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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 NOV 8, 2020 - *Eternal God, You have taught us that the night is far spent & the day is at hand: keep us awake & alert, watching for Your kingdom, so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes we may go out joyfully to meet Him, & with Him enter into the marriage feast that You have prepared for all who truly love You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives & reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now & for ever. Amen.*

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

1st 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

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.

NOVEMBER 8, 2020 – DEFENCE SUNDAY; 23rd SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

Joshua 2:1-3a, 14-25

Ps 78: 1-7

1 Thess 4: 9-18

Matt 25:1-13

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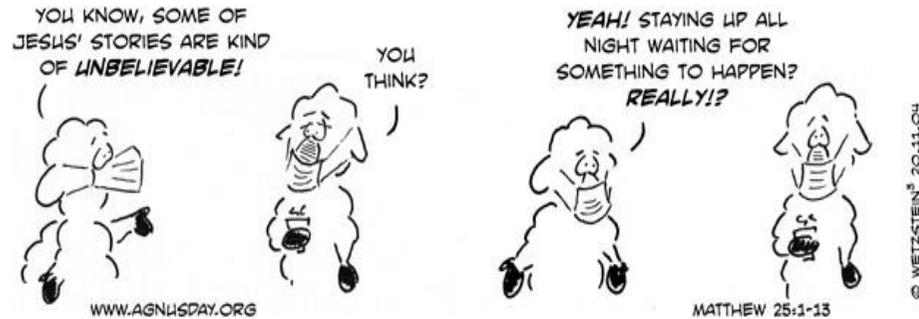
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ABM Pew Sheet Reflection 2020: *"Today's parable is the second in a series of three about how to live in the context of the coming glorious Son of Man. The parable fits in with marriage practice of the time, as far as we know it. The bridegroom goes to the bride's house to sign the marriage contract with the bride's father and then returns with the bride.*

His household would greet him. It was assumed that his meeting would take some time, because the young women had all brought lamps. Those who were unprepared missed out. Watch and wait is about living each day as if it is the Day.

- **Help us** to live each day in the light of Christ's coming Kingdom.
- **Give thanks** for the work & witness of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, the Anglican Church of Japan.
- **Pray Healing for:** Bob B; 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 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)
- **Please continue Praying for our Refugee Family,** Selva & Juliat, Lawrence & Marya. **Their visa appeal** is made complex by unavailable records etc – Hold fast, dear friends - *"May the Lord bless & protect you, be gracious to you, show you His favour, & give you His peace."*

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.



SAT NOV 14, 9.45am-3.30pm. FREE: ANGLICARE DISASTER RECOVERY TRAINING WORKSHOP, Batemans Bay. All training materials provided. Bookings essential, RSVP to; disaster.recovery@anglicare.com.au; Lesley – 0419 608800; helen.bennett@anglicare.com.au

SUN NOV 15, 2-3pm, 'MENTAL HEALTH Workshop Summary in St Paul's Hall, The initial Workshop addressed mental health issues pastorally, & practically.

This summary will hopefully also include issues of recognizing & protection from, burn-out & etc **for more info:** Embracing Ministries on info@embracingministries.org.

NOV 29, 10am: COMBINED Service at St Paul's, to be followed by an extra-ordinary **Electoral Meeting** to elect a Warden & Parish Councillor for St Paul's, & a Synod Rep.

FRI DEC 18, 7pm at All Saints: – Nine Lessons & Carols,

DEC 24, 5pm at St Paul's – NATIVITY. NOTE: No All Saints 11pm Service due to Covid19

DEC 25, 9am: Christmas Day Service at St Paul's.

ABM LARAPINTA CHALLENGE #2, from 28 June - 04 July 2021 – This 2nd ABM Larapinta Challenge to again be part of helping to empower ABM's partner communities.

Early bird savings: Sign up before 25 November 2020 and pay \$150 less to register. To find out more, see: <https://inspiredadventures.com.au/events/abm-larapinta-2021-dep2/>

DEFENCE SUNDAY is important. Whilst Remembrance Day recalls the tragedy of World War 1 & the hope for peace which came with the Armistice on 11 Nov 1918, the experiences of the 20th & 21st Centuries reveal that this hope remains unfulfilled. Tragically, Australian service personnel continue to die in combat in the Middle East, & the numbers of physical, psychological & spiritual casualties continue to increase. Our church has a responsibility to provide ongoing pastoral and spiritual care to serving military personnel. **The greatest support the church can provide to its chaplains engaged in this mission is prayer & understanding.**

"Veterans long for the love of family, friends, mates, communities and even our nation, but true healing only comes from the love of God...In the decades since I last went to

war, I have worked with those wounded in body, mind and spirit. **They long for thanks, respect and love. And, when our love is God's love, it heals a multitude of invisible wounds,"** says Archdeacon to the Australian Army, The Ven. Rob Sutherland in this **Defence Sunday homily:** <https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2020/11/03/defence-sunday-2020-homily/>

A Prayer for Australian Defence Force Chaplains – "Lord God of Hosts, we pray for your clergy whom you have called to the ministry of uniformed chaplaincy, & for those who proclaim your love & compassion in battle areas & defence establishments where Australian military personnel serve. Lord, strengthen their faith as they seek to witness to you in a secular world. Protect them from all dangers & comfort them in the long separations from families & the familiar things of church, that they must endure. **Bless all who are helping to bring peace to nations new and old. Amen"**

THE COBBLER (adapted from The Shoemaker by Leo Tolstoy) "In a small village perched up on the mountains there was a cobbler. One day something very strange happened to him. While the cobbler was praying, he saw a vision of an angel.

"Johnny" the angel said, "God is pleased with you. I announce to you that the Lord Jesus will come today to visit you in your little shop." Then the angel disappeared.

The cobbler was overjoyed. Immediately, he began sweeping & cleaning his little shop without, of course neglecting his work. When he cooked for the day, he prepared something extra for his visitor. To Johnny, that day was a day of gladness. He even put on his best clothes.

All of a sudden, a woman entered Johnny's shop. She was a woman of bad reputation. Very kindly, Johnny received her, but he muttered to himself: "What if Jesus happened to enter my house now! How shall I be able to receive him as he deserves? In spite of all, Johnny did not try to send her away soon. He spoke kindly to her till she was gone.

At last, Johnny was alone again waiting for his Lord. His imagination got the better of him. Johnny kept asking himself: "What will Jesus look like? Will he have the serene look of the Christ of the icon on my altar? Will he radiate the majesty of Christ the King of my parish?"

Engrossed in his thoughts, he did not realize that someone had come to his shop. "Good morning, Johnny!" "Oh! You startled me!" Johnny replied, "I thought it was someone else! Come! Come in! Most welcome! What happened to your little boy? He looks so weak! Sit down, sit down, my son! Would you like an apple, my boy? It will do you more good than me. Eat; eat, my dear!" The child turned to his mother and exclaimed: "Mummy! Look! An apple!" That day, the poor woman & her little son left the cobbler's shop with a new pair of shoes just as a gift! While they were joyously returning home, the cobbler alone & pensive, was waiting for his Lord. He muttered: "Can it be possible that the Lord comes to my house today?"

One after another, people kept streaming into his little shop. Johnny was kind to each of them. Finally, a drunkard dropped in & shouted with laughter: "Johnny, give me a glass of liquor! I've been drinking so much wine that I have lost the taste of it. Liquor is what I want." "Come, sit down. Liquor I haven't," Johnny said, "What I have, I'll share with you. I have clean and fresh water and a lovely meal I have prepared today for a special guest. Sit down. We shall eat together." Johnny & the drunkard sat down & ate their meal together. They enjoyed each

other's company, though each in his own way. The drunkard left Johnny's shop, comforted and with greater courage to face life's problems.

The hours rolled by. It was sunset now, & then night, & finally midnight! The cobbler did not get any more visitors that day. Johnny was sad, his spirits down. He felt cheated, disappointed. Jesus had not come. It was already time to say his night prayers & go to sleep. Johnny knelt down & prayed: "*Lord, why have you not come today? I had been waiting for you so eagerly for so long!*" Johnny's heart nearly burst with joy when he heard a whispering voice telling him: "*Johnny, of course I came today to your house, not once, not twice, in fact many times and throughout the day!*" That night, Johnny went to sleep with a joyous & peaceful heart.

1. When is the best time to hear the voice of God? Why?
2. What's the best way to prepare ourselves and our homes to receive Jesus?"