



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, 3rd March - *Welcome to everyone who is visiting us today. Please join us for morning tea in the hall.*

Rev'd Sally will be available this Week – Monday, and Wednesday morning and Friday morning

Readings; Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

Prayer of the week until Ash Wednesday;

*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***

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, Don Armitage and family

We give thanks and pray for the faithful departed: (connected to our parish)
Pat Johnston, Isabel Adamson

From Rev'd Sally

Your Parish Council is working hard to ensure that all is done to fulfill the wish expressed at the AGM that the St Albans congregation move straight to St Martins, not via Whitebridge. (As you know, it is Bishop Peter's desire that both congregations meet together for a while, first, at the uniting Church building at Whitebridge.) However, at the AGM Bishop Charlie listened to what you were telling him, and says that if PC can send him, within 14 days, a list of the steps needing to be completed for the move to take place to St Martins beginning worship there on Palm Sunday, 14th April, he will approach Bishop Peter about the change the people here want. Please keep all this in your prayers! If you have questions of clarification, please speak to a Parish Councillor, whose names and contact details are at the back of the church. Minutes of PC meetings, and financial statements will be available at the back of the church for you to peruse as soon as we can organise this.

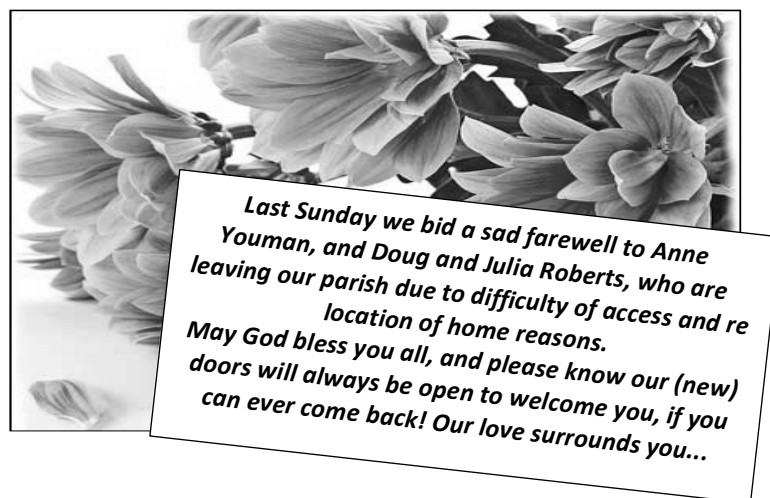
Palm Sunday

Whether or not the whole parish is to be at Kahibah, it would be great if we could have a large number of palm branches to attach either to fence at St Martins, or at St Albans on our signs at the front on the main road. These would be great to draw attention to us. Could you start scouting around your neighbourhood for suitable large branches? And smaller ones too, for people to hold in the Palm Sunday procession? If lots of us brought even one or 2, we would have plenty. Thank you everyone!

PARISH DINNER - TUESDAY 12 MARCH AT ST ALBAN'S

Join us as bush poet and raconteur Bob Bush entertains us with yarns of Aussie hardship and humour, sharing excerpts from his new book Facts, Fibs & Fables. While this will be our last Parish Dinner in St Alban's Close, the Dinner Group looks forward to inviting you to our April dinner for more fun and fellowship. ALL WELCOME 6.30pm for 7pm.

RSVP - Sunday 10 March, Ruth Bath 0409 741 974



Kids Hope Aus – Charlestown

KIDS HOPE AUS is Australia's largest early intervention, school-based mentoring program. Young children all across Australia are experiencing life and family situations that are causing stresses and challenges like never before. Many children need extra support and assistance to get a good start in school and life due to circumstances often beyond their control. Schools are struggling to meet the needs of these vulnerable children and are stretched or restrained to be able to offer the care and assistance these children need. Caring relationships with mentors have a significant impact on children because they help to meet their emotional and social development needs and enhance their capacity to learn. The mentored children consistently show increased self-esteem, confidence and resilience.

Kids Hope - St Albans, Charlestown

Phil Hughes began the partnership with Charlestown South PS in 2011 with 13 approved mentors. Since then 10 (+2 from another parish) have joined the group.

For one hour each week, a caring adult from the church mentors a child needing additional support at their school. This usually involves helping the child with homework, playing games, arts and crafts, or just spending time together.

The result is that over 50 children at Charlestown South school have benefitted from the care that a consistent relationship with each mentor brings to their life.

Kids Hope begins again next week. Please pray for the mentors and prayer partners that they may continue to carry out this vital mission. Also a prayer for the dedicated teachers at Charlestown South School and especially for the children



****Ash Wednesday (6th March) services: 8.30am, and 6pm at St Albans.** Please make it a priority to be here.

**** ABM Lenten Offertory envelopes are distributed today.** Please be generous throughout Lent, beginning next Sunday, as part of your Lenten discipline of almsgiving. (God loves a cheerful giver!)

**** Rev'd Bob will be conducting Lenten studies at St Martins commencing Friday, 3rd March, at 9.00am.**
If necessary contact Bob 0408 431 903

Sunday 10th March 2019 – First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13

St Albans 8:30am

<i>Prayers:</i>	Lorraine Adams	<i>Reading:</i>	Kerry Kear
<i>Sacristan:</i>	Robyn Learmouth	<i>Sanctuary:</i>	Brian Taylor, Tricia Jessop
<i>L.L. Ass:</i>	Stuart Bell	<i>Music:</i>	Robert Joice

Sound: Helen Joice Welcomers: Helen Firkin, Sandra Whyte
Morning Tea: Julie Cooper, Evelyn Gibson
Counting: Greg +

St Martins 10:00am

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