

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 4th February, 2018

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

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. *Matthew 9.35*

Readings; Isaiah 40.21-31 Psalm 147.1-11
1 Corinthians 9.16-23 Mark 1.29-39

Prayer of the week

O Lord,
you have taught us
that all our doings without love are
worth nothing: send your Holy Spirit,
and pour into our hearts that most excellent
gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtue,
without which whoever lives is counted dead
before you;
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**



New PO address –

**St Albans Anglican Church
PO Box 325, Charlestown, 2290**

This week at St Alban's

Sunday 8.30am Eucharist
Monday Playgroup returns
5.30pm Bible study at Rigby's
Wednesday 8.30am Short Morning Prayer – everyone welcome
10.00am GAPS

Read the Bible & Pray during the week;

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| <i>(Monday)</i> | Psalm | 82;84 | Philippians 3.1-16 |
| <i>(Tuesday)</i> | Psalm | 86 | Philippians 3.17-4.7 |
| <i>(Wednesday)</i> | Psalm | 90 | Philippians 4.8-23 |
| <i>(Thursday)</i> | Psalm | 89.1-18 | 1 Timothy 1.1-11 |

(Friday) Psalm 89.39-53 1 Timothy 1.12-20
(Saturday) Psalm 92;93 1 Timothy 2

Intercessions:

In our Newcastle Diocese, we pray for:

Bishop Peter Stuart and Nicki, Julia Perry (Diocesan Director of Formation)

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)

We pray for those in our parish who need support or have experienced loss recently: *Alexander Campbell, Gladys Amy Stein, Joyce Coddington, Elma Doyle,*

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 – AGM

The AGM will be on 11th March at 11am, after a combined Charlestown and Kahibah service at St Albans at 9.am.

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.*

St Alban's Parish Dinner & Pancake Night

Monday 12 February 6.30pm for 7pm

Our speaker this month is Rev'd Greg Colby who was commissioned as Priest in Charge at the Parish of Belmont North/Redhead on 13 December.

Greg came to ordained ministry late in life, although he has been active in parish and sector ministries for 15 years in this diocese, as well as having done some riding with God's Squad Christian Motor Cycle Club for several years.

Greg says he's enjoyed some of the most deeply spiritual conversations sitting around the bar of an 'outlaw' biker club; "I like to think that given the choice, Jesus would go to the clubhouse sooner than he'd go to the church house".

Greg has five sons and two daughters; "I'm in a second marriage, so I had to get used to being in a girls house real quick ... thankfully, after seven years we added a boy to the family to balance things up a bit!"

Greg has 21 tattoos, all of which tell a story, including the one that looks like a caterpillar but is really a scrubbed out name! He got two of his tattoos while spending time as a guest at Cessnock Correctional Centre from 1999-2001 where he did the Kairos program which re-introduced him to Jesus and changed his life around completely. Hope you can join us for Greg's story, a BBQ meal followed by pancakes for dessert and a spot of poetry and port!

If you can help out by bringing a pancake topping along on the night, please let Ruth know. ALL WELCOME. Cost \$10 RSVP NO LATER THAN 10am Sunday 11 February to Ruth Bath 0409 741 974 or ruthjbath@gmail.com

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.

AMUA (Mothers Union)

from Rosemary

We will begin our year on Wednesday, 15th 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.

Ash Wednesday services will be 8.30 am and 5.30pm on 14th February.

Next Sunday 11th February, 2018, Transfiguration

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

St Albans - 8.30 am Eucharist
Prayers: Helen Joice
Reading: R. Menhenick
Sacristan: B. Rigby
Sanctuary: J. Francis, L. Adams
L.L. Ass: B. Taylor
Music: Elaine Davis
Sound: Matthew
Welcomers: N & S Thomas
Morning Tea: G. Rigby, H. Hughes
Counting: Greg, Doug

St Martins – 10.00 am

Parish Ministry Team:

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| 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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