



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 31st March 2019

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

Rev'd Sally will be at Charlestown on Monday and Wednesday this week.

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

Prayer of the week;

*Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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)

Jim and Esther Cramp, Geoff Rigby

Parish Dinner Tuesday 9 April 6.30pm For 7pm

Our April Parish Dinner will be held at Charlestown Uniting Church with guest speaker Fiona Wallace, a veterinarian, local business owner and passionate animal advocate.

Fiona's talk will include her experiences working on the tiny island of Nauru in Micronesia. Cost \$10 RSVP
Sunday 7 April to Ruth Bath 0409 741 974.
Charlestown Uniting Church 24 Milson St, Charlestown.

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.

Rev'd Sally's Bit... Lent IV

The psalm this morning reminded us that 'steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.' And in the Epistle, Paul tells his readers, including us!..that we are 'ambassadors for Christ.'

There are always for me, verses in the Sunday readings which give me encouragement and guidance for my life, and I am sure you do, too. I underline them in my Bible, and often commit them to memory.

I started doing this years ago when I was in a very dark place. Back then, I would copy out verses of Scripture which resonated with me onto pieces of cardboard the size of business cards, and I would carry them round with me, to be pulled out, read, and memorized when circumstances were getting the better of me. These cards were my lifesaver, speaking love, wisdom, hope and courage into my heart when life was very difficult.

Right now, when you, the people of Charlestown Parish are surely feeling at least a little anxious, uncertain, confused or sad, may I suggest you find verses that help you, and allow God, through them, to strengthen and sustain you?

The Lord be with you, Rev'd Sally

What's News?

At St Martin's Kahibah, by the end of the week just past,

- ** Fencing has been erected
- ** Security screens installed
- ** Air conditioners installed
- ** Plumbing work completed
- ** Banner across the front of the church will be up through next week
- ** Notices in shop windows
- ** Flyers being delivered around the church
- ** Cross erected inside front fence

What did Parish Council decide at meeting Wednesday night?

- **approved purchase of mobile sound system..amp, collar microphone
- **Electrical work to commence soon.. Exit signs over doors and Muster sign erected outside
- ** fire extinguishers to be checked

**thanked Stuart Bell for donation of new whizz bang photocopier

**received card from Parish of Mururrundi thanking us for donation towards drought relief

**has given \$500 for a school term of supporting High School Chaplain

** discussed initial difficulties of storage space at St Martin's until rental house becomes available 3rd May, and until verandah is closed in for storage. To begin with, it will be quite difficult! Everyone will need to be very patient!!** Next meeting 10th April 7.30pm. Items for agenda to Parish Secretary Lorraine Pearce Adams please.

Other News

Safe Ministry Training: Merewether Church hall, 18th May, 9am~4pm. All PC members, and parishioners with contact with children need to have an up to date SMT Certificate. To register for the above **date**, fill in and return the form available in the narthex, asap.

This week's happenings...

- 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.

Parish of Charlestown

Holy Week Services

All services @ St Martin's in the Field

- Palm Sunday** 9am Holy Eucharist
- Monday** 6pm A Journey through Holy Week, Holy Eucharist
- Tuesday** 6pm Holy Eucharist
- Wednesday** 6pm Holy Eucharist
- Maundy Thursday** 6pm Institution of the Lord's Supper and Foot washing
- Good Friday** 9am
- Easter Sunday** 9am Holy Eucharist followed by celebratory Champagne, Orange Juice, fruit and croissant breakfast.
- Easter Egg Hunt for the children. Enquiries 0474 154 684

Sunday 7th April 2019

Readings: Isaiah 43.16-21 Psalm 126
Philippians 3.3-14 John 1.1-8

St Albans 8:30am

Prayers: Hilda Hughes **Reading:** Joan Chilvers
Sacristan: Evelyn Gibson **Sanctuary:** Brian Taylor, Neville Thomas
L.L. Ass: Stuart Bell **Music:** Elaine Davis

Sound: Julie Cooper *Welcomers:* Sandra Whyte, Helen Firkin
Morning Tea: Tricia Jessop, Joan Chilvers
Counting: Greg +

St Martins 10:00am
