

**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, 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

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

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**- Messy Church Tonight -**  
**Great fun, lots of laughter, good food,**  
**faith and friendship for all.**

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**Readings;** Exodus 14.19-31 Psalm 114  
Romans 14.1-14 Matthew 18.21-35

**Prayer for the week;**

O God,  
without you we are not able to please you:  
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



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

(Monday)	Psalm	41; 44.1-9	Job 16.1-17
(Tuesday)	Psalm	45	Job 16.18 – 17.16
(Wednesday)	Psalm	48	Job 18
(Thursday)	Psalm	50	Job 19.1-22
(Friday)	Psalm	51	Job 19.23-20.11
(Saturday)	Psalm	54; 55.1-12	Job 20.12-29

**This week at St Alban's**

Sunday	8.30am	Eucharist
Monday	8.30am	Silent Meditation
	5.30pm	Study at Rigby's
Wednesday	8.30am	Short Morning Prayer – everyone welcome
	10.00 am	GAPS

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**Intercessions:**

***In our Newcastle Diocese, we pray for:***

Bishop Administrator Peter Stuart and Nicki , Katherine Bowyer.

***In the national church we pray for:***

General Synod and Synod Commissions

***In the wider Church, we pray for:***

All people who have lost family, homes, livelihoods during the horrendous storms and earthquakes this week.

Heads of government from all countries that they may be able to reach agreement avoid conflict with N Korea.

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:***

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 Archdeacon Wendy, Lu Piper, Ruth and Bob, Terry Frewin, the parish council, David Hesketh and Kim.

***We give thanks and pray for the faithful departed:*** (connected to our parish)

Frank Firkin, Robert Purvis.

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

***We pray for Strength, peace and healing:*** Helen Firken and family, Keith Watson and family, Wal Broadbent and family, Greg Thompson and Kerry, Louie Impiazzi, Doug and Julia Roberts, Carrie Neale, Brian and Glenys Conway, Clare, Luke and Glenda, Debbie Bell, Ruth Boundy, Rebecca Ferguson, Anne Preston, Pryer family, Claire Tamlin, Max and Ann Youman, Shirley Broadbent, Blanche Roundsley.

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***Special Prayers***

Particularly pray for Synod – Annual Synod to be held on Saturday 23 September.

And Bishop Election Synod Saturday 11 November

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***Tree of Angels – Victims of Crime***

Many thanks to everyone who has offered assistance again this year.

Date: **25th November at 2;30pm** at St Johns, Cooks Hill. Sue and Lyn Wilson

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***Christmas A' Fair***

**SATURDAY, December 2 – don't forget to put the date in your diary.**

***Our last fundraiser for the year.***

***Are you able to donate anything to go into the  
MONSTER CHRISTMAS STOCKING ?***

**Basket for donations in the Narthex**

**Note for your diary**

Anglican Women will hold the Lenten Silent Retreat for Women in **February 2018** as follows:-

\* Retreat 1 (weekend)

Friday 16 February to Sunday 18 February

Day option: Saturday 17 February

\* Retreat 2 (week days) \* if there are sufficient numbers wishing to attend

Tuesday 20 February to Thursday 22 February

Day option: Wednesday 21 February

Retreat Conductor: The Rev'd Mel Nelson

Venue: Catalina Conference Centre, 171 Dorrington Road, Rathmines

Registration forms detailing costs are available in the Narthex.

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## **INVITATION**

***The Bishop Administrator of the Diocese of Newcastle  
The Chapter and Churchwardens  
Of the Cathedral Church of Christ the King Newcastle***

***Invite you to join us  
for the Commissioning and Installation of  
the Reverend Canon Karherine Bowyer  
as the 16<sup>th</sup> Dean of Newcastle  
and  
Rector of the Cathedral Parish***

***7pm, Wednesday 4 October 2017.***

***Light refreshments will be served after the service.***

***Clergy are invited to robe  
And join the liturgical procession.  
The liturgical colour is white.  
RSVP by Wednesday 27 September 2017  
Email: [rsp@newcastlecathedral.org.au](mailto:rsp@newcastlecathedral.org.au)  
Phone: 4929 2052***

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If you would like to receive David Morgan's, BCA newsheet, each time, in full by Email please send your Email address. Doug Roberts. – djroberts@spin.net.au

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### **AMUA (Mothers Union)**

We will meet on Wed.20th Sept in Church. Please bring something precious such as ornament, jewellery, toys, book or poem to share with the group (no husbands or boyfriends) We shall have lunch at the Square . Rosemary

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#### **A PASTOR STOLE A SPOON**

Pastor had dinner at the home of a couple from his church. After he left, the wife said to her husband, "I think he stole a spoon?" This bothered her for the year.

Next year the couple had the Pastor for dinner again. Unable to resist the wife asked, "Did you steal our spoon last year?" The Pastor replied, "No! I put it in your Bible."

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### ***'He makes everything work out according to his plan.' Ephesians 1:11 NLT***

The Bible says, 'The Lord will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right' (Psalm 84:11 NLT). Sometimes we pray for a certain thing, believing it's good for us. But God, who has a plan for your life, knows what would be 'good' and what wouldn't be. Billy Graham's wife, Ruth, said if God had answered all her prayers when she was young, she'd have married the wrong man - several times.

Two teardrops were floating down the river of life. One asked the other, 'Who are you?' The second replied, 'I'm the teardrop from the girl who loved a man and lost him. Who are you?' The first teardrop replied, 'I am the teardrop from the girl who got him.' That's the way life goes, isn't it? We cry over what we don't have, not realising we might have cried twice as hard if God had given it to us.

The expression 'walking by faith' means trusting the plan God has already worked out, and will reveal to you on a need-to-know basis. Paul said, 'I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content' (Philippians 4:11 NKJV). Clearly his contentment didn't come from his surroundings, since he spent all but seven years of his ministry in prison. So where did it come from? The knowledge that God 'makes everything work out according to his plan' (Ephesians 1:11 NLT).

Does that mean Paul understood every detail of God's plan? No, but when he didn't understand the plan, he trusted 'The Planner'! And that's where Paul's peace, joy, and contentment came from. ***The same goes for you.***



**“DOG is GOD spelled backwards.  
That’s pretty much all the religion  
I know, but it works for me.”**

## Next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

**Readings:** Exodus 16.2-15                  Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45  
 Philippians 1                                  Matthew 20.1-16

**St Albans -            8.30 am            Eucharist**  
 Prayers:                H. Joice  
 Reading:                E. Gibson  
 Sacristan:              R. Reed  
 Sanctuary:            K. Kear, B. Taylor  
 L.L. Ass:                S. Bell  
 Music:                  Robert Joice  
 Sound:                  Julie Cooper  
 Welcomers:            N & S Thomas  
 Morning Tea:         B. Rigby / J. Campbell  
 Counting:              Greg + Doug

**St Martins –        10.00 am**

### **Parish Ministry Team:**

Archdeacon Wendy Dubojski:	<i>Priest</i>
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>
The Rev. Robert Peattie:	<i>Community Chaplain for Carers</i>

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