WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH



BURWOOD

Wednesday 10
 February at 9.30am &
 7.30pm – Ash
 Wednesday
 Thursday 11 February

Thursday 11 February
 at 7pm – Lenten Study
 in the Rectory

Thursday 17 March –
Parish bus trip

Palm Sunday, 20
 March – 8am &
 9.30am Services AND
 AGM at 11.30am

Holy Week: Mon 21
March – Wed 23
March at 7pm – Holy
Communion in the
Church

Maundy Thursday 24
March at 7pm – Sung
Eucharist

Good Friday, 25
 March at 9.00am –
 Liturgy of the Lord's
 Death

Holy Saturday, 26
 March at 9.00am–
 Preparation of church for Easter

Easter Day, 27 March8.00am & 9.30 amServices

glad that you have come to worship God with us today. If you are a visitor from another parish, or worshipping with us for the first time, please introduce yourself to our parish priest, Fr James Collins, or to anyone wearing a name badge, over a cup of tea or coffee in the parish hall after the service. You'll find it behind the church.

Epiphany 2, Year C – 17 January 2016

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... and much more

Things you may need to know



First Aid

First aid kits are located on the wall of the kitchen in the Large Hall behind the church and in the choir vestry.



Name badges

Name badges help make St Paul's an inclusive community. If you need a new name badge, fill in the form on the inside back cover, send it to the parish office, and one will be made and left in church for you.



Toilets

Toilets are available at the entrance to the parish hall, which is located behind the church.

?? Still got questions?

Ask a member of the clergy or anyone who's wearing a name badge. We're here to help.

In case we need to evacuate



As you take your place in your pew, please make yourself aware of the route to the nearest emergency exit. Should there be a fire, leave quickly, turn right, and assemble by the roundabout on Burwood Road.

Getting inside



People needing wheelchair access can enter St Paul's most conveniently by the door at the base of the belltower.

Switch it to silent!



Please turn your mobile phone off or on to silent before the service starts. It'll save you much embarrassment later on.

Kids are welcome at St Paul's



Kids are welcome in church at any service. There is a selection of children's books and toys at the back of the church near the font and there are also kids' activity sheets and pencils available at the back of the church where the pew sheets and prayer books are.

Children's Church runs during Term Time. Meet at the back of the church at the beginning of the 9.30am Eucharist.

Please feel free to bring your children to the altar rail to receive a blessing, or to receive Communion if they have been admitted to the sacrament.

Church Growth...

The Anglican Church in England has been declining for over a 100 years. Those who profess a Christian faith in the Anglican tradition here in Australia, according to Australian Bureau of Statistics figures have been in decline for some time, particularly since 2001. The English cleric and author Bob Jackson (Hope for the Church (2002); The Road to Growth (2005)) argued that it was high time the Church adopted a strategy for growth, rather than one for managed decline. At a recent seminar here in Australia he articulated the lessons learned from the Church of England's response to the challenges of a real decline in church attendance and church growth (What makes Churches grow? (2015)). He also gently challenged his Australian audience to respond to his material.

Those Parishes in the Diocese of Sydney who understand themselves to be sacramental, liturgical, and pastoral in nature, as well as honouring the written word and the Living Word, can and, dare I say it, should address these self-same issues. The question is: how to grow with grace?

There are four key elements involved in growing a healthy Church:

Prayer, in which we turn to God to give growth in every spiritual gift and grace as well numerical and financial growth.

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Bible Readings at today's Eucharists		Bible Readings for next Sunday
Isaiah 62.1-5	The First Reading	Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Ps 36.5-10	The Psalm	Ps 19
1 Corinthians 12.1-11	The Epistle	1 Corinthians 12.12-31
John 2.1-11	The Gospel	Luke 4.14-21

Prayers for growth:

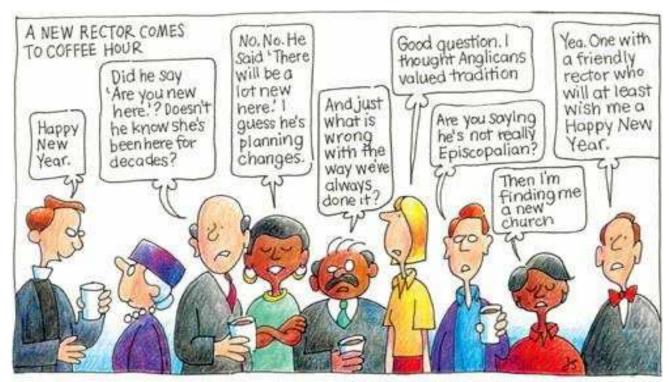
Heavenly Father, you have welcomed us into your kingdom and your heart's desire is to draw every human being to yourself. Grant us clear eyes to see people as you see them, sensitive feet to stand in their shoes, and warm smiles to welcome them in your name. Give us such generous hearts that our church becomes a foretaste of heaven where every soul you send us finds their loving home in the community of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

God of Mission Who alone brings growth to your Church, Send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, In spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Welcome, in which we genuinely seek to welcome all people into the community of faith. We aren't a club or a secret society – we are the Body of Christ and we are, in Paul's words, to "welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." (Romans 15:7)
- Nurture, where we care for one another and help to nurture new Christians and each and every one with whom we share the journey of faith, hope, and love.
 - We will begin a study in the new year, beginning with our Lenten Study, to help each of us to understand the depths of our Anglican heritage and then, following on from this, to meet regularly to reflect on what God is saying to us in the Holy Scriptures. This study will be on Thursday evenings.
- Worship with contemporary music, where we worship God with our beautiful Anglican Eucharistic liturgy along with music that makes our worship accessible to whole new generations of Christians. Our Director of Music, Sheryl Southwood, fully supports this new Service and we will begin this new Service on Saturday evenings in the new year.

Church or Club? -

The Gnostic Gospel by Elaine Pagels quotes "According to Professor Helmut Koester, 'The test of orthodoxy is whether it is able to build a CHURCH rather than a club or school or sect, or merely a series of religious individuals'".



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Pray for Archbishop Anthony Fisher –

Shortly before Christmas Archbishop

contracted a gastrointestinal infection which was subsequently complicated by an immune-related pathology. This was later diagnosed as Guillain-Barre Syndrome.

While the Archbishop is responding

well to treatment in St Vincent's Hospital we are encouraging everyone to pray for Archbishop Fisher.

A Prayer to Jesus for Healing:

Anthony Fisher OP Lord, look upon Archbishop Fisher of the Catholic Sydney Archdiocese with eyes of mercy, may Your healing hand rest upon him, may Your life giving powers flow into every cell of his body and into the depths of his soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring him to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. Amen.

News from around St Paul's

Thank you!

A big thank you to all those who came and helped to clear all the furniture and fittings from the church in the heat of last Thursday. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Birthday Wishes to Dallas Cox & Manjia Luo!

Happy birthday to Dallas who celebrated a birthday last week.

Happy Birthday too to Manjia on her special birthday this week.

Many happy returns and every blessing to you both!



Holy Communion

'Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and drink."

Come to the sacrament -

- as a sinner who wants God's forgiveness.
- as a baptised believer who trust that Jesus died for the forgiveness of sin.
- as a guest who humbly accepts what Jesus gives; his true body and blood with the bread and wine.
- as a witness who gladly joins in this public confession of the death of Christ.

Should you not wish to receive Holy Communion you may remain in your pew or come to the altar to receive a blessing – crossing your arms to signify your intention.

Thank you to Parishioners for their generosity

We thank those generous Parishioners who have given a new book case,

a desk, some trays for the dishwasher in the kitchen, and an electronic photograph frame for the Office. We are truly grateful to all those who give so much of themselves for the good of the Parish.

Thank you letter from ABM

Dear Friends in Mission,

Your gift towards the work that we embark upon here at the Anglican Board of Mission is greatly appreciated.

Your generosity enables us to successfully provide support to project areas such as evangelism and Christian education, youth engagement, health care promotion, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Positive outcomes are made possible because of supporters just like yourself. You have helped bring love, hope and justice to the world. Thank you.

Yours in mission,

Christopher Brooks Communication & Fundraising Manager

More good news

We have been successful with our application to have the Council install two Disabled Parking bays out-

side the Church on Burwood Road. This is very kind of the Council to do this on our behalf.

Further to this, I recently met with a builder who will undertake ongoing maintenance on our grounds and buildings as a gift to God and to the Parish. In the first instance, as a high priority, the floors in the Rectory and Hall will be properly underpinned, all of the overgrown trees in our grounds will be lopped, a more effective pest control treatment will be applied, and a stone mason will come and consult with us about the need to re-point the exterior of the Church.

It is very generous of the builder to do this for us and the work listed above is only the beginning of more needing to be done over the coming years.

Join us on Facebook!

You can join us on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/7441384898/

Forthcoming events and other interesting news will be posted there!

Thank you Margaret Whittaker for your care in administrating our Facebook page.

Blankets for Rising Nepal

This winter has been particularly harsh for the people on Nepal, with many deaths being directly attributed to the freezing conditions. With many left homeless and without adequate shelter after last year's earthquakes, this winter has been particularly cruel. One of Rising Nepal's contacts put out a call for funds to buy blankets for an emergency truck load going to Dolakha, one of the worst affected areas. Rising Nepal was able to purchase 100 good quality blankets in time to get them on the truck.

Parish Pantry

The Parish Pantry has got off to a wonderful start in 2016, with help from the Mayoral Reception last Christmas, and also with two of Grace Point's congregations also supporting the Pantry. Anglicare has come on board to help us keep up with the growing need. Each week the need grows. We are now limiting people to only coming once per week and asking them to restrict what they take to 12 food items at any one time. Personal hygiene commodities and drinks are unrestricted in this hot weather.

More and more agencies are sending their people to us as their budgets are being cut further and further. Even with outside help we can only sustain this giving with your help. It is because of your generosity that this ministry has built up to be the success it is. So please continue to make the pantry a focus of your giving in 2016 because without your care for those in need in our community we will not be able to keep the pantry open.

The following items are always needed:

- Milk both lite and full cream
- Up and Go or equivalent
- Meals in a box by Sun Rice
- $_{lpha}$ Meals in a box eg Pad Thai

- Poppers
- Meat in a tin, eg ham, corn beef, spam
- Chunky meals/soups in a tin by Campbells

Other items such as:

- sweet and savoury biscuits
- \approx fruit in jelly cups
- ≈ rice cream

supplement the main items

When we have a particular need for something there will be a request in the pew sheet.

Many thanks to each of you who continue to contribute to the parish pantry.

Thank you letter from Exodus

Dear St Paul's Anglican Church,

Thank you for your kind donation of Christmas gifts on the 21/12/2015.

I am very grateful that you have chosen the Exodus Foundation as the recipient of your generosity. Your gifts help us make a real difference to so many disadvantaged people in our community.

Without your generosity we simply couldn't be here day after day providing support to those less fortunate than ourselves. Your contribution help us keep costs down, allowing us to spend more money on frontline services for our guests.

Again, I am most grateful for your support and thoughtfulness.

God bless,

Bill Crews

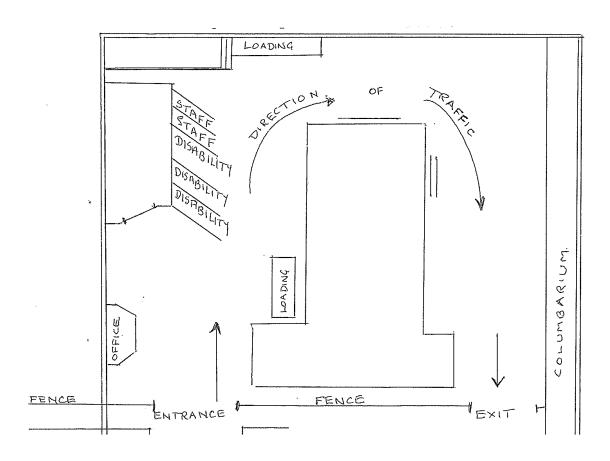
Parking at St Paul's

There are now four disability parking spaces, one ordinary space and 2 loading bays within the church grounds. In addition to these seven spaces there are now two disability spaces, one outside each gate, in Burwood Road which have no time restrictions on them.

When parking in the church grounds please continue to enter by the south gate, park nose in to the fence on a 45 degree angle, in the spaces provided and exit by the north gate. Please display your disability sticker at all times.

We hope that our parking arrangements will keep the church precinct safe for all who use it.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE WHILE WE GOT EVERYTHING IN PLACE.



Take this pew sheet home and read it – or give it to someone who hasn't been able to worship with us today.

Thank you to the family who have completed another nine kneelers for the church

We will really notice a difference when we move into back into the church at Easter. Each kneeler takes considerable time, effort and expense to make. A sincere thanks to everyone who keeps working on the kneeler project.

RIP Bishop John Reid

Bishop John Reid, a distinguished church leader and a former Bishop of South Sydney, has died just weeks after his final public appearance at the consecration of the new bishop, Dr Michael Stead.

Bishop Reid, who was 87, was bishop of South Sydney from 1972 to 1993.

Archbishop Glenn Davies has paid tribute to Bishop Reid, calling him "a faithful servant of Christ and man of extraordinary ability".

"John Reid served the diocese of Sydney as rector of Christ Church Gladesville and later as an Assistant Bishop for more than 20 years." Dr Davies said.

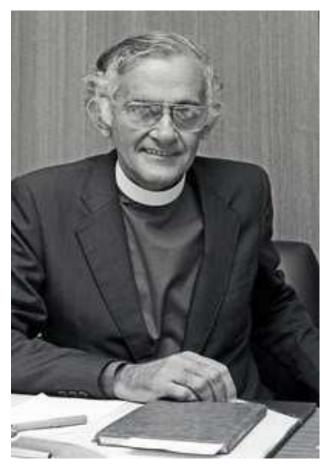
"He will be remembered for being an accomplished Bible teacher, an

able administrator and a passionate evangelist. His abilities were internationally recognised through his involvement with the Lausanne Movement as chairman, as well as the missionary organisation Interserve."

Bishop Reid was in failing health and some respiratory distress as he attended the consecration on December the 5th, of Dr Michael Stead as the new Bishop of South Sydney.

He was assisted by other bishops as he made his way in the long procession of clergy in St Andrew's Cathedral.

A portrait of Bishop Reid in office



Indoors...

Mosaic classes by Susanna Mills

Wednesday Mosaic Classes with Susie's Studio are going ahead in the Small Hall at St Paul's from Wednesday 3 February from 11.30am-2.30pm.



ONLY 5 PLACES LEFT.

Book and pay on or before January 25th to qualify for a \$15 free tiles voucher! (mirror tiles excluded)

See www.susies-studio.com for online payments and more course information.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our Lenten preparations as we journey with Jesus through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Ash Wednesday is on **Wednesday the 10th of February, 2016**, and there will be **two Eucharists that day at 10.30 am and at 7.30 pm.** At both services there will be the Imposition of Ashes.

In Philippians 3: 7-11 Paul writes:

"Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead."

May this be our prayer and desire, too.

Come to the Lenten Study

On Thursday evenings through Lent we will be gathering to share our Lenten Study.

We will be using Graeme Brady's Anglican and copies will be available early in February so that you can read ahead. The study is open to all in the Parish, especially as an introduction to Anglicanism for new Christians (particularly for those being prepared for Confirmation) and as a refresher for those who have been on the journey of faith, hope, and love for a while.

The Thursday evening Lenten
Study will be held in the Rectory
and will begin at 7.00 p.m. so that
those returning from work can
come and join in and then head
home for dinner. Likewise, being
at this time means that it won't be
a late evening for those who don't
want to drive in the evening. We
are trying to find a time that suits
most people.

The first Lenten Study will be held in the Rectory on
Thursday the 11th of February at
7.00 p.m. Please come to journey with Christ through his Passion,

Death, and Resurrection.

Bible Study will continue throughout the year

After we complete our Lenten
Study we will continue to meet
every Thursday evening
throughout the year to study the
forthcoming Gospel reading
based on the lectionary readings
for each Sunday.

Keep this date free

The next Parish bus trip will be on **Thursday 17th March** to the Northern Beaches. More details to follow.

Annual General Meeting of Parishioners

The next AGM will be held on the 20th of March (Palm Sunday) beginning at 11.30/45 a.m. We will distribute reports by the 28th February so that on Sunday the 6th March at 11.30/45 a.m., which is Mothering Sunday, we can have an information session where people can ask questions about the reports (so as to avoid a lengthy AGM).

Confirmation and Reception into the Anglican Communion

Our Regional Bishop, Bishop Michael Stead, will be with us on Pentecost **Sunday 15th of May, 2016**, and we hope to have a Confirmation Service that day at the 9.30am Eucharist.



Are you, or anyone that you know, interested in being Confirmed, Received into the Anglican Communion, or Baptized? Please speak with Fr. James or Rosemary if you are, or anyone that you know is, interested in being Confirmed, Received into the Anglican Communion, or Baptized.

Outdoors...

St Luke's Anglican Parish Concord-Burwood is inviting you to a service of Thanksgiving and Farewell for Reverend Clifford Stratton, retiring Rector of the Parish since 2009

Where: The Parish Church of St Luke Concord on

When: Sunday 7th February 2016 at 9am.

RSVP: 31st January 2016

The service will be conducted by Archbishop of Sydney and Metropolitan of New South Wales, The Most Rev. Dr Glenn Naunton Davies.

Light refreshments will follow.

email: admin@stlukesconcord.org.au

Phone: (02) 9744 7360

Read, Learn and Inwardly Digest...

Article written by Albert Einstein to his daughter Lieserl

..."When I proposed the theory of relativity, very few understood me, and what I will reveal now to transmit to mankind will also collide with the misunderstanding and prejudice in the world.

I ask you to guard the letters as long as necessary, years, decades, until society is advanced enough to accept what I will explain below.

There is an extremely powerful force that, so far, science has not found a formal explanation to. It is a force that includes and governs all others, and is even behind any phenomenon operating in the universe and has not yet been identified by us.

This universal force is LOVE.

When scientists looked for a unified theory of the universe they forgot the most powerful unseen force.

Love is Light, that enlightens those who give and receive it.

Love is gravity, because it makes some people feel attracted to others.

Love is power, because it multiplies the best we have, and allows humanity not to be extinguished in their blind selfishness. Love unfolds and reveals.

For love we live and die.

Love is God and God is Love.

This force explains everything and gives meaning to life. This is the variable that we have ignored for too long, maybe because we are afraid of love because it is the only energy in the universe that man has not learned to drive at will.

To give visibility to love, I made a simple substitution in my most famous equation.

If instead of E = mc2, we accept that the energy to heal the world can be obtained through love multiplied by the speed of light squared, we arrive at the conclusion that love is the most powerful force there is, because it has no limits.

After the failure of humanity in the use and control of the other forces of the universe that have turned against us, it is urgent that we nourish ourselves with another kind of energy...

If we want our species to survive, if we are to find meaning in life, if we want to save the world and every sentient being that inhabits it, love is the one and only answer.

Perhaps we are not yet ready to make a bomb of love, a device powerful enough to entirely destroy the hate, selfishness and greed that devastate the planet.

However, each individual carries within them a small but powerful generator of love whose energy is waiting to be released.

When we learn to give and receive this universal energy, dear Lieserl, we will have affirmed that love conquers all, is able to transcend everything and anything, because love is the quintessence of life.

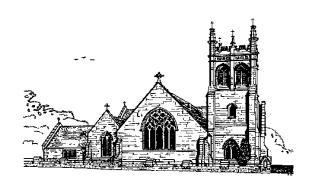
I deeply regret not having been able to express what is in my heart, which has quietly beaten for you all my life. Maybe it's too late to apologize, but as time is relative, I need to tell you that I love you and thanks to you I have reached the ultimate answer! ".

Your father Albert Einstein

The deadline for any items to be considered for the pew sheet is 10am on Tuesdays.

Unfortunately, any items received later than this may not be able to be included because of time constraints.





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LETTER TO PARISHIONERS

Dear Parishioners,

As you know, we are about to embark on an exciting project to conserve and restore the ceiling of the Church, as well as to install new lighting and to do other works, if funds permit.

Many of you have asked how you can assist with, and contribute to, these projects both immediately and in the long term.

The Rector and Wardens would like to suggest that contributions can be made in the following ways:
*Making a bequest. You can remember St Pauls in your will using these or a similar form of words.

"I bequeath the sum of \$............... to the Rector and Wardens of the Anglican Parish of St Pauls, Burwood to be used at their absolute discretion for the charitable purposes of the Parish."

*Electronic giving. If everyone gave electronically, the Parish would benefit by receiving a systematic and committed offering each week rather than only receiving when people can attend Church.

Bank details:-

Account name: St Paul's Anglican

Church

BSB number: 032 062

Account number: 250028

Reference: offertory

*Offertory envelopes. Using these envelopes allows you to have a systematic and committed means of giving. It ensures your weekly giving is regular even when you cannot be present at Church. Envelopes currently in use are available at the back of the Church. *Increasing weekly giving. If everyone increased their weekly giving by even as little as \$3 or \$4

(one cup of coffee!) we would increase our weekly overall giving by \$400 to \$500.

*Gifts. Parishioners may wish to make a 'one off' gift to the Parish to assist with the ceiling conservation project. We are conducting negotiations with the National Trust in order that such gifts will be tax deductible. Also, a generous Friend

of St Pauls has promised to match all gifts on a 'dollar for dollar' basis.

*Gold Coin Box. Your loose change can be placed in this box at the rear of the church.

The Rector and Wardens would like to thank you for considering these many and varied ways of assisting all of us to serve God and build his Kingdom through His Church in Burwood.

In peace,

Rector, James Collins,

Church Wardens, Jane Carrick, Elizabeth Griffiths, Pam Brock

Giving figures at St Paul's-		*	Rising Nepal – \$100		
Collections given from		≈	HIV Nepal – \$140		
20 Dec'15 - 10 Jan'16-		≈	Bishop of NT – \$55		
≈	Sunday 20 Dec '15– \$2492.20	≈	Chalmers Rd – \$50		
≈	Thursday 24 Dec'15 -\$1490.90	≈	Heritage Project – \$40		
≈	Friday 25 Dec'15 – \$1102.00	≈	ABM - \$110		
≈	Sunday 27 Dec '15– \$1178	≈	ABM Advent Appeal: \$500		
*	Sunday 3 Jan'16 – \$2011	≈	Parish pantry – \$10		
≈	Sunday 10 Jan'16 – \$1216	≈	Votive Candles – \$144		
Th	The following donations were also				
rec	received from				
20 Dec'15 - 10 Jan'16 -		Th	Thank you for responding to		
≈	Exodus Foundation – \$160	God's generous love.			



Isaiah 62.1-5; Psalm 36.5-10;
 1 Corinthians 12.1-11; John 2.1-11

Our closeness to God is what he desires more than anything and the prophet Isaiah expresses this through the image of that sacred institution, Marriage. God's people are close to him like a

bride is close to her bridegroom, and as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so God rejoices over his people. Now, we receive so many gifts through the Spirit every day, often without us fully appreciating them or even being aware of them. The goal of these gifts is for us to draw closer to God and to bring others close to him as well. We might like to think about how we can use the gifts we are given to make our salvation 'shine out like a torch' and bring more joy to God.

- Pray for the awareness of God's Spirit active in our lives and in the life of the Church, that we might cultivate and refine our gifts and draw closer to God.
- Give thanks for the Anglican Church of Kenya, remembering especially today the children enrolled in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd programs.

Text: The Rev Will Johnston, Assistant Curate, St Peter's, East Maitland, Diocese of Newcastle © Anglican Board of Mission, 2016



A quick word

"The unity of Christendom is not a luxury, but a necessity. The world will go limping until Christ's prayer that all may be one is answered. We must have unity, not at all costs, but at all risks. A unified Church is the only offering we dare present to the coming Christ, for in it alone will He find room to dwell."

– Charles Henry Brent (1862 - 1929)An American Episcopal Bishop

St PAUL'S HOLY WEEK ANGLICAN CHURCH and EASTER

Celebrate Christ's death and resurrection

Palm Sunday, 20 March



Blessing and distribution of the palm crosses

8.00am Sung Eucharist

9.30am Choral Eucharist

with procession and reading of the Passion

Holy Monday, 21 March 7.00pm Holy Communion in the Chapel

Holy Tuesday, 22 March 7.00pm Holy Communion in the Chapel

Holy Wednesday, 23 March 10.30am Holy Communion in the Chapel

7.00pm Holy Communion in the Chapel

Maundy Thursday, 2 4 March 7.00pm Sung Eucharist

with foot washing and stripping of the altar

Tree **♣** Tomb **♣** Triumph

Good Friday, 25 March 9.00am Liturgy of the Lord's Death

Holy Saturday, 26 March 9.00am Preparation of church for Easter

Easter Day, 27 March 8.00am Sung Festival Eucharist

9.30am Festival Choral Eucharist

with procession and incense

205-207 Burwood Road, NSW 2134

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Everyone is welcome to worship with us

Are you a new parishioner?

Have your details changed recently?

Need a new name badge?

	SurnameFirst Name(s)
	Address
	SuburbPostcode
□ PR	ddress (if different from above)
□ NB	Service(s) you normally attend
□ WL	Phone (h) Phone (w)
□ PV) E-mail
NSE	DOB Occupation
Please return	☐ I'm new to St Paul's
this form to the	\square I'm already on the roll – my details have changed
	\square I'm already on the roll – I just need a new name badge

Pray throughout the week

Pray fo the Anglican Church -

for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Phillip, Primate of Australia; Glenn, Archbishop of Sydney; Michael Stead, Our Regional Bishop; Michael and for all the bishops, priests, deacons and Religious of the Anglican Communion.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we are asked to pray today for the The Church of Bangladesh, for its bishop, The Most Revd Paul Shishir Sarker and for his clergy and people.

Pray for Fr James, and for all the clergy in the parish as well as for their spouses. May God bless them and their ministries and may we support them as they work among us in Christ's name.

We pray for Fr Michael Deasey and Antonia as they prepare to commence at St Paul's in the New Year.

Pray for St Paul's: God of mercy, strengthen us to help shape a parish where diversity is a source of enrichment, compassion is common, life's poetry realized, suffering lightened through sharing, justice attended, joy pervasive, hope lived, the hum of the universe heard, and together with you and each other we build what is beautiful, true, worthy

of your generosity to us, an echo of your kingdom. Amen. (Ted Loder)

Pray for, St Matthew's, Zababdeh,
(West Bank, Palestinian
Territorries), our Anglican
Communion Partner: We
remember especially their Parish
Priest, Fr Saleem Dawani, and his
ministry in the parish. We remember
also Jameel Maher, who acts as the St
Matthew's partnership link person
with us. May both our parishes be
blessed by the link we are
establishing.

Pray for the Church's mission:

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honour of your name.

Amen. (Author unknown)

Pray for our Children's Church:

The Lord said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not forbid them for such is the kingdom of heaven'. Bless, Lord, your children who now stand before you in prayer. Help them to understand the depth of your love.

We pray also for all the teachers of our Children's Church. May our

teachers be enabled to teach and train your children and help them to grow spiritually.

O Lord, bless our Children's Church and all its future endeavours, that through it we may glorify you with your Father and the Holy Spirit, now, always and forever. **Amen.**

Pray for peace: Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth; lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust; lead me from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.

Pray for all in need, remembering especially this week the elderly people who have no one to care for them.

Pray for the sick and their carers: Joyce Bannister; Tim Bolton; Wendy Bolton; Lynne Bondar; Barry Brandy; Buddy; John Burns; June Cameron; (Sir) John Carrick; (Lady) Angela Carrick; George Cepak; Beth Davidge; Hilary Davies; Leah Delacruz; Manish Dhakal; Dave Ernst; Glenyce; Joyce Gorman; Rev. John Gwilliam; Fr Brian Harker; George Harvey; Mary Harvey; Margaret Hayes; Denis Hayes; Heather; Kathleen Hovey; Bishop Richard Hurford; Margaret Hurley; Trevor Jenkins; Jenny Johnston; Kerry; Bishop Ivan Lee; Clyde Livingstone; Sandra Macleod-Miller; Chris Mannix; Bishop Ken Mason, Bruce May; Gae McMillan; Jean Miller; Barbara Moreton; Tas Murray; Susan Oddie; Pippa Oddie; Oscar; Alister Palmer; Bishop Ian Palmer; Valerie Perrin; Paul Phillips; Deidre Reid; Rhonda Rickards; Pam Richardson; Joanne Roberts, Jenny Rorich; Marguerite Sheffield; Tony Sheffield; Elsa Sorensen; Stephanie; Susan; John Telek; Pauline Thomas; Wal Tuchin; Damaris Vesely; Viola; Mike Wall; Lynne West; Megan West; Bill Whittle; Bob Woods; Valma Woolfrey;

In love and charity remember the recently departed, especially Roy Fowler, Bishop John Reid, Joan Ward, Trevor Curtis that God may grant them a place of refreshment, light and peace. Pray, too, For, Alice Aida Richardson, John Arnold Collins, Colin Duncombe, Gabriel Meyers, Tania Junek, Anne Deep, and Joyce Hawkins as well as for any others whose year's mind falls around this time.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them!

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Services during this week at St Paul's

A Eucharist with prayers for healing will be held in the side chapel on Wednesday at 10.30am.

Commemorations noted by the lectionary this week -

- + Thursday 21 January Agnes, Marty at Rome, virgin (d.304)
- Friday 22 January Vincent, deacon and martyr (d.304)