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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 JAN 24, 2021 – *"Bountiful God, through Your Son You have called us to repent of our sin, to believe the good news, & to celebrate the coming of Your kingdom: teach us, like Christ's first apostles, to hear the call to discipleship, &, forsaking old ways, to proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world; through our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives & reigns with You & the Holy Spirit, one God, now & for ever. Amen.*

INTERIM PRIEST: Rev'd MANDY WHEATLEY
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ST PAUL'S, NAROOMA: Sundays: 9am – Eucharist.

1st Wednesdays of Month: 9am – Prayer, Praise & Proclamation

Other Wednesdays: 9am – Prayer, Praise & Proclamation

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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JAN 24, 2021, - 3rd SUNDAY after EPIPHANY:

Jonah 3: 1-10

Psalm 62: 5-12

1 Cor 7: 29-31

Mark 1: 14-20

Readers: Jenny M

Lachie

Counters: Jenny & Jock

Lachie & Janie

ABM Pew Sheet Reflections, 2021: *"What we do matters. It matters to ourselves, each other and to God. The people of Nineveh responded to Jonah's warning of destruction by donning sackcloth, sitting in ashes and going without food or water. The king hopes that if his citizens turned from their evil ways then God would change his mind. God does change his mind. Is God capricious or does God hear and respond to his people? In much the same way, Jesus calls for our repentance and belief in the gospel. The time is near when we will have to choose to follow Jesus just like the fisherfolk he called."*

- **Pray that** we have ears to listen to the urgency of God's call to us to live in the faith of Jesus Christ. We ask that we too could leave all things that weigh us down and follow Jesus.
- **Give thanks** for the work & witness of the NATSI Anglican Council
- **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.
- **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."*

PARISH COUNCIL JAN 2021 SNIPPETS: Tithes - \$10,483 EXP - \$10,939 J/Keeper - \$2,400

****GOOD NEWS #1** – As you may have heard, Rev'd Tim Narraway has accepted the appointment to be our Parish Priest – we look forward to his induction on **Monday March 1,** details coming.

****GOOD NEWS #2** – Our Parish AGM & AEM is now MCH 14 (so more time to do those reports!)

* **Mainly Music Resumes Jan 29; Mandy's KYB on FEB 4; Evening Prayer on Feb 11.**

* **Our 14 New Chairs** are expected in around 2-3 weeks.

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.



MON JAN 25, 7.30pm – “CHANGE THE HEART SERVICE - You are invited by one of our most senior Aboriginal Christian Leaders, Aunty Jean Phillips, to gather together to pray in unison to #ChangeTheHeart on the evening before January 26. Tune in to this unique service led by Aboriginal Christian Leaders simulcast on TV, online, & radio - commongrace.org.au

TUES, JAN 26 - AUSTRALIA DAY, & OPPORTUNITY to GIVE THANKS for people like:

“THOMAS BENNELONG – the first Aboriginal evangelist. The eagerness of the first Aboriginal Christians to evangelise their own people was evident from the very outset of mission to Indigenous Australia. The first person specifically appointed as a missionary to Aboriginal people was the Wesleyan, William Walker. As a result of his work in colonial Sydney, **the first Aboriginal person converted to Christianity, was the son of Sydney’s famous Bennelong. Thomas immediately set about evangelising his own people.** “He learned to read his Bible in about three months; his attention to class and prayer meetings was very great and encouraging...he collected the young natives of his tribe, to whom he gave an exhortation, which he concluded with prayer...” (William Walker)

“DAVID UNAIPON – 1862: The first adult Christian at the Point MacLeay Mission, near Murray mouth was **James Ngunaitponi,** a Ngarrindjeri man whose name was Anglicised to ‘Unaipon’. **Better known** to us was **James’ son, DAVID,** now the face on our \$50 bill.

A Christian all his life, **DAVID UNAIPON** dedicated (especially) his final years to evangelism, travelling widely on foot to Adelaide & country towns of SA, but was regularly refused accommodation because of his race & was often detained by the police. He was a vigorous, outgoing preacher who modelled himself on the forceful, Bible-based style of the missionary preachers who had influenced him. With Aboriginal people he preached in the Ngarrindjeri language but elsewhere he preached in his idiosyncratic brand of English, His sermons were full of Biblical allusions, from the King James Version.....”

“BLIND MOSES – the faithful preacher at Hermannsburg - Moses Uraiakuraia, an Arrernte (Aranda) man, was about 8 years old in 1877 when the Lutherans established Hermannsburg Mission in Central Australia. Moses was one of the first school pupils. He immediately showed interest in Bible stories & through that interest was keen to learn to read. He was eager to share these stories with others, even as a child, but his people discouraged him because he was an

uninitiated boy & they did not think him old enough or wise enough to properly evaluate Christian belief & traditional Arrernte belief which he was not yet deemed mature enough to understand.

Moses became blind & was ever afterwards called BLIND MOSES. He had people read the Bible to him so that he could learn whole passages by heart. Moses’ felt called to evangelise his people, urging the Hermannsburg Christians to share the Gospel with people beyond the mission. He led the way himself, travelling hundreds of kilometres by foot on his wife’s arm or by donkey, preaching in the cattle stations, railway camps and remote desert communities.....”

“This phenomenon has been repeated time & time again throughout Australia, the impact of the gospel presented to people by one of their own race & in their own language. Bringing alive the gospel stories was a powerful thing to people for whom all important knowledge was passed on through story-telling.” - www.eternitynews.com.au

Mandy’s Minute – “In our gospel reading today, we hear the echo of the very first words of Jesus when he and Peter met at the waters of the Sea of Galilee. “Follow me, and I will make you a fisher of men.” His very last words to Peter, at the waterside were; “Feed my sheep, Follow me.” From beginning to end this is the mission of the Church. . . but we don’t always know what we will be letting ourselves in for, do we? Perhaps we can pick up a few pointers from the readings to help us understand how to keep following when the going gets tough.

In the first reading from **Jonah 3.1-10,** God’s instructions were simple - ‘Get up, go to Nineveh and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.’ The proclamation that Jonah makes is simple as well, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” The consequences, however, reflect the enormity of Jesus’ call to every disciple. “Get up and go.” Those first called by Jesus, rose to the challenge; “they left all, and followed him”. (Not like Jonah!) What happened reveals the love of God for the people of Nineveh, and everyone who doesn’t live by God’s standards (and that is all of us). But when they were prepared to listen and follow God’s way, God’s wrath turns into mercy. “When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.”

Q. 1. What builds your trust in God?

Psalm 62.5-12 - The opening verse introduces us to the power of silence, “Nevertheless, my soul, wait in silence for God: for from him comes my hope.” Trusting and hoping is found in silence. Although silence may at times feel uncomfortable and at other times peaceful, the Psalmist is saying “In the silence, God appears with steadfast love.” He says the Lord gives us stability, deliverance and glory, strength and shelter, and reminds us to “Trust in him at all times, O my people: pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.”

1 Corinthians 7.29-31 says: “Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short”. Indeed, many of us feel that our world has fallen away in the midst of a pandemic and politics, and we feel everything changing. Many things are new and different. It has begun to feel as though time itself is drawing to a close so Christians are learning to find their peace in the One whose hands made the world, not in worldly pursuits. We are learning that even

though times will change, our trust in God must not change. We may be called to give up many things, but trust in our living God is not one of them.

Q. 2. What would you gladly give up as you wait on the Lord?

Mark 1.14-20 we find Jesus going about his Father's business after John's arrest. Jesus continues proclaiming John's message; *"The time is fulfilled, & the kingdom of God has come near; repent, & believe in the good news."* Now he gives the call, *"Follow me & I will make you fish for people."* And here is the response, *"immediately they left their nets and followed him."*

The Kingdom of God has come, Jesus shows his followers that this new kingdom has no limits, it includes all people. We too are being called by Jesus to step into this Kingdom with him in the power of the Holy Spirit. We are asked to give up everything that limits our notions of what God intends, instead seeing our purpose through Jesus' eyes.

Q. 3. What do you think the "Kingdom of God" is like and how might you enter it?

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**"