



**Mission Statement:**

**To love God and to love our neighbours and become an increasingly relevant presence in our community.**

**During Covid-19, our Eucharist is in individual serves only -  
"This is the Lord's table – all who seek God's mercy are welcome"**

We invite visitors to sign our Visitors' Book,  
Unfortunately, we are not yet able to share a cuppa after our services.

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 2020 - Prayer of the Day:** *"Almighty God, Your Son Jesus was the stone rejected by the builders, &, by Your doing, He has been made the chief cornerstone: grant that, by the power of His Spirit working in us, we may become living stones built up into Your dwelling place, a temple holy & acceptable to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives & reigns with You & the Holy Spirit, one God, forever & ever. Amen*

**LOCUM PRIEST: Rev'd MANDY WHEATLEY – WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY**  
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**ST PAUL'S, NAROOMA:** Sundays: 9am – Eucharist.

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays of Month: 9am - Healing Eucharist

Other Wednesdays: 9am – Eucharist, with Music Reflection

*Musicians: Mary, Denise, David, Steve, Mick,*

**ALL SAINTS, BODALLA:** Sundays: 11.15am – Eucharist

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 4pm – Evening Prayer

*Musicians: Len Mulley & Alma Stearn*

**Aged & Pastoral Care Deacon: Ven Jane Simmonds,**

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**Financial Support: Cheques** to Bodalla Parochial Council. PO Box 535 Narooma 2546;  
**Direct Deposits:** Bodalla Parochial Council, BSB 082-744 a/c: 509821522 - Ref: Reg. Giving.

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 2020: 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY after PENTECOST –**

Ex 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Ps 19 Philippians 3: 4b-14 Matt 21: 33-46

Frank M

George H

Carol McC

Lachie McO

**ABM Pew Sheet Reflection 2020:** *"In the section before today's reading, Jesus highlights the hypocrisy & cowardice of the religious leaders. This parable is also directed to the Chief Priests & Elders. It succinctly locates Jesus' own future suffering & death in line with the mistreatment of the Jewish prophets through the centuries. The Chief Priests & Elders clearly get it. The parable contrast Jesus' authentic servant leadership with their own, so they seek to have Jesus arrested.*

- **We pray** for integrity in leadership in our community of faith, & in the secular community in this time of Covid 19. Seek the fruit of the Spirit for ourselves & each other; seek the fruits of the Kingdom for our parish, diocese & national church. How we behave as the body actually matters.
- **Give thanks** for the work & witness of the Melanesian Anglican Church -*The Very Rev Phillip Saunders*
- **Pray Healing for:** Marion, Karly; Wendy B; Sylvia; Stephen L; Pamela J; Lindy C; Kerrie Anne; Greg; Stephen G; **Pray Comfort** for all who grieve.
- **Pray for** our Link Missionaries, the Tingle Family, in Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- **Pray for** our Refugee Family, Selva & Juliat, Lawrence & Marya, still awaiting their visa appeal.
- **Pray protection & recovery** for our virus, drought, fire, & flood affected nation.
- **Prayer for selection of a new incumbent:** (APBA p.212) *"Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak Your word & minister Your sacraments; an encourager who'll equip Your people for ministry & enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment & patience, & to us give warm & generous hearts, for Jesus' sake. Amen."*
- **Please continue to pray for revival**, & "pray the Lord of the harvest for workers for our field."
- **"Let all peoples use His name in blessing; all nations call Him blessed."** Ps 72:19 (APBA)

**ABM: LARAPINTA, 21-27JUNE 2021 – Help empower Aboriginal communities** by going on a once-in-a-lifetime **7-day trekking adventure** to the Northern Territory on a mission to raise funds for the development of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities – **we invite you to join us!**

Larapinta Trail is one of Australia's most renowned tracks. **Beginning in Alice Springs**, the team will discover some of the most arduous but breathtaking sections of the trail, surrounded by unforgettable panoramic views of the desert landscape. Along the way, supporters will hear stories of the Western Arrernte Aboriginal people & reflect on their powerful connection to the landscape.

**All funds raised** on this adventure **will go towards** supporting **ABM** as they help overseas & local communities lift themselves out of poverty, transforming their lives spiritually, materially, socially

3/5 Physical Challenge. **For Early Bird savings of \$150 – Sign up before 20 October 2020:**  
[abmission.org.au](http://abmission.org.au); Locked Bag Q4005, QUEEN VICTORIA BUILDING, NSW 1230

**To MAKE OR CHANGE A RESERVATION for the 9am worship at St Paul's on Sundays &/or Wednesdays, please advise Rhonda: [rhonda.both@me.com](mailto:rhonda.both@me.com) PH.: 0457 477 485.**

**A basket for your GIVING & DONATIONS is at the rear of the church near the door.**

**SUN NOV 1, 1pm-5pm, (online): FREE MENTAL HEALTH UNWRAPPED Workshop:**

**This Workshop addresses mental health issues pastorally & practically.**

Some of the topics covered include: **\*Understanding Mental Illness, \*Mental Health Friendly Churches, \*Prayer & Healing, \*Mental Illness & Ministry.**

**For more info:** Embracing Ministries on [info@embracingministries.org](mailto:info@embracingministries.org).” July Anglican News.

**KYB:** will study the **Letters of Peter** next term. Mandy asks us to invite a friend to join one of the 3 KYB meetings –**Mondays, 3pm & Thursdays, 10.30am in the Noble Room, & Thursdays, 2pm at Bodalla’s Downward Dog Café.** Info: Rev’d Mandy, 0401 670 132.

**Our BCA DONATIONS** last month totalled **\$471.80** – thanks everyone, for your generosity.



**“BILL’S TESTIMONY:** Long-time 95yo friend, Bill, living in Naracoorte, phoned recently thanking us for a further supply of “Blessings” cards which we’d recently posted along, with a couple of Our Daily Bread (ODB) Booklets. Bill has been handing out Blessings cards for weeks & also enclosing one in each of the letters he writes to elderly contacts & retired missionaries. He has written 68 letters in the last 5 weeks.

He came to Christ in 1953, rescued from a life of drinking, gambling & being an entertainer of repute. He promised the Lord *“I am willing to serve You wherever You may call me”*. Bill responded to God’s call to stay in Naracoorte where he served many years as a JP, Town Mayor, church & several community organisations.

Bill receives home care, hands out “Blessings” cards & shares with folk he disciples in his home. Recently a contact asked Bill *“What is the best way to read the Bible, where do I start?”* Bill suggested a daily reading plan & promised to send away for a devotional booklet. As he walked out the front door to farewell his contact, the postman handed him the package containing the ‘Blessings’ cards & booklets we’d posted. His astonished visitor, upon receiving the promised booklet from Bill said, *“You must have a hotline to heaven.”*

Bill replied, **“The Lord says, ‘before you call, I will answer.’”**

Bill has received many written & verbal expressions of gratitude for the ‘Blessings’ card from elderly folks isolated by the pandemic living both locally & further afield.” Bruce Kelly, 8/9/2020

**MANDY’S MINUTE . . .** Talking about Sunday morning worship, a small group of parishioners began sharing what was their favourite part. One person said it was the Apostles’ Creed, because it was at that moment that they were able to stand up & declare their faith. Another person said it was the prayer, because there were so many things on her heart that she wanted to pray for. Another person said it was the prelude. I looked at this person & was surprised. *“You mean it is not the sermon?”* *“Oh no, It’s definitely the opening prayer.”* – *Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires are known . . .* When I asked what made this prayer so meaningful, they said it was because his whole week was so full, & so busy, & so intense. But when they came into the Sanctuary & the prelude began, it was the only time all week when they could just sit back, be quiet, & be with God.

Most of us are simply too busy to stop & do nothing for even a few moments each week. Most of us feel like we need to be active every minute of the day. We confuse busy-ness with being productive, successful, efficient, effective & meaningful.

Ultimately God owns everything & we are but tenants & can indeed be guilty of disobeying God by not listening & believing, obeying & trusting. As the current tenants of God’s vineyard, what will He say to us when He returns? What fruit have we produced for Him in His Kingdom? How willing are we to give it back to him with thankful hearts?

There are times when we need to be discerning, not just doing things in life, but by being still. Being quiet. Being in prayer, having quiet time – doing nothing but talking to God. Do you practice a quiet time each day? When, where, how do you practice?

Then . . . we have the stone - Jesus said that the stone which the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone. A cornerstone is the first stone laid in masonry construction. All other stones are set in reference to it. Our faith is oriented towards Jesus, not the faulty traditions of human institutions. If we are building to last, we do well to listen to the architect and the foreman & place the cornerstone in the right place, as the foundation of all we do. Do you pray for the poor, & hope God does something about the poor? Do you pray that God would help our church grow, & then hope that God inspires someone else to do something? Or do you pray & then tell someone about Jesus & the Good News of Christ.

I want to give a ‘shout out’ to those who have come to support the little Philippine fishing village Penny Ferguson cares for & supports. You have been most generous & helpful to her. Our lives are so busy, time rushes past us. We need to stop from time to time & go each day to that solitary place for prayer. And then at the end of the prayer, get up & get busy with the things that are most important in the vineyard – the work of God. That’s what Jesus did. Don’t reject Jesus by not listening to him in a quiet time every day, talking to him about your fears, needs & the concerns you have about others & the world. Don’t be crushed by the cornerstone, but build your life on it . . .

As Paul wrote in Philipians; *“Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.”*

(More about Penny's project next week)