



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 FEB 28, 2021 – *“God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross, You opened for us the path to eternal life: grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve You in newness of life and faithfully walk in Your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and 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

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Direct Deposits: Bodalla Parochial Council, BSB 082-744 a/c: 509821522 - Ref: Reg. Giving.

FEB 28, 2021, - 2nd SUNDAY of LENT:

Gen 17: 1-7, 15-17

Ps 22: 24-32

Rom 4: 13-25

Mark 8: 31-38

Readers: Marie

Peter T

Counters: Marie & Pauline

Peter T & Janie

ABM Pew Sheet Reflections, 2021: “Abraham had faith in the covenant the Lord made with him. God’s promise of innumerable descendants & great nations would be fulfilled. Abraham became the father of us all & Sarah our mother for she is also given God’s promises – a son & nations & kings as descendants. Both Abraham & Sarah were given new names, no longer Abram & Sarai. The Lord is setting them apart & giving them new lives as parties to the covenant.”

- **Righteous One**, whose name lives forever, help us to live in faith alone, and walk with you all the days of our lives, regarding not the rule of humanity but the rule of God, that we may be called afresh and be inheritors of your covenant of love for us.
- **Give thanks** for the ministry of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, Anglican Church of Hong Kong.
- **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, 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 – they heard this week that **their appeal was unsuccessful** & they are now considering taking their appeal to the Federal Court – so please continue to pray that **“the Lord will bless & protect them, be gracious to them, show them His favour, & grant them His peace”** at this discouraging 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 PH: 0457 477 485.
A basket for your **GIVING & DONATIONS** is at the rear of the church near the door.



TODAY, 12.30 at 16 Kookaburra Place. Bodalla – A THANK YOU Get-Together for Mandy, on her last day as our interim pastor. *We all have so much to be thankful to Mandy & Mick for, and Peter & Liz have invited us to their home to express our thanks & appreciation for their amazing year with us. Please bring a plate of finger food, to share.*

THEN

TOMORROW, MCH 1, 3pm at St Paul's –we'll warmly welcome **Tim & Annemarie, Catlin & Nathaniel**, as **Rev'd Tim Narraway is INDUCTED as our Parish Priest**, with a communion service, and Bishop Mark presiding.

Welcome!

*There will also be opportunity to meet Tim & his family from around 4.15pm on, at **Club Narooma, in the Bowlers Section** – and maybe even share a meal, available from 5.30pm, before heading home? **NOTE: Club Covid Rules apply - NO Mingling.***

SAT MCH 6 – 9.30-4pm @ B/Bay Anglican Church – “FACING FRAILTY with HOPE: Finding Meaning in the last Lap of Life”, with Rev'd Dr Liz MacKinlay & Ms Sally Mordike. **COST:**

\$25conc-Cash/chq only. Book Stall & Information Table available.

How do we find hope as we experience frailty? Can Life still be meaningful & fulfilling?

Join in for an engaging & gentle day of learning & conversation, whether you yourself are growing older, or you are caring for or supporting an older person.

REG'n: drnewman1956@gmail.com; PH: 0428 907200 – required for catering, & Covid.

SUN MAR 14: Parish AGM & AEM, followed by tea at Golfie for those who'd like to come.

NB: JOB NOMINATION FORMS are now available for our next Parish Wardens & Councillors – Please pray as to whether YOU might help our Parish ministry in these roles.

SAT APR 10: SYNOD is now a one-day session to be held at Canberra Grammar School in Canberra.

Parish LENTEN STUDIES are 4pm, on Mondays.

ABM LENTEN STUDY - 'GOD WAS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BEACH':

Study 2 in our online Lent (or anytime) Study series is now ready to use. This Study series is not simply about history, but about the living church at work in mission. The voices of Torres Strait Islander leaders speak to the wider church about what it means to be "people of the light", & what they hope to persuade the church to listen to - a voice of authentic, Indigenous faith.

Whether it be now or closer to the 'Coming of the Light' 150th anniversary on July the first, we invite you to hear the voices of our First Nations Partners, as they breathe their wisdom and hopes into the life of the church.

A new study (with links to various platforms) will be available online during Lent at the following link: www.abmission.org/lent and will be uploaded each Wednesday, (6 studies in all).

MANDY'S MINUTE: - "The theme for Lent in Year B Lectionary is "covenant". Every one of our Lenten readings has to do with God's covenant in one way or another. These stories of God and his disobedient people are based on a series of promises. We are being reminded that through all the self-examination, sorrow and repentance of Lent, we do not walk alone. We are always walking with the God who has gone before us, who has always taken his people by the hand to lead them, and who will not let go.

Last week we heard about the post-Flood promise of Genesis 9, where God makes a covenant with Noah and his family (representing the whole human race), and all of the animal kingdom (represented by the animals from the ark). It is a universal and unconditional covenant. "Never again will I destroy the whole earth with a flood." That covenant is the bedrock of life on planet Earth. God has made a solemn promise, a covenant.

Here, in Genesis 17 God makes a more limited covenant—with one family, Abraham and his descendants, as they wandered far away from home in the wilderness places. Unlike the covenant of Genesis 9, this one has a condition built into it. Abraham and his offspring must "Walk before God and be blameless" we are being asked for the commitment of our whole self— body and spirit, symbolized by circumcision.

Now, of course, in the times of the New Testament, neither circumcision nor un-circumcision counts for anything. Instead, all of us, men & women, are called to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice to God (Romans 12:1,2). This echoes Deuteronomy, "the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, in order that you may live." (Deut 30.6)

Why the covenant? Because the commitment to the God who freely gives us all things is often personal, painful, &, calls for faithfulness. In times like ours, when there so much that makes hope difficult, we need to remember that, like Abraham, wandering in the wilderness far from home, we face challenges that seem overwhelming—from pandemics to politics to personal struggles.

This text reminds us that "our existence, our family of God, our church, our future— everything hinges upon the promises of God and God's faithfulness in keeping the promises." Because of God's covenant promises fulfilled in Christ, Lent (and life) is not a lonely journey; we walk hand in hand with a God who shed his blood so that we could freely receive all things. We have his promise that we will not have to do it alone.

Be it our own suffering, our own trials, our own doubt, our own fears, there is nothing that Jesus has not seen, that he has not heard, nothing that would cause him to withdraw his love or his saving grace – trust God, believe in Jesus, be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray:

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*you in newness of life & faithfully walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.”*