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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 22, 2020 – *"God of power & love, who raised Your Son Jesus from death to life, resplendent in glory to rule over all creation: free the world to rejoice in His peace, to glory in His justice, & to live in His love. Unite the human race in Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives & reigns with You & the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 22, 2020 – 25th SUNDAY after PENTECOST; CHRIST the KING -

Ezek 34: 11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100

Eph 1: 15-23

Matt 25: 31-46

Readers:

Denise R

Carol McC

Counters:

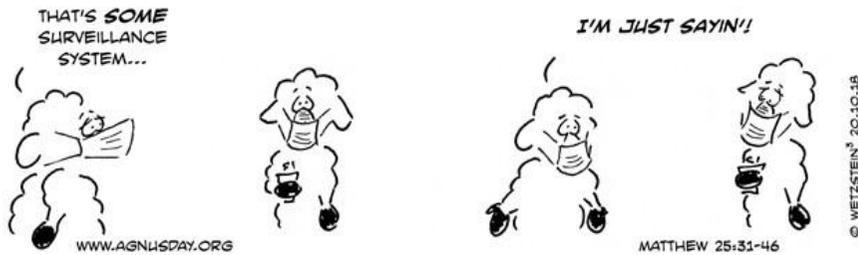
George & Frank

Carol McC & Dale

ABM Pew Sheet Reflection 2020: *"Praxis means essentially doing the Gospel, not simply thinking or talking about it. Today's Gospel contrasts positive & negative examples of Christian praxis. Not only are the sheep carrying out the Gospel in practice, they are not even aware of it. Likewise, the goats are unaware that they are not caring out the Gospel, by not caring for the least members of His family. Believing & doing cannot in fact be separated in the Christian life. Both are essential & interdependent. Jesus is Lord of all our believing and all our doing.*

- **May God help** us to be doers of the Word not hearers only.
- **Give thanks** for the work and witness of Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle.
- **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.
- **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, 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. News of their **visa appeal** is expected in December; they are very grateful for our support. *"May the Lord bless & protect you all, 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.



“Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you” – 1 Thess 5:18 NLT

God is crystal clear on this issue: we are called to be thanksgivers!

Who? You! **When?** In all circumstances. **Why?** Because it is God’s will for you! Whatever else you may be confused about concerning God’s will, this part is clear. It’s not a suggestion – it’s a commandment. And since there are more commands in Scripture about giving thanks than anything else, **God evidently enjoys receiving thanks.**

So make a habit of ‘always giving thanks to God the Father for everything.’ (Eph 5:20 NIV.

In other words: Develop an attitude of gratitude.” – TWFT

Rev’d Mandy - Thoughts on Christ the King -

“Advent heralds the hope of all hopes. It is the beginning of the Church’s year, when we reflect on Jesus’ coming to earth 2000 years ago, leaving behind the absolute power of his Eternal Kingship and entering our world of beauty and suffering, God as a human baby.

But first, at the end the liturgical year the Church remembers Christ has taken up again that absolute power of his everlasting Kingship. All the things that Jesus lived and died for have been to God’s glory and for our rescue. It is the hope of all hopes that we celebrate.

With Christ the King, however, comes a gospel of judgement. We have had in the last weeks of Pentecost season, three parables in Matthew chapter 25 that really drive home the understanding that he is coming back and that day will be a day of reckoning.

Why did Matthew use the images of sheep for the righteous and goats for the sinful? Ancient people drew moral analogies from the habits of sheep and goats. Sheep were social, quiet animals, submissive, yet persistent. Male sheep fiercely protected their harems from challengers. In the face of danger, the adult males would surround the females and the young. Contemporaries of Jesus admired sheep for their loyalty and silent strength. Goats, however, were stubborn, destructive animals if left unattended. Male goats did not protect their mates from other males. To call someone a “goat” even today is a derogatory term but for ancient Jews it was meant for a man shamed by the adultery of his wife.

In the folklore of the general Greek culture, the goat symbolized the loose morals of the lesser gods, Pan, Bacchus, and Aphrodite. So, Jews hated the symbol of the goat, for it represented a disobedient, undisciplined lifestyle. We are starting to get the picture of what Jesus was describing about people, about human nature.

James 2:15-18 *‘If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill’, and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, ‘You have faith and I have works.’ Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith.’* James 2 and Matt 25 are what we call “warning passages! Warning passages are very sobering, they make us uncomfortable, they make us feel unsettled, they make us evaluate ourselves ask hard questions?

“you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.” Just as Jesus appeared at his birth as a helpless child that the world was free to care for or destroy, so now he appears in his resurrection as the pauper, the prisoner, the stranger: appears in every form

Just 3 days to save \$150 & REGISTER for this ABM LARAPINTA CHALLENGE #2:

Book by Nov 25. **from 28 June - 04 July 2021**, this 2nd **ABM Larapinta Challenge** is to again be part of helping to empower ABM’s partner communities.

For more information, see: <https://inspiredadventures.com.au/events/abm-larapinta-2021-dep2/>

NEXT SUNDAY, NOV 29, 10am: COMBINED Service at St Paul’s, to be followed by an extraordinary **Electoral Meeting** to elect a Warden & Parish Councillor for St Paul’s, & a Synod Rep. Nomination Forms for these positions are now available.

FRI DEC 18, 7pm at All Saints: –Nine Lessons & Carols with 5 singers – bookings required

DEC 24, NATIVITY, 5pm at St Paul’s. Kids please come at 4.30pm for dressing up.

NOTE: No 11pm Midnight Service at All Saints, due to Covid-19.

DEC 25, 9am: Christmas Day Service at St Paul’s. (Bookings required, via Rhonda.)

SUN DEC 27, 11.15am – Music with Robyn Scott Charlton.

WED DEC 30 – NO SERVICE – (Parish tradition dictates that our priest has this week off.)

NOV PARISH COUNCIL SNIPPETS: Tithes: \$10,488 Exp: \$14,251.64 Job-Keeper: \$3,600

• **SUN FEB 14, 2021 4pm at St Paul’s: AGM**, followed by tea at Narooma Golf Club –

Please have all reports to Peter Tough by JAN 24th; e: toughp8@gmail.com; 0414 912099

• **NAME BADGES** – if you need one, please put your details on the form at rear of church.

• **St Paul’s PEWS:** We have sold 5 pews for \$1000; with 3 still to go to Tilba – George & Rhonda will look into the purchase of our new chairs. **If anyone wishes to donate towards their purchase**, please mark the donation as such, either on the envelope, or by Direct Deposit as per the Parish account details shown on front of the Pew Sheet.

• **We thank George** for all his work in replacing several damaged **fly screens** & for painting St Paul’s **front railings – maintenance work on the facia boards etc is much needed.**

• In APRIL 2021, David & Angela will run another **Pastoral Course - Spiritual Care for Life.**

• **Our RECTORY TENANTS** have moved to their new home, we must now ready the house for our new priest & family. – stay tuned, we might need your help!

of human need that the world is free to serve or to ignore. Let us follow the example of the Lamb of God.

Prayer Poem by Madeleine L'Engle:

'Into the darkest hour' . . . And in a time like this,

how celebrate his birth when all things fall apart?

Ah! Wonderful it is, with no room on the earth the stable is our heart.

Open our hearts to the lamb that was slain, our King of Kings."