



St Martin's Kahibah

Flourishing by Grace

A place for everyone, serving the Kingdom of God, following Jesus Christ.
We acknowledge the Awabakal people who are the traditional custodians

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Sunday 14th April 2019, Palm Sunday

Welcome everyone on this day as we all join together for the first time as one congregation here at St Martins.

Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a Psalm 31.9-18
 Philippians 2.5-11 Luke 22.14-23

Prayer of the week;

*Merciful God, as we enter this holy week
and gather at your house of prayer,
turn our hearts again to Jerusalem,
to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
that, united with Christ and all the faithful,
we may one day enter in triumph the city not made with hands,
the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens,
where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. Amen*



In Our Church we pray for Strength, Peace and Healing: Rev Ruth and John, Mark Ross, Pryor family, Ken Lott, Linda Reed, Esther Hammond, Betty Percival, Claire Tamlin, Glenys Conway and family, Joan Armitage and family

We give thanks and pray for the faithful departed: (connected to our parish)
William Clarke

Revd Sally's Bit

Well, here we are! The Parish of Charlestown worshipping as one congregation here at St Martin's, not as a 'special' occasion as you have before, but as your 'new beginning.' It is Palm Sunday, and Easter Day, day of new beginnings, is nearly here.

Like me, your head is probably still in a spin, after last Sunday. What an occasion it was! About 80 gathered at St Alban's for the last 'ordinary' Sunday. Current and former parishioners were there, and Fr Milton Fowell as well!

Over at St Martin's, the congregation was also very mindful of the occasion, as they celebrated the Eucharist for the last time as the little group they now are. The St Alban's people were much in their hearts and prayers.

As your Locum Priest, I am so impressed and encouraged by the courageous way everyone is dealing with this time of transition which I know is not easy for any of you at all. And I think you know that it will continue to be challenging as we sort things out here at St Martin's. It will be very different for the St Alban's congregation, and for the St Martin's people too.

Parish Council has worked tirelessly to get things ready, and met many many times.. they deserve your gratitude as they continue to deal with multiple issues. Please be patient and kind and generous as 'settling in' issues are dealt with.

Please also try to be here each evening through Holy Week as we prepare ourselves for the Great Three Days, the Triduum, the climax of which is Easter Day, when we gather to celebrate with joy that Christ is Risen, he is risen indeed!

Revd Sally

What's News this week...

*** Thanks to Helen and Robert Joice for loan of their screen and equipment for services over Easter. Necessary because the screen from St Albans was too heavy to install. This issue is being sorted!*

*** Unfortunately, electrician found evidence of termite damage which will be treated after Easter.*

*** In order to be here today, a huge amount of work has happened. PC members and others are to be greatly thanked for tireless commitment to your parish.*

*** There is still much to do, so PC thanks you all for patience and forbearance as we work through the many issues to be resolved.*

*** Bishop Charlie has informed Revd Sally that the matter of appointing a permanent incumbent is before Bishop Peter. He is well aware of the need for this to happen asap. Charlestown has not been forgotten!*

*** Change of name for the parish. Bishop Charlie 's advice is that we should settle here first for a while, then address this, as a new name is a sensible idea. He suggests trying to find a way to continue the name St Alban's in some facet of life here at Kahibah.*

*** Use of our shared home here will need groups to 'book' their meeting times, initially with Revd Sally, but later with a designated person or small committee.*

A wall calendar will be available on which to check when bookings have been made. Patience, and willingness and generosity of spirit, to change days you have always had, will be needed!

***Parking arrangements likewise will become clearer as we work out how best to use the available space. Those able to walk are encouraged to park outside the grounds please.*

*** Lay Training Day: Sat 25th May Bishop Tyrrell College Fletcher. 9.30am to 3pm.*

Revd Sally greatly encourages all interested people to attend, especially if you are a reader, intercessor, or Lay Assistant. But everyone is encouraged. You will learn a lot in non-threatening situation

Lay Training Day – Saturday 25 May

For Lay Leaders, Lay Liturgical Assistants, Lay Readers and all who are interested

All are welcome to attend this special day hosted by the Diocese at Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College.

We ask if you can help us spread the word about this event as we seek to help lay people in this Diocese gain the skills, confidence and interest to undertake an active and interesting role in their parish, organisation or entity; or to complement their existing preaching and leaderships skills with some further insight and tips in this spiritual art.

Please note there is no cost to attend this day and Refreshments and Lunch are provided. People may like to bring along their own notebook and pen.

Date	Saturday 25 May 2019
Time	Cuppa from 9.00am Program 9.30am – 3.00pm
Venue	Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College
Cost	There is No Cost to Attend
Catering	Refreshments and Light Lunch Provided
RSVP	By Wednesday 15 May 2019 Via Email to: events@newcastleanglican.org.au Please provide your name, parish/organisation/entity name and email, along with any special dietary requirements

***Invitation from Bishop Peter for all who can, to gather at the Cathedral on Wednesday 17th April,
10am, for Chrism Eucharist.
Refreshments available from 9.30am.***

Facing the Future

St Albans at Charlestown, the name on the sign
not only a building, our spirit-filled home
where many were welcomed and families sustained
now to be moving, but not to just roam.

***Whatever is right, whatever is noble,
whatever is pure,
I can do all things
through Christ who strengthens me.***

With St Martins Kahibah, our parish co-joined
as brothers and sisters we are sharing God's land.
In union with Him and all of His people,
claiming His victory, wherever we stand.

Chorus

With each of our people celebrating this moment,
standing together – all of one voice,
proclaiming God's love in all that we're doing,
into the future, for the past we rejoice.

Chorus

Words: Robert Joice 3/2019 Based on Philippians 4:8-13



Doug and Ellen Smith - Attended St Albans church in Ada St, then in the hall and finally in the current church.
65 years at St Albans!

Thank you

On behalf of my family and myself I would like to express our gratitude for the prayers, support and love shown to us during and after Don's death. Our sincere thanks for the effort and work by the parishioners on the day of Don's service.

We are sincerely grateful. Joan Armitage.

What kind of king are you?

What kind of king rides on a donkey, a donkey that might be borrowed, or might be hijacked?

What kind of king builds a castle with a wide open door for children to enter but a needle-eye sized hole for the rich?

What kind of king rides on a donkey into the city where his assassins are waiting?

What kind of king enters his assassins' city with a ragtag commotion for all to see and not one security guard?

What kind of king lets his subjects treat him like a military liberator but doesn't come with a single sword or weapon?

What kind of king lets his followers send a public message to the competing powers with no intent of answering a single challenge? **What kind of King are you?**

What kind of King can send two followers to fetch a donkey and know exactly what they'll need to say?

What kind of king can tell a blind beggar "your faith has made you well." And actually make him see?

What kind of king can weep at the funeral of his friend only to say, "Lazarus, come out!" and watch him come back to life.

What kind of king can sit at the dinner table with his subjects and be subject to them and wash their feet?

What kind of king can carry his own cross can serve his assassin and help in his own execution?

What kind of king can die so that his assassins can live?

What kind of King are you?

A King who came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

A King who keeps his promises

A King who I can trust

A King who can save

A King I want to follow -

So take my cloak use it to clothe the naked or use it for your donkey to step on. I don't care so long as you're the one taking it.

Because you're the only one who will give me a new garment in return, a white robe made of saints righteous deeds, a garment that fits so well it'll be a new self, your self.

Use me, King Jesus, all of me. As you see fit.

Make me a knight or a bishop or a rook, or make me an expendable pawn.

I don't care what piece I am. So long as yours is the hand that's moving me.

Because yours is the mighty hand with an outstretched arm.

Yours is the hand that rules with an iron scepter,

So let me follow you, King Jesus all the way to Golgotha.

Let me walk next to you and put palm branches at your feet and shout "Hosanna!" with the children.

And if the child in me shouting "Hosanna!" grows up to an adult shouting "Crucify!"
bring me back to the water where I can be born again.

Let me sit at the table with you and take bread and wine from you hands
and let me lay my head on your chest.

And if thirty pieces of the world's silver are ever enough to draw me away
Wash my feet and make me clean again

Let me pray with you at Gethsemane
and learn from you how to be vulnerable with the Father
let me see your tears and sweat and grief.

And if my prayers give way to sleep wake me again with the waters of regeneration.

Let me walk with you to the cross. Let me learn to carry your cross with you.

And all along this long rough road let my song be: Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

Hosanna in the highest!

Michael Gehrling April 8, 2017

<https://churchleaders.com/pastors/pastor-articles/301941-kind-king-powerful-poem-palm-sunday-holy-week.html>

This week's happenings... All services @ St Martin's

Holy Week Services

Monday 6pm - A Journey through Holy Week, Holy Eucharist

Tuesday 6pm - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 6pm - Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday 6pm - Institution of the Lord's Supper and Foot washing

Good Friday 9am

Easter Sunday 6am - Sunrise Service in front of Surf Club @ Redhead Beach followed by brekky
with Belmont North & Windale

9am - Holy Eucharist followed by celebratory Champagne, Orange Juice, fruit
and croissant breakfast.

Easter Egg Hunt for the children. Enquiries 0474 154 684

There will be **no Messy Church for April** and during school holidays so our next Messy Church is
4.30pm on Sunday 19 May @ St Martin's. Hope you can make it!

Sunday 21st April 2019

St Martins 9:00am

Readings: Acts 10.34-43 Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 1.19-26 John 20.1-18
