

Anglican Parish of Charlestown

St Alban's Charlestown, St Martin's Kahibah

A place for everyone, serving the Kingdom of God, following Jesus Christ.

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Facing the past
Shaping a healthy future

We acknowledge the Awabakal people who are the traditional custodians
of this land we worship on today.

Sunday 11th February, 2018

Welcome to all those who are visiting us today. Please join us for refreshments after the service.

It is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4-6

Readings; 2 Kings 2.1-12 Psalm 50.1-6
2 Corinthians 4.3-12 Mark 9.2-9

Prayer of the week

Almighty God,
you have given your only Son
to be for us both a sacrifice for sin,
and also an example of godly life:
give us grace that we may always
thankfully receive the benefits of his sacrifice,
and also daily endeavour to follow
the blessed steps of his most holy life;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



This week at St Alban's

Sunday 8.30am Eucharist
Monday 9.30am Playgroup
7.00pm Parish dinner - pancakes
Tuesday 7.00pm Lenten Studies
Wednesday 8.30am Ash Wednesday service
6.00pm Ash Wednesday service
10.00am GAPS
Thursday 7.00pm Lenten Studies
Friday 10.30am Lenten Studies at St Martins

Read the Bible & Pray during the week;

(Monday) Psalm 99; 100 Genesis 35.1-15
(Tuesday) Psalm 101; 102.1-11 Genesis 35.16-29; 36.6-8
(Wednesday) Psalm 38.1-4, 18-21 1 Timothy 6.6-19
(Thursday) Psalm 104.1-25 Genesis 37.1-24
(Friday) Psalm 105.1-22 Genesis 37.25-38.11
(Saturday) Psalm 106.1-24 Genesis 38.12-30

Intercessions:**In our Newcastle Diocese, we pray for:**

Bishop Peter Stuart and Nicki, Venerable Canon Sonia Roulston Assistant Bishop (Inland Episcopate) and Venerable Charlie Murry Assistant Bishop (Coastal Episcopate)

In the national church we pray for:

Diocese of Riverina (Bishop Rob Gillion)

In the wider Church, we pray for:

The Diocese of Guadalcanal (Bp Nathan Tome & Selena), The Revd. David and Priya Morgan, Paraburdoo, Sue Prosser (Paid SRE teacher)

In the wider community we pray for:

The First Peoples of the Diocese especially the Awabakal, Biripi, Darkinjung, Geawegal, Kamilaroi, Worimi and Wonnarua peoples.

In Our Church we pray for:

We pray for Wendy and Vlad, Ruth and Bob, Terry Frewin and Karen, David Hesketh and Kim, Greg Colby and the parish council.

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

Cyril Booth, Lance James, Clem and Eulie Roworth, Flo Holt, Jane Herring.

We pray for those in our parish who need support or have experienced loss recently:**We pray for Strength, peace and healing:**

Max and Anne Youman and family, Claire Tamlin, Melanie Ross, Linda Reed, Esther Hammond, Pryor family.

St Alban's Parish Dinner & Pancake Night, Monday 12 February 6.30pm for 7pm

Our speaker this month is Rev'd Greg Colby Cost \$10 RSVP NO LATER THAN 10am Sunday 11 February to Ruth Bath 0409 741 974 or ruthjbath@gmail.com

Special dates for Lent.

- **Lent Studies: "Followers of Jesus" -**
 - 4.00pm at Bev Rigby's, 7.00 pm Tuesday & Thursdays at St Albans, Friday 10.30 St Martins.
- **Ash Wednesday - 8.30 am & 6.00 pm St Albans.**
- **On the Wednesdays in Lent - there will be a 6.00pm Service @ St Albans**
- **There will be Services each day during Holy Week.**
- **Bishop Peter will visit St Albans on Sunday 4 March**

FRIENDSHIP GROUP LUNCH (previously Caritas)

Come and join us for lunch **on Monday 19th February 12.30 pm at Kahibah Sports Club.** Friendship and fellowship provided free!

All welcome. Contact Jane Conway 0427432440

Support Groups

Do you know someone trying to recover from the pain of separation and/or divorce?

Are you or a friend trying to come to terms with the loss of a love one?

DivorceCare and **GriefShare** are individual networks of 12,000+ churches worldwide equipped to offer support groups.

Each programme is nondenominational and runs on a weekly schedule over 13 weeks. *Please take a brochure from the Narthex for more information.*

Wedding Bells!

All ladies of St Alban's are cordially invited to afternoon tea on **Saturday 3 March at 3pm** - a kitchen tea for Karen hosted by Ruth Bath on the verandah at Redhead Anglican Church, 12 Hutchinson St, Redhead.

RSVP Sunday 25 February Ruth 0409 741 974

Last week Robert introduced a truly beautiful poem set to music.

There were several requests for the words – words to live by for us all.

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

We cannot measure how you heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer.
Yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross
survive to hold and heal and warm
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away
the guilt that clings from things long past.
The fear of what the future holds
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which lends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside
the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your help
and some have come to make amends.
As hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul.
To disentangle peace from pain,
and make your broken people whole.

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VALUING RELATIONSHIPS

Everywhere I look and listen I hear people being urged to think of their own wellbeing, their own happiness. A Christ-centred life is one which has a mind and heart for the wellbeing and care of others. Help us, dear God, to know you more clearly, that we may love you and all those who share our lives more dearly.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. Philippians 2: 3-5

In Botswana Church and Mothers' Union work together – valuing their relationship in Christ. As a result, vision and membership are growing and members are responding to community needs with practical action. Relationships are valued and strengthened when groups adopt orphans, build homes for the destitute and provide toiletries for prisoners. A mission goal, to respond to human need with love, is a reason for us to give thanks and praise to God.

From the friendship Group website.

Fundraiser for children with Type 1 Diabetes – Movie night March 20 -

When a child is diagnosed with type 1 diabetes it affects the whole family. Even when the child has had type 1 diabetes for many years there are still adjustments to be made with each new activity or growth spurt. It is a never-ending challenge for a child and the family.

JDRF (Juvenile Diabetic Research Foundation) was founded by parents of children with type 1 diabetes. They are dedicated to finding a cure for type 1 diabetes and its complications.

Charity Movie Night

Where; Event Cinema Kotara

When; Tuesday March 20

Time; 6pm for 7pm

Movie; "Game Night"

Cost; \$25



Purchase tickets online at-

hunterdiabetescentre.com.au/events or see Sue Thomas

Canapes, Lucky door, and a good movie

Keep this date: This year World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 2nd March at the Windale Church, situated on the corner of Merrigum St and Balemo Rd Windale, commencing at 10 am.

♣ **Correction to the date - AMUA (Mothers Union)**

from Rosemary

We will begin our year on Wednesday, **21st February** at 9.30am in the Church. We shall then have morning tea and our regular meeting in the hall. We welcome new members and Look forward to seeing everyone.

Next Sunday 18th February, 2018

Readings: Genesis 9.8-17 Psalm 25.1-10
1 Peter 3.18-22 Mark 1.9-15

St Albans - 8.30 am Eucharist
Prayers: Tony Davis
Reading: J. Chilvers
Sacristan: E.Gibson
Sanctuary: T. Jessop, R. Menhenick
L.L. Ass: S Bell
Music: Elaine Davis
Sound: Anthony
Welcomers: B. Rigby, J. Campbell
Morning Tea: N & S Thomas
Counting: Renee, Bill

St Martins – 10.00 am

Parish AGM - 11.00 am Following 9.00 am Service @ St Albans.

(No services at St Martins)

Parish Ministry Team:

Terry Frewin		Acting Supervising Priest
Sharon Butler:		<i>Building a new Faith Community</i>
Neville Thomas:		<i>Working for a Better Community</i>
The Rev. Ruth Brand & Brian Taylor:		<i>Christian Formation and Discipleship</i>
The Rev. Robert Peattie:		<i>Community Chaplain for Carers</i>
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