

## 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.

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**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2018**

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

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*The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel. Mark 1.15*

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**Readings;**      Jonah 3.1-10                      Psalm 62.5-12  
                         1 Corinthians 7.29-31              Mark 1.14-20

### ***Prayer of the week***

***O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you mercifully, accept our prayer, and because through weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***



***Offertory Envelopes - If you are using envelopes for your weekly giving, the 2018 issue is available in the Narthex for you to collect.***

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### ***This week at St Alban's***

***Sunday***              8.30am    Eucharist  
***Tuesday***                              Resource team meeting  
***Wednesday***      8.30am    Short Morning Prayer – everyone welcome

**Read the Bible & Pray during the week;**

(Monday)	Psalm	51	James 2.1-13
(Tuesday)	Psalm	54; 55.1-12	James 214-26
(Wednesday)	Psalm	56; 57	James 3.1-12
(Thursday)	Psalm	62; 63	James 3.13-4.10
(Friday)	Psalm	65; 70	James 4.11-5.6
(Saturday)	Psalm	68.1-20	James 5.7-20

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**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:**

*All Australians – may we join together to make this country safe, free, and peaceful  
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:**

**Charitable organisations, the innocent children of domestic violence**

*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)**

*Nance Anderson, John Wilks*

**We pray for those in our parish who need support or have experienced loss recently:**

**We pray for Strength, peace and healing:**

*Max and Ann Youman, Claire Tamlin, Melanie Ross, Linda Reed, Marj Booth*

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**"Australia Day" is on January 26th.** - the anniversary of the actual day Governor Arthur Phillip sailed into Sydney Harbour in 1788. At that time, the Europeans considered themselves a civilised society; the aboriginal groups had not built cities nor had any agricultural technology, so the British declared Terra Nullius (empty land).

We now know that it was not 'empty' and the aboriginal inhabitants had a sophisticated society that fitted the very poor soils and unreliable rainfall of the land. We acknowledge the traditional aboriginal owners of the land on which we stand, and in that spirit we are reminded of a story from a Northern Territory coastal missionary who having told the story of Jesus to some indigenous people, one of the women said out loud, *"I knew Him, I knew Him, I just didn't know His name."*

We are fortunate to live in an extremely peaceful society, in world terms, and we have benefitted from the skills and culture of the original inhabitants, the English colonists and people from many other lands. Most Australian citizens and their families come from 'elsewhere', so our 'Australian' traditions are still developing.

The first recorded commemoration of this day was in 1808 with emancipated convicts celebrating with 'drinking and merriment'; and the first official proclamation of it as a public event as 'Foundation Day' was in 1818 by Governor Lachlan Macquarie. Being mid-summer, this holiday soon became associated with sporting events. In 1837 was the first documentation of a regatta of different classes of boat races on the harbour.

In 1994, the Federal Government declared that the actual day of January 26th would be celebrated as Australia Day, so that its importance as a national day and not incorporated into a 'long weekend' or preparations for returning to school and work.

There is a lot to celebrate in Australia, after 224 years of settlement. Our sports people are renowned in a wide range of different sports, our scientists are 'up there with the best', we have won eight science-related Nobel Prizes, our artists of all genres, too - our painters, writers, actors, musicians and dancers - have been well-regarded on the world's stages for all of our two centuries.

In fact, it was the combination of science and art by patron Sir Joseph Banks and artist Daniel Solander in 1770 that inspired Captain Cook to name Botany Bay (near Sydney) as a possible site for a settlement. It was the start of something wonderful.

So, by reflecting on this peaceful country and this fantastic society that we are blessed to be part of, ponder about the origin of different nationalities. Jesus recognised the different nations of the world that was known at the time, and sent his Disciples to 'all four corners of the world' to spread the Word.

So join with most Australians, from all corners of the globe on this Australia Day, give thanks to the Lord for the proud heritage that we are part of, and pray that all nations can achieve peace by living together.

*Adapted from an article by Dr Mark Tronson [christiantoday.com.au/.../celebrating-australia-and-australia-day](http://christiantoday.com.au/.../celebrating-australia-and-australia-day)*

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**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.

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**Next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 18.15-20                      Psalm 111  
1 Corinthians 8.1-13                                  Mark 1.21-28

**St Albans - 8.30 am                      Eucharist**  
Prayers:                      H. Joice  
Reading:                      J. Chilvers  
Sacristan:                      J. Chilvers  
Sanctuary:                      J. Francis, T. Jessop  
L.L. Ass:                      S. Bell  
Music:                      Robert  
Sound:                      Bill Livingstone  
Welcomers:                      R. Bath, S. Whyte  
Morning Tea:                      B. Taylor, J. Campbell  
Counting:                      Joan, Ewart

**St Martins – 10.00 am**

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***For those computer lovers!***

- Why was the computer cold?*** - It left its Windows open.  
***How does a tree get on the computer?*** - It logs on.  
***What did the spider do on the computer?*** - It made a website.  
***How did the computer programmer get out of prison?*** - He used the escape key  
***Why did the computer keep sneezing?*** - It had a virus  
***What is an alien's favourite part of a computer?*** - The spacebar  
***What did the computer have for lunch?*** - A Byte  
***Why don't flies land on a computer?*** - They are avoiding the World Wide Web
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***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>
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