shooter

All Ladies Welcome.

The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ According to ...

Matthew 4: 12-25

12 When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. **13** Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali – **14** to fulfil what was said through the prophet Isaiah: **15** ‘Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – **16** the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.’ **17** From that time on Jesus began to preach, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ **18** As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. **19** ‘Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will send you out to fish for people.’ **20** At once they left their nets and followed him. **21** Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, **22** and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. **23** Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and illness among the people. **24** News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases,

those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralysed; and he healed them. 25 Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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A Note of Thanks.

Thank you to everyone for welcoming Caitlin, Hannah and myself to the town and to this wonderful church. We are so excited to be here, and to serve you as we all grow to know and love our Saviour Jesus more and more.

I personally want to say a big thank you to everyone who has worked to keep things running. Thanks to Geoff, Marie and Frank for their ongoing service as wardens, and for their trust in us as Parish nominators. Thanks to those who serve on Parish Council for their continued diligence and guidance. Thanks to Susan and Marie for serving as LLM's, and all those who contribute each Sunday to enabling services to take place.

And thank you all for your faith and witness here at St Barnabas. I know that has not always been easy. But I am so thankful that in spite of ageing, dealing with COVID and the loss of many who used to be part of this congregation, you

have continued to maintain your faith in the Lord, and to seek to make the Gospel known in this community.

While the future might seem both exciting and scary, I know that the work that has taken place will not have been in vain. And even more so, I know that God is faithful and loving and is able to do immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine. In His wisdom and grace, He will enable us to do the good works He has prepared for us to do.

In Ephesians 3:14-21, the Apostle Paul prays:

14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.