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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 OCTOBER 25, 2020 - O God, whose Son has taught us that love is the fulfilment of Your law: stir up within us the fire of Your Holy Spirit, & pour into our hearts Your greatest gift of love, so that we may love You with our whole being, & our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives & reigns with You & 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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SUNDAY OCTOBER 25, 2020: 21st SUNDAY after PENTECOST –

Deut 34: 1-12

Ps 90: 1-6, 13-17

1 Thess 2: 1-13

Matt 22: 34-46

Georgina

Ken H

Lachie

Janie

ABM Pew Sheet Reflection 2020: "Today's Gospel brings to an end Jesus' controversies with the Jewish leaders. His answer to the question of which commandments are the most important (of the 613 in the Jewish scriptures) is quite traditional & similar to other rabbis of the time. However, His answer to the question of who the Messiah is, is revolutionary. Clearly from Jesus' argument The son mentioned must not be the son of David, but the Son of God. And by implication for the readers, Jesus himself.

• **Give us** grace to live more Christ-like lives and tell others of His glory. Amen.

• **Give thanks** for the ministry of Philippine Independent Church (Iglesia Filipina Independiente)

Pray Healing for: 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 for** our Refugee Family, Selva & Juliat, Lawrence & Marya, still awaiting their visa appeal.

• **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)

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.

EVENING PRAYER - Rev Karly reminds us that these services have resumed **at All Saints,** on the **2nd & 4th Thursdays** of the month, from 4pm.



TODAY, after the service at All Saints – A BLESSING of the ANIMALS service, followed by BYO lunch & chair. If it's too difficult to actually bring your animal along, simply bring a photo, & join in the fun & friendship with our furry & feathered friends!

SUN NOV 1, 1pm-5pm, A GREAT OPPORTUNITY to learn important helping skills -

A FREE 'MENTAL HEALTH UNWRAPPED' Workshop:

NOTE: We plan to run this workshop from our Hall, which Covid-19 safely seats 20 people. If you are interested, please let Marie know. PH: 0438 273726

This Workshop addresses mental health issues pastorally and practically.

Some of the topics covered include: *Understanding Mental Illness, *Mental Health Friendly Churches, *Prayer & Healing, *Mental Illness & Ministry.

Or for more info: Embracing Ministries on info@embracingministries.org. July Anglican News.

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

Some PARISH COUNCIL OCTOBER SNIPPETS: Tithes: \$12,079.70; Job-Keeper: \$3,000

Treasurer Sue: "Offertory is now above for the same period Jan to Sept last year. It has increased - It is a great effort & while we don't want complacency, the increase should be acknowledged. It has been a difficult year for everyone so to be in this position is fantastic."

- Selva & Juliat's **refugee status appeal hearing is 10am, Nov 3** – please pray for them.
- Lawrence is currently doing his HSC, & Marya is again playing with her ACT cricket team.
- Eight of our old pews will be going to their new home & ministry in Tilba very shortly.
- **IRT folk** have finally been able to join Ven Jane in their 1st Holy Communion since March.
- Congratulations Karly, now an Associate Chaplain with NSW RFS, & Narooma RFS member.
- **NOV 29, 10am: COMBINED Service at St Paul's**, to be followed by an extra-ordinary **Electoral Meeting** to elect a St Paul's Warden, a Parish Councillor & a Synod Representative

- **Planned CHRISTMAS SERVICES:** Fri Dec 18 - All Saints, 7pm – Nine Lessons & Carols; Christmas Eve: St Paul's, 5pm – Nativity; All Saints, 11pm - Christmas Eve Service; Christmas Day: St Paul's. 9am – Christmas Day Service..

"In all these things we are more than conquerors." Rom 8:37 NKJV

Jon Gordon says: 'Regardless of the adversity you face, your purpose must be greater than your challenges. Instead of focusing on your problems, **focus on your purpose.** Instead of seeing yourself as a victim, **see yourself as a hero.**

*Heroes and victims both get knocked down, but **heroes get back up, and armed with faith, they create a positive future.***' - TWFT

Mandy's message, Matthew 22:34-46:

Some people have a talent for getting to the crux of the matter. Julius Caesar having written an entire book titled On the Gallic War was able to sum it up in three words: "Veni, Vidi, Vici" — "I came, I saw, I conquered."

In Jesus' day there was a group of people who endlessly studied the ancient writings of Moses to look for every law in the book. They were called Pharisees and they were very scrupulous about the observance of every instruction of God. They counted up all the commandments of Moses and found that there were 613 of them; 248 of these were positive, and 365 of them were negative (one for every day of the year). Instead of condensing and simplifying the commandments, they expanded and complicated them, so that what had started as a sincere desire to please God had become a terrible burden of ever-increasing requirements. Someone needed to cut through all the burdensome requirements of the law and focus on its essence.

And here is another pithy saying, for the newly formed group of Jesus followers after his death declared; "Jesus is Lord"!! It is perhaps the earliest confession of the Christian church as Paul writes in Romans 10:9, "because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Saying aloud that "Jesus is Lord" was a dangerous and radical thing to do in first century Palestine. It could get you in trouble with the synagogue for blasphemy, or crucified by the Romans for refusing to acknowledge Caesar as lord. One didn't say it lightly. If you admitted out loud that "Jesus is Lord" you had to be willing to take the consequences, and that could mean punishment by death.

But claiming Jesus as Lord is the only hope we have, by knowing the most important rule Jesus gave us is to love God and our neighbour because by doing so fulfills all the commandments of God, isn't that easy to do - we aren't very good at loving God with all our heart, soul, and strength. We want to love God, but we don't know how. We forget that biblical love is not affection, but commitment, it is not a feeling, it is a decision.

But love is also a promise. It is a promise that undergirds every tiny effort of love we make in our lives. Every time we decide to love, we strengthen God's love in us. Our hope becomes stronger, because when one day we can stand on tip toes and peer over the horizon of the future we will catch sight of the all-embracing reign of love coming towards us

with arms outstretched. Then all our attempts at love here on earth will make sense. They will have a new meaning that fills us with hope because we will see that every act of love we offer is a prophetic protest against cynicism and despair and becomes a courageous proclamation of the good news of the dawning reign of love.

No wonder Jesus said love was the greatest commandment of them all, because God is love and we embody God through our love for others. So hear this, people of God, the Holy Spirit says to us, *'I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds', so in full assurance of faith, let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. Let us inspire one another to love and good deeds as we meet, and all the more as we see the Day of Christ's coming approaching.'* (Hebrews 10). Amen.