



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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Welcome everyone to worship today! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

God is love. And those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. 1 John 4.16b

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| Readings | Acts 11.1-18 | Psalm 148 |
| | Revelation 21.1-6 | John 13.31-35 |

Prayer of the week;

*Saving God,
who called our church to witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be reconciled to you;
through him who died for us and rose again
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Rev'd Sally's Bit

Dear Friends

Next Sunday will be my last with you. My time with you has been so rewarding for me. It has been such a privilege to be part of the huge change that you have all undertaken as the St Albans congregation has left Charlestown and come to join the people at St Martin's. This has been an upheaval for you, Charlestown people, just as it has been for the St Martin's people who have been inundated! There has been grief and sadness, all mixed in with joy and anticipation and hope.

The way you have all managed this transition has been (and continues to be) inspiring. I want to thank you for making my job so rewarding. To have been part of this has been so satisfying as Parish

Council have worked together to achieve almost the unbelievable in such a short space of time! I know you are very grateful to them, as you thank them with a splendid morning tea.

You know you have many challenges still to face.. what to do about storage space, a vestry, an office and a meeting room are all issues that need to be sorted. Whether to re-let St Martin's House after some urgent repairs and maintenance, so there is a steady income stream for the parish, or whether to use it for parish purposes will need to be decided.

In all this, I am sure that you will continue as you have to date, working together in love, committing all your thoughts and plans to God, and trusting the Spirit to lead you.

Your future is bright! This is a great community you find yourselves in, with so many opportunities to serve God, and to grow the Kingdom. Mya God be with you all, my friends! Revd Sally

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, Blanche Roundsley.

We give thanks and pray for the faithful departed: (connected to our parish)
John and Marjorie Perry-Keene, William Edward Budd, Bruce Percival, Colin James Walker, Oscar Hamilton Holt, Del Waters, Bob Miles,

"John for Everyone"

Who is Jesus Christ? A brief study of John's Gospel.

Commencing Friday **17th May**, 9:am at St. Martins.

Please let Rev Bob know if you are coming. Also Wednesday night study is available. Minimum number 40

This week at St Martins

Monday 8:30 Silent Christian Meditation

Monday 9:30 Playgroup

Monday 4:00 Monday night home group - Lenten study at Bev Rigby's

Wednesday 10:00 GAPS

Friday 9:00 "John for Everyone" with Rev Bob

BCA's Centenary Celebrations in Newcastle

Cathedrals across Australia will observe the Centenary of the Bush Church Aid Society (BCA) at special Services on **Sunday 26th May 2019.**

The Newcastle celebration on that day will take place in Christ Church Cathedral at 6pm with Choral Evensong.

The guest preacher will be The Revd David Crain, Interim National Director of BCA. The Bishop of Newcastle, The Rt Revd Dr Peter Stuart will be present and speak prior to giving The Blessing. The Service will be followed by a "bring and share" light supper, with a presentation of short two minute BCA Centenary videos.

The Revd David Crain, BA, BD, ThL, trained for the priesthood at Morpeth and was ordained for this Diocese, serving in a number of Parishes before moving to the Bendigo Diocese. He and his wife Pam (originally from Maitland) live in Sydney where David is presently Chairman of the NSW/ACT BCA Committee, and Assistant (part time) at St Mark's Church, Darling Point.
