



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 FEB 7, 2021 – *"Saving God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, healed the sick and brought them wholeness of body and mind: inspire us, his disciples, so that we may constantly proclaim his gospel by our words and by the dedication and integrity of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

INTERIM PRIEST: Rev'd MANDY WHEATLEY
PH: 4476 3049

ST PAUL'S, NAROOMA: Sundays: 9am – Eucharist.
1st Wednesdays of Month: 9am – Healing Service
Other Wednesdays: 9am – Eucharist
Musicians: Mary, Denise, David, Steve, Mick,

ALL SAINTS, BODALLA: Sundays: 11.15am – Eucharist
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 4pm – Evening Prayer
Musicians: Len Mulley & Alma Stearn

Aged & Pastoral Care Deacon: Ven Jane Simmonds,
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Deacon in the Community: Rev'd Karly Ferguson – 0412 232 647
Youth & Families: Rev'd Mandy Wheatley, 0401 670 132; e: mmjcwheatley@bigpond.com

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.

FEB 7, 2021, - 5th SUNDAY after EPIPHANY:

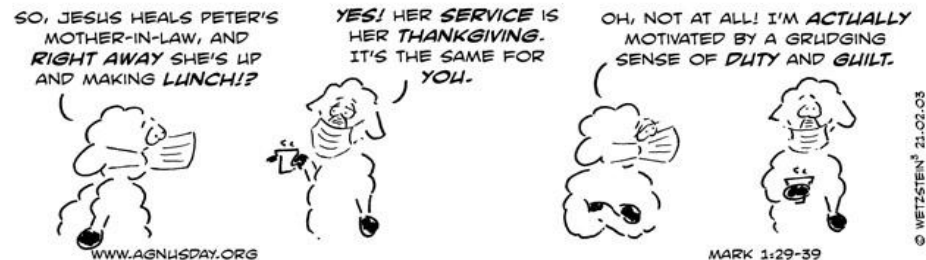
Isaiah 40.21-31 Psalm 147.1-11 1 Cor 9.16-23 Mark 1.29-39
Readers: Jock Jen M
Counters: Jenny & Jock Jen M & Dale W

ABM Pew Sheet Reflections, 2021: *"Paul is a chameleon. He is a Jew but is now a follower of Christ. Nonetheless, he is all things for all people. He is like a Jew, one under the law, one outside the law, and the weak. In fact, Paul will turn himself into anything to save souls. And the best part is that salvation is free. The grace of God in Jesus Christ is there in all Jesus' healings and castings out of demons and it costs nothing. In one sense. But in another the cost to us is the call to leave all of this world behind and follow Jesus."*

- **Jesus our friend**, we ask that you give us courage to leave our selves behind and follow you, trusting in you and relying on your faithfulness to us that we may be confident to proclaim the good news we have in you.
- **Give thanks** for the work & witness of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East.
- **Pray Healing for:** Pam & Chris; Bob B; Marion; Karly; Wendy B; Sylvia; Stephen L; Lindy C; Kerrie Anne; Greg; Stephen G; **Pray Comfort** for all who grieve.
- **Pray for** our Link Missionaries, Tingle Family in Chiang Mai, Thailand - see **latest news!**
- **Pray protection & recovery** for our virus, drought, fire, & flood affected nation.
- **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)
- **Please continue Praying for our Refugee Family**, Selva & Juliat, Lawrence & Marya, still awaiting News of their **visa appeal**. Dear friends, **"May the Lord bless & protect you, be gracious to you, show you His favour, & give you His peace."**

Just Wondering? - *"Anyone notice the tiny flower blooming in the expansion joint in St Paul's driveway these past few weeks? It made me think – could it be a beautiful reminder that God calls us to blossom, no matter where we're planted?
And to bloom, even when we find ourselves in some dry, barren & lonely circumstance?
Or even a reminder to pray for someone who's stuck in a difficult place – Just Wondering?"*

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 PH: 0457 477 485.
A basket for your GIVING & DONATIONS is at the rear of the church near the door.



TUES FEB 9, 2pm-4pm in Noble Room – SEW'N SEWS CRAFT GROUP.
Our first for 2021. Please come and join us for craft, fellowship and afternoon tea.
And please feel free to bring a friend. Libby 44767906

MON MCH 1, 3pm at St Paul's –we warmly welcome **Tim & Annemarie, Catlin & Nathaniel,**
as **Rev'd Tim Narraway is INDUCTED as our Parish Priest,**
with a communion service, and Bishop Mark presiding.
As seating is still Covid limited, please let Rhonda, **0457 477 485** know, if you wish to attend.

SUN MAR 14: Parish AGM & AEM, followed by tea at Narooma Golf Club.

ALL REPORTS MUST be in to Peter by FEB 24: e: toughp8@gmail.com; 0414 912 099

APRIL 10-11, 2021 - 2 day SYNOD, in Goulburn. (Accommodation booked at Central Motel).

PASTORAL CARE COURSE – run by David & Angela: **SPIRITUAL Care for Life.**
Enquiries Welcome, to Angela: 4473 7838; 0477 333442; angeyoung@bigpond.com

NEWS SNIPPETS from the TINGLES - *"Dear friends, We are so grateful for your continued partnership in the work of the Lord. We are excited about the year ahead & what the Lord has in store. The challenges & difficulties that we go through keep us grounded & dependent on the Lord and his faithfulness....."*

Some things for prayer: - *We are back to face-to-face school for the girls after some online school due to the second wave of Covid in Thailand. The transition has been difficult for the girls, so **please be praying** for them to resettle into school well.*

- *In Chiang Mai, Covid cases are very low, but in Bangkok they remain high. **Please pray** for the government to have wisdom in how to manage this. The girls continue to wear a mask indoors to prevent the possible spread & now, air filter masks outdoors when they play as it's smoky season again! We are glad to see each other's smiles when we are home & mask-free.*

- ***I am thankful** for some new classes that have started at the Centre & some good opportunities to share with them.)*

- ***Please continue to pray** for God's provision of a Director and new teachers for the Centre and for God to guide the future direction of the ministry.*

- ***Praise God** that some of our teammates who had been stuck out of Thailand for a long time, (because of the travel & visa restrictions) have now been able to return.*

- ***Pray for our remaining teammates** to be able to return soon.*

- *The team leader for Alisa's birthing ministry hasn't been able to return yet & the other doula Alisa works with is expecting a baby shortly. So this means that Alisa will be carrying more responsibility with training and providing support. **Please pray for energy and for the team leader to return soon.***

Thank you for continuing to bring these things to the Lord for us. Blessings, Matt and Alisa."

"LOOK TO THE LORD - AND BE RADIANT" - Ps 34:5

Mandy's Minute – "Everyone loves it when Jesus shows up. Things happen. Mother-in-laws are healed. The sick are cured. Demons are cast out. Lives are changed. This is true not only for the people of Capernaum in Jesus' time but also for us here and now. He comes to our house as surely as he went to the house of Simon and Andrew. People have told me about miracles & I have seen them. Jesus has turned up to change everything in someone's life. I remember a man who had a vision of Jesus reaching out and taking him by the hand while he was clinging for hours to an upturned boat in the sea in Newcastle. I have heard men and women tell the story of how Jesus clearly called them into ministry. Some of you have told me about experiences of peace and joy that came from Jesus' presence. Others tell how his strength and grace carried you through days you were sure you could not survive. I know of diagnoses that have changed for no apparent medical reason. Those experiences are real. Jesus is present and active in our lives and the world. Those are the kind of things, as St. Mark tells us, for which people line up at Jesus' door. Jesus is real. His presence is felt. Results are seen. Faith comes easier in those moments.

What happens, though, when we find ourselves in the night-time of life; when life is just plain hard and we don't get our way? When things happen that we never wanted to have happen when faith is difficult and it doesn't make sense. Jesus is nowhere to be seen, we can feel forsaken and some will give up on the Church and Jesus himself.

What do we do when Jesus sneaks off and we feel all alone? In today's gospel, Jesus got up in the early morning hours, while it was still very dark, and went to a deserted place. This is not, however, about Jesus escaping or getting away. It's about prayer; his and ours.

We know God's word promises us that Jesus never leaves us. His withdrawing is in reality an invitation for us to move to a new place. He calls us out of the comfort of the house into the vulnerability of the wilderness, a place where there is only prayer, alone with Him. Our deserted places may be where we need to accept the limitations that age and disease bring to us or to our loved ones. It may be broken relationships. Loneliness and grief are desert places for some. The struggle to make ends meet is a wilderness many are living in. You could each name your own deserts. We tend to avoid them. They can seem scary and dangerous with nowhere to hide. We have to face up to who we are and who we are not. We are confronted by things done and left undone. We begin to recognize that our successes, possessions, and accomplishments don't ultimately count for much and we have to admit we are not in control. The wilderness is a sacred place where the prayer of self-surrender doesn't ask so much that circumstances will be changed but that we will be changed. The deserted places of our lives are a starting point for his message of good news. Before today's gospel, a voice cried in the wilderness: *'Prepare the way of the Lord'*" (Mk. 1:3). Jesus emerged from the wilderness saying, *"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe the good news"* (Mk. 1:15).

Simon and his companions were the only ones to find Jesus. *"Everyone is searching for you,"* they told him. Maybe they were the only ones willing to go to search out in the wilderness. I wonder where we will search when the night-time of our life comes?

When we go to the deserted places of our lives, places that we think are barren, empty,

desolate, we too will find Jesus there, waiting and praying for us.