

www.naroomaanglican.com e: narang2546@gmail.com



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 29, 2020 – *"Faithful God, whose promises stand unshaken through all generations: renew us in hope, that we may be awake & alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our Judge & Saviour, who lives & reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever & ever. Amen.*

LOCUM PRIEST: Rev'd MANDY WHEATLEY – WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY
PH: 4476 3049; e: mmjcwheatley@bigpond.com

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,
PH: 0438 134 635; e: jane.simmonds@bigpond.com

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.

NOV 29, 2020, 10am Combined Service at St Paul's – 1st SUNDAY of ADVENT -

Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19

1 Cor 1: 1-9

Mark 13: 24-37

Reader:

Pauline R

Counters:

Marie & Pauline

YOU KNOW, I WAS HOPING THAT A NEW CHURCH YEAR WOULD BRING A CHANGE OF TONE, BUT THIS READING IS AS APOCALYPTIC AS LAST WEEK'S WAS!



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

IT'S ADVENT, WE ARE PREPARING FOR THE RETURN OF CHRIST.



WHEN HE COMES... WILL WE BE ABLE TO HUG PEOPLE AGAIN?



MARK 13:24-37



© WETZSTEIN 20.11.25

- **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.

"ABORIGINAL OUR FATHER: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wI7PgGP9iNI>
You are our Father, You live in heaven, we talk to you, Father, You are good.
We believe Your Word Father, we Your children, give us bread today.
We have done wrong, we are sorry, help us Father not to sin again.
Others have done wrong to us and we are sorry for them, Father today.
Stop us from doing wrong Father, save us from the evil one.

***You are our Father, You live in heaven,
we talk to You, Father, You are good.”***

ALL SAINTS' - A KEY REGISTER has been placed in the vestry to record the names of all who hold keys to the front door, organ & shed. **Please** can all with a **key/s advise Executive**.

MON DEC 7, 9am - A SPRING CLEAN of spider webs, restoring of pews with furniture oil, & etc will commence at 9am. **ALL WELCOME!**

FRI DEC 18, 7pm at All Saints: –Nine Lessons & Carols - *Due to Covid, there are just five Choristers singing, but you'll still get to hear all your favourite carols & motets.*

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL, as numbers are strictly limited, due to Covid-safety rules.

Please email your name, phone number and number of people attending to:

montague.choristers.narooma@gmail.com **INFO:** www.montaguechoristers.org 0439 648414

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.)

SUN FEB 14, 4pm at St Paul's: AGM, followed by tea at Narooma Golf Club – Please have all reports to Peter Tough by **JAN 24th**, for collating etc. e: toughp8@gmail.com; 0414 912 099

NAME BADGES – if you'd like a name badge, please put your details on the forms at back.

ST PAUL'S PEWS: Should anyone wish to make a donation towards our new chairs, please mark the gift as such, either on the envelope, or by Direct Deposit as per our account details shown on front of the Pew Sheet.

PASTORAL CARE COURSE - David & Angela are running a **Course** - Spiritual Care for Life.

Enquiries Welcome - Angela: 4473 7838; 0477 333442; angeyoung@bigpond.com.

TWFT - “Thomas Barnardo... became one of the great Christian heroes of the 1800s. *During his work among the poor & homeless in London's East End, he built a home for destitute children that housed four hundred boys & girls. He turned the Edinburgh Castle Gin Palace & Music Hall into the Coffee Palace, a centre for evangelistic & Christian activities. He built a village for girls that served more than nine thousand of them during his lifetime. In all, more than sixty thousand children benefited from the vocational training centres & homes he built....*

How do we change the world? Starting today, we can do it—one life at a time.”

“To pray is to let Jesus come into our hearts, it is the conduit through which power from heaven is brought to earth.” - Ole Hallesby

“This year (B) brings us back to the fundamentals of faith taught through the gospel of Mark the Evangelist. It may be that Mark was writing Simon Peter's memories of his service with Jesus before, during and after the resurrection. Tradition tells us it was written for a Jewish-Christian community in the Holy Land, and brought to Mark's church in Rome.

That church is clearly under persecution, and Mark's Gospel doesn't pussyfoot around with the reality. The Gospel of Jesus is not for the fainthearted. Jesus is to be proclaimed to everyone, and that brings hostility—back then from the Roman emperors, and today from society as a whole. But Mark clearly proclaims that Jesus is Lord, the Messiah and the true Son of God the Father.

Saint Paul today writes to the church he founded in the Greek city of Corinth. Corinth was right on a main sailing route and it was considered a city of sin, prostitution and gambling, theft and idolatry. But God's mercy ministered through St. Paul established one of the leading churches of the area right there in sin city. The community of Christians had a lot of problems, including incest, divisions into sects and returning to idol worship. But Paul approaches them by finding good things to write about in their gatherings, especially the exercise of the spiritual gifts of prophecy, wisdom and effective testimony.

He repeats the promise of Jesus – His last words to us at His ascension – to be with the Church until He returns again.

Whatever our sin or problem or temptation, we can rely on that promise. Christ will always forgive, always empower, always bring us back together.

But we can't fall asleep, and St. Mark reminds us of that today. We are all servants of Christ, spreading His Gospel and learning His ways every day until He returns. Each of us has his own gifts, her own work to do.

Christ will return to us in one of two ways, but He will definitely come to take us with Him. We must be spiritually awake. We can't succumb to temptation, ignore our Christian responsibilities, fall morally asleep at any time, because whatever the time of our death, it won't be expected.

So we must be watchful every day, praying for the second coming of Christ. That will be the time when He will be revealed to all humans in a way that all will understand. That moment will be the final bell, the final trumpet for the human race.

Our job is to be ready in our body, soul and spirit, proclaiming Christ by our lives, waking people around us to the joy of the Gospel, the consolation and power of the presence of God's Kingdom coming.”

(From a sermon by W Pat Cunningham)