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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 do invite visitors to sign our Visitors' Book,  
Unfortunately, we still can't share a cuppa after our services.

**SUNDAY MARCH 21, 2021** – *"O God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be Your messengers of forgiveness & hope: renew us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may follow Your commands & proclaim Your reign of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives & reigns with you & the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

**RECTOR: Rev'd TIM NARRAWAY** – (DAY OFF: MONDAY)

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**ST PAUL'S, NAROOMA:** Sundays: 9am – Eucharist.

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays of Month: 9am – Eucharist & Prayer for Healing

Other Wednesdays: 9am – Eucharist

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 MARCH 21, 2021, - 5th SUNDAY of LENT:**

Jer 31: 31-34 Ps 119: 9-16 Heb 5: 5-14 John 12: 20-33

Readers: Jenny Munro

Carol McCabe

Counters: Jenny & Jock

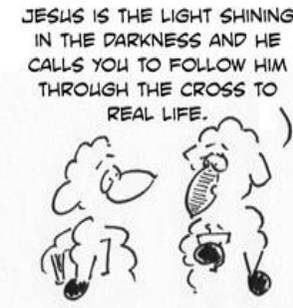
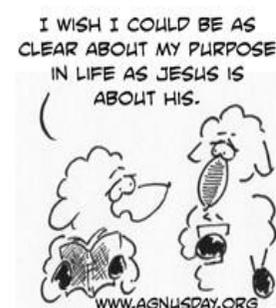
Celia & Carol McCabe

**ABM Pew Sheet Reflections, 2021:** *"The Psalmist rejoices in God's words, commandments, statutes, judgements, precepts, and ways. Jesus knew he was to die but he would not ask his Father to save him. He was fully cognisant of what was to happen and still followed God's ways. We who do not know what is to happen need also to follow God as our delight is in God. Only then do we find peace.*

- **God who sticks to us like glue**, teach us obedience to your ways that we might follow Jesus to his death and resurrection, comforted in the knowledge that he will never abandon us.
- **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Church of South India.
- **May your Church** be a blessing to the people of Myanmar." - ABM
- **Pray Healing for:** Pam & Chris; Bob B; Marion; Karly; Wendy B; Sylvia; Stephen L; Lindy C; Kerrie Anne; Greg; Stephen G; **Pray Comfort** for Myfanwy's family, & 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 Pray for our Refugee Family**, Selva & Juliat, Lawrence & Marya, as they take their appeal to the Federal Court, that **"the Lord will bless & protect them, be gracious to them, show them His favour, & grant them His peace"** during this stressful time.

**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.

**"When those who were 'missioned to' become willing to 'mission back' to those who originally evangelised them, the cycle of mission is healthy and alive!"** - The Rev'd Canon Stephen Daughtry, ABM



Our thanks for standing, & our congratulations to our new Parish Council –

**All Saints Wardens:** Peter Tough; Colleen Constable;

**St Paul's Wardens:** Rev'd Mick Wheatley; Jock Munro; **Rector's Warden:** Rhonda Ober;

**Parish Councillors:** Ven Jane; Lachie McOmish, Marie Small

**P/C MARCH SNIPPETS:** \***Parish Chair:** Rev'd Mick Wheatley; **Deputy Chair:** Jock Munro;

- **Secretary:** Peter Tough; **Deputy Sec:** Ven Jane
- Quote for \$11,300 to scaffold & paint St Paul's eaves etc. Noble Room quote pending.
- Singing now allowed, but only with the wearing of masks.
- We no longer need to advise our attendance at services.
- Selva & family granted a Legal Aid lawyer to take their appeal to the Federal Court.
- Rev'd Tim is planning a Parish Planning Day soon, at Tilba.
- **EASTER SERVICES:** Maundy Thursday – 5pm at St Paul's.  
Good Friday – 9am Solemn Service at St Paul's; 11am All Saints, with Choristers.  
Easter Sunday – regular services at both centres.
- Return & Earn – the total received since inception is \$4,250.
- **SAT APR 10: SYNOD, at Canberra Grammar School.**

**TUES APR 13, 3.30pm - SOMA Australia Annual General Meeting**

Held via Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87351923242>

**APRIL 29 – “AN INTRODUCTORY COURSE IN SPIRITUAL CARE** is offered at The Sanctuary in Central Tilba. For more info, phone **Angela Young on 44737838 or 0477333442.** **Spiritual Care for Life** offers training & supervision for pastoral & spiritual care practitioners.

*It's an Introductory Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education.*

*Participants are introduced to the principles of spiritual & pastoral care, with particular emphases on listening & empathic responding, enabling others to access their own resources & resilience. There is also a focus on caring for ourselves spiritually & emotionally. People who successfully complete the course can be registered with the Southern NSW Local Health District as a spiritual care practitioner. Ongoing support & development is also offered through*

**Spiritual Care for Life** so that carers can continue to develop their skills & insights through participation in the full life of the program.

The course is run by Angela Young, Sister Helen Kearins, & the Rev'd Dr David Oliphant. Angela & Helen are certified practitioners & educators, & David is a clinical pastoral educator. David & Angela are members of St Paul's, and Helen is a Sister of Mercy, in Canberra.”

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“The mark of spiritual maturity isn't how much you **learn**, it's how much you put into **practice**. In the spiritual realm the opposite of ignorance isn't knowledge, but obedience. Obeying the Scriptures is the key to spiritual maturity. In the long term, you retain about 10% of what you hear, 50% of what you see, and 90% of what you do. **So: ‘Don't just listen to God's word, do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves... if you do what it says... God will bless you for doing it.’** (James 1:22–25 NLT) – TWFT

**TIM'S MESSAGE:**

Again & again, we see how God invites us in, (Ash Wed) meets us, (wk 1) calls us to listen, (wk 2) shows us how (wk 3). God loves first (wk 4) so that we are reformed (this week).

God loves us as we are but loves us too much to leave us that way. In acting in love, God calls. As the master and owner of the land desires to see growth in his property, so God expects to see faithful growth in his followers.

God desires to write on our hearts so that His law can re-shape and re-form us from the inside out. Reformation is a journey of letting the old fall away for something new to emerge, of returning to God's words over and over, of being drawn into the heart of God. This is the process of justification and sanctification; transformation must be internal and communal.

As his lore grows and visiting Jews from the diaspora seek him out, Jesus telegraphs the vision. In order for the seed to bear fruit, it must die. Those who follow him must go where he goes. Whoever tries to retain their life will ultimately lose it. This is troubling because the Messiah was expected to live forever. Jesus is again defying expectations. But for those who were worried, a voice from heaven confirms Jesus' identity.

Change, even when welcomed, means death. I once had the unenviable task of pastoring a church through dissolution. We realized that change would happen either with us or to us. We could die to some things so that we could live to others, or we could hold onto what is and die with it. Only one of these is a faithful way forward.

Again and again, we are being reformed. The process is uncomfortable, but the status quo is untenable. When change happens with us, what could possibly take root and flourish?

Rev. T. Denise Anderson:

**Now keep digging.**

I can feel change inside of me. It's a slow burn.

Change usually starts out hot— Defensive and angry,  
A self-righteous blanket Of, “I am right and here's why . . .”

I wrap it around my shoulders Like a barricade.

I fight the temptation to lean forward, To play the challenger,  
To argue with confidence. But in time, Almost always, The heat fades.

The air leaves the balloon.

The audacity of it all Starts to wear off.

And eventually, What I am left with Is myself and a big, open sky.

It's colder here. It's quieter.

I can hear my thoughts.

And in this big, wide openness I am able to say out loud, “Maybe I wasn't right.

Maybe I need to learn.

Maybe it's time for change. Maybe that's okay.”

And if I'm quiet, and if I'm paying attention, I can usually hear God whisper inside of me,  
“Good work, my child. Now keep digging.”

Rev Sarah Are - A Sanctified Art - used with permission.