



St Alban's Charlestown, 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 24th March 2019

Welcome to everyone who is visiting us today. Please join us for morning tea in the hall.

Revd Sally will be at Charlestown on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts," says the Lord. Isaiah 55.9

Readings; Isaiah 55.1-9 Psalm 63.1-9
1 Corinthians 10.1-13 Luke 13.31-35

Prayer of the week

*Lord God, our Redeemer,
who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery:
free us from the tyranny of sin and death
and, by the leading of your Spirit,
bring us to our promised land;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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)
Merton Winsor Smith.

A M U A Mothers Union Everyone is welcome

We will meet on Wednesday **20th March** in the Church at 9.30 am. Morning tea and meeting shall follow in the hall. Lunch afterwards will be at Cafe Fresh.

Revd Sally's Bit...

How is your Lent going?

Even if you are not managing to find extra time in your day, every day, to sit quietly with God reflecting on your life, maybe mulling over a Bible passage, perhaps from the next week's readings, hopefully you can manage it some days?

Same with your discipline of fasting, whether that is from kind of food, or meal, or if you have taken up some positive action instead, every day.. how are you going? I would encourage you to persevere, even if you fall away from your intention some days! It is the same with almsgiving...are you using the Lenten ABM envelopes available every week to complete the 3 Lenten disciplines?

Lent really is a gift, and 40 days is not all that long! At this point in our journey towards the Cross, and beyond it to Easter Day..I hope we can all strengthen our resolve to 'keep a holy Lent'.

May God bless you all

Revd Sally

What's News?

** Arrangements for the move to Kahibah on Palm Sunday, 14th April, are proceeding!

** Bishop Charlie will not be with us on either Lent 5, our last Sunday here at St Albans, or the following week, our 1st Sunday at St Martin, Palm Sunday. His diary is filled months in advance.

** Plaques outside St Martins: Parish Council is to decide what they would like to have happen to them, and then to approach Bishop Peter for approval.. (hopefully.)

** Plaques inside the church once removed from their item, are to be treated in the same way.

** Parish Council needs to apply for removal of faculty on all items of significance used in worship at St Albans and St Martins that we will either moving to St Martins, or which we no longer need, including pews, banners, prayer desks, votive candle stand, etc etc..

**Security screens and fencing for safety of children will be happening soon at St Martin's.

Palm Crosses

Palm Cross making for Palm Sunday will be held on Wednesday 10th April at 10 am at St Albans church hall.

Please come along and help make palm crosses for our inaugural Palm Sunday service at St Martins.

Instruction and morning tea provided. Please bring a pair of scissors.

All welcome. Enquiries contact Jane Conway 0427 432440.

Invitation to Men's Breakfast

Charlestown Uniting Church extend a warm welcome to their Men's Breakfast on Saturday 30 March at 7.30am for 8am at 24 Milson St, Charlestown with guest speaker Rhett Morson who helped found Cleanas, the clean energy association for Newcastle.

Cost \$12 All welcome, bring friends. RSVP Sue on 4944 7793 or Steve Threlfo annethrelfo@gmail.com

Thank you Stuart or the new Photocopier and scanner

So far we have collected some interesting items for the history book (or whatever form it takes).

Please have a think if you have anything that will add to the story of this parish.

Good to have some baptisms and confirmations, weddings, fetes, St Albans lunches, Sunday school, church in the hall, Christmas, Palm Sundays etc. Morning teas, dinners etc. If possible a date is helpful.

I am happy to meet with you after church or most Wednesday afternoons. Single photographs can be scanned onsite and returned that day. Thank you, Sue Thomas

This week's happenings...

- Sunday 2:30** Parish Council
Monday 8:30 Silent Christian Meditation seated near the altar beginning with short five-minute inspirational reading. *Every Monday*
Monday 9:30 Playgroup
Monday 4:00 Monday night home group - Lenten study at Bev Rigby's. We meet at 4pm, have a cuppa, finish 5.30pm. All Welcome
Wednesday 10:00 GAPS
Friday 9:00 Lenten Studies with Rev Bob **at St Martin's**
Friday 12:00 Lenten Studies with Rev Ruth at St Alban's.

Sunday 31st March 2019

Readings: Joshua 5.2-12 Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5.16-21 Luke 15.11-32

St Albans 8:30am

Prayers: Helen Joice *Reading:* Rosemary Menhenick
Sacristan: Bev Rigby *Sanctuary:* Stuart Bell, Rosemary Menhenick
L.L. Ass: Lorraine Adams *Music:* Elaine Davis
Sound: *Welcomers:* Nev, Sue Thomas
Morning Tea: Jane Campbell, Bev Rigby
Counting: Kath, Bill

St Martins 10:00am

The path to success is through multiple failures. Failing doesn't make you a failure, quitting does; not learning from it does; refusing to get back up when you fall does. The psalmist says, 'They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.' Using the gifts God has given you, step out and take a risk based on faith, trusting Him for success. If you do, 'You will have good success.'

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