

DIARY DATES THIS WEEK:

**Tuesday 10.3.26 10.30am Weekly Tuesday Prayer Group
Church Vestry**

**Friday 13.3.26 7-8pm (+cuppa) “The Road to Calvary” (6
Week Series - each Friday until 27.3.26) Parish Centre.**

Saturday 14.3.26 11am Waratah Village Service

Sunday 15.3.26 11am St Barnabas APM (AGM)

LOOKING AHEAD:

**Saturday 21.3.26 Diocesan Conference Macquarie Anglican
Grammar School, Dubbo 9.30am-3pm ‘The Church I’d like
to join Grows Disciples’ (book via Bathurst Anglican Diocese
website)**

**Sunday 22.3.26 9.30am We welcome Matilda for Baptism
and her parents Emma Johnson and Jayden McGee and sis-
ter Florence.**

April ... Friday 3.4.26 9.30am Good Friday Service Sunday

5.4.26 9.30am Easter Sunday Service Saturday 11.4.26

2.30pm Wedding Sarah Cooper and Sam Tait Sunday

12.4.26 Breakfast celebration – for End of Daylight Saving

**Sunday 12.4.26 9.30am (start of four week locum for Rev’d
Trevor and Jean Ackman (from Kiama)**

**Sunday 17.5.26 David and Romaine Hayman back from WA
– here through to the end of August.**



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MARCH 8TH YEAR C 2026—LENT 3.

Sentence Lent 3

‘The water that I will give,’
says the Lord, ‘will
become in you a spring of
water welling up to
eternal life.’ John 4.14

Prayer for Lent 3.

O God, the fountain of
life, to a humanity
parched with thirst you
offer the living water that
springs from the Rock,
our Saviour Jesus Christ:
stir up within your people
the gift of your Spirit, that
we may profess our faith with freshness and announce with
joy the wonder of your love. We ask this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Exodus 17: 1-7 New International Version UK

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Water from the rock

17 The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² So they quarrelled with Moses and said, ‘Give us water to drink.’

Moses replied, ‘Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?’

3 But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, ‘Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?’

4 Then Moses cried out to the LORD, ‘What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.’

5 The LORD answered Moses, ‘Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.’ So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the place Massah¹ and Meribah because the Israelites quarrelled and because they tested the LORD saying, ‘Is the LORD among us or not?’

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



We welcome everyone...



BIRTHDAYS:

Congratulations to those celebrating:
Birthday: Helen West 8th
No anniversaries this coming 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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St Barnabas West Wyalong Parish Strategic Plan (PSP)- Short form

Adopted by Parish Council 23.5.25

Sharing Jesus for Life

Objectives

- To be a church that is **dynamically Anglican.**
- To be a church that is **evangelistically enterprising.**

Key Ministry Areas

- Standardisation and elevation of the quality/tone of **Sunday Services**
- **Connecting personally** and pastorally with **parishioners** in aged care/or the wider community
- Positively and carefully **raising the profile** of the church community across the wider community
- Simple, **seasonal outreach events** that take into account the (very limited) capacity of the congregation; that includes welcome and follow up for visitors.

“Prayer in action is love, love in action is service.”

Mother Teresa

HOLY COMMUNION

Susan

Exodus 17: 1-7 Scott

Psalm 95 Rhonda

Romans 5: 1-11 Jan

John 4: 4-30 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 in prayer 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 March 2026

1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Geoff C.

Psalm 23 Susan

Ephesians 5: 8-14 Fran

John 9: 1-12 Rector

Next Service 15TH MARCH 2026

WELCOMER



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



SAFE MINISTRY HELPLINE

1800 070 511

or email:

dps@saferrcommunities.net.au

Psalm 95 New International Version UK

¹ Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. ² Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. ³ For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Today, if only you would hear his voice, ⁸ 'Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massah^[b] in the wilderness, ⁹ where your ancestors tested me; they tried me, though they had seen what I did. ¹⁰ For forty years I was angry with that generation; I said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known my ways." ¹¹ So I declared on oath in my anger, "They shall never enter my rest."'

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



Romans 5: 1-11 New International Version UK Version

Peace and hope

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ

died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ According to John Chapter 4, beginning at verse 1. John 4: 4-30 NIV UK Version

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus talks with a Samaritan woman

⁴ Now [Jesus] had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?' ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, 'You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?' (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.'

¹¹ 'Sir,' the woman said, 'you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?' ¹² Are you greater than our



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 Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

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.

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 Romayne who continue to minister to all of 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. 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.

Remembering the Faithful Departed: We pray for the families of their departed loved ones on the anniversary of their death: Henry Hull, Charlie Pratt, Russell Hukins, Thelma Devine, John Staniforth, Doris Smyth, Lillian Weller, Eric Parkinson, Ernie Izzard, Rodney Templeman, Graham Edward "Eddie" Thomas.





David Hayman, Bishop Mark Calder, Marie Seckold, Geoff West and Susan Haines on the 1st March 2026.



A farewell card for Bishop Mark as he retires in September.
Created by Shirley Magrath.

“Listen in silence because if your heart is full of other things, you cannot hear the voice of God.”

Mother Teresa.

father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?’

¹³ Jesus answered, ‘Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,’ ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’

¹⁵ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.’

¹⁶ He told her, ‘Go, call your husband and come back.’

¹⁷ ‘I have no husband,’ she replied.

Jesus said to her, ‘You are right when you say you have no husband.’ ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.’

¹⁹ ‘Sir,’ the woman said, ‘I can see that you are a prophet.’ ²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.’

²¹ ‘Woman,’ Jesus replied, ‘believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.’ ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.’

²⁵ The woman said, ‘I know that Messiah’ (called Christ) ‘is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.’

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, ‘I, the one speaking to you – I am he.’

The disciples rejoin Jesus

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²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ ‘Come, see a man who told me everything I’ve ever done. Could this be the Messiah?’ ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way towards him.

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

An Invitation to a 6 week Lenten Series at St Barnabas Parish Centre
– Court St West Wyalong 7-8pm (+ a cuppa) Friday nights
starting Friday 20th Feb- Friday 27th March.



THE ROAD TO Calvary
2026 LENTEN SERIES
Sermons led by the Rev'd Mike Ratter

1. Matthew 26:1-16	The Language of Love
2. Matthew 26:17-35	It is Written
3. Matthew 26:36-46	In the Garden
4. Matthew 26:47-56	The Kiss of Death
5. Matthew 26:57-75	A Tale of Two Trials
6. Matthew 27:32-56	The Death of the Son of God

In this excellent series we will listen to Mike and discuss the sermon/ Bible passage- facilitated by David Hayman.

A time of fellowship with a focus on God's Word... Open to all churches in West Wyalong – from now to Easter.

Prayer for Lent:

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Acting Rector Writes.

Wasn't it such a joy to have Bishop Mark Calder visit us last week! And as it may well be his last visit before he retires in September, the wardens (Geoff, Sue and Marie) presented him with a special gift, unique to St Barnabas. A gift of local produce- olive oil and eucalyptus oil, locally made jams and olives processed from our very own Gethsemane tree presented with a unique card – drawn by our cartoonist Shirley McGrath!... all to thank him for his tireless, servant hearted support to us and throughout the diocese as we endeavour to live for Jesus and make him known.

A joy also on Friday to have our horizons widened as we shared in combined churches worship to focus on Christians in Nigeria in the World Day of Prayer.

And again on Friday evening as many met to reflect on Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane in the Lenten Series of videos and discussions we are holding in the parish centre.

Lastly it is a huge joy to Romayne and I to have accepted the Bishop's and Warden's invitation to stay longer as locums here at West Wyalong! After Easter we will be away in WA for a number of weeks (covered by the locum of Rev Trevor and Joan Ackman) but then, God willing, we will be back until the end of August. (unless we get an incumbent before then!)

Today we are challenged by another of Jesus' personal encounters with people. Last week it was Nicodemus challenged, in response to God's love, to be born again by the Spirit of God as he believed in God's Son who died for all and offers us eternal life (John 3.16); today it is an interesting discussion with an unnamed outsider, a Samaritan woman, who is challenged to open her mind and give away her preconceived attitudes to accept life giving water from the Messiah, Jesus; next week it will be a blind man who opens his eyes to Jesus' character, in contrast to the 'blind Pharisees'; and the week after that is the encounter of Jesus with Lazarus and his sisters, Mary and Martha.

Lent is a good time for us also to personally encounter Jesus. It may be for the first time or it may be a re-encounter- like, renewing a good friendship. It is a time to reflect as we move towards the cross of Christ.

Every Blessing,

David and Romayne Hayman