

## UlladullaAnglican

St Martin's: Cnr Princes Hwy & Green St, Ulladulla  
St Peter & St Paul: Cnr Princes Hwy & Church St, Milton

**Service times:** 8.30am Ulladulla | 10.30am Ulladulla | 11am Milton | 5.30pm Ulladulla\*

**Office hours:** (most) Tuesdays 9am-4pm; and Fridays 9am-12n

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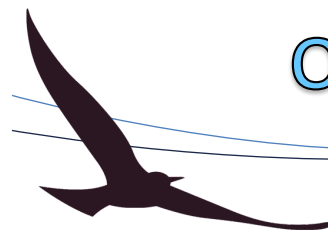
**St Martin's Bookstore:** Mon to Fri, 10am to 4pm. (*depending on volunteer availability*)

### Church Offertory:

Electronic transfers may be made (*on-line or at your bank*) to:

**St Peter & St Paul's.** BSB 633-108 Account 157807868.  
(Bendigo 'Church Account 2')

**St Martin's** BSB 032 701 Account 245648.  
(Westpac 'Ulladulla Anglican')



# ourWavelength

St Martin's Ulladulla  
St Peter & St Paul's Milton

5th September 2021

### Church online

Open our **web page:** ulladulla-anglican.org

Click on the **blue live stream** button

### Traditional service of Morning Prayer

Available from 8.30am Sunday

**"Listening to Jesus"**

*Bart Vanden Hengel*

Psalm 146; Isaiah 35:4-7, **Mark 9:2-8**

### 10.30am Church

Available from 10.30am Sunday

**"Denying self"**

*Trevor Edwards*

Isaiah 35:4-7, **Mark 8:27 - 9:1**

We exist to build a community of believers who,  
with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, will:

- \* seek to know Christ fully,
- \* serve Christ faithfully and
- \* declare Christ fearlessly.

  
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### Trevor's Column

Dear sisters and brothers,

Spring has sprung! The liquid amber tree in our backyard is covered with buds from which are emerging beautiful little leaves. Our first sweet pea has bloomed and looks like it will be the first fruits of a grand harvest. As I ride my bicycle around Burrill Lake I am struck by the beauty of the wattle and other signs of new life, yet the very beauty of the season requires two differing theological perspectives and responses especially in this pandemic.

On the one hand, **everything created by God is good** (1 Timothy 4:4). While we work with existing materials, God created beauty and form out of formlessness and chaos. He enjoyed every moment of his creative task, and stood back declaring his pleasure that all was as he had intended. Each flower was conceived in the mind of God, and because he is such a big God there is infinite variety. So roses, carnations, daffodils, dahlias & proteas are all part of his creativity, designed for his enjoyment and ours. The only appropriate human response is to praise and thank our creator God. The Psalmist reminds us that the very creation is like a choir declaring the glory of God (Psalm 148), so when we witness spectacular sights we are not just meant to say 'isn't it beautiful?' but we ought to say 'isn't God great?'. It is meant to provoke the response of praise, thanks, adoration and worship.

However, **everything created by God is also frustrated** (Romans 8:18-25). Although it was good, creation is now partly disordered by a certain sense of futility in its 'bondage to decay'. The flowers bloom, but the petals fall. Moreover, the plant has to battle weeds and pests to survive. Every garden is constantly threatened by encroaching chaos! But worse, creation can never fulfil its ultimate purpose while humans rebel against God. Imagine the creation to be a huge orchestra playing to the praise of God. The mountains are playing bass, the oceans are playing cymbals, the birds are on flute and the flowers are on piccolo or triangle. But the concert is never perfect because all the time orchestra members are dying, and the principal performer (the soloist) will not participate properly in the concert. Instead humans are full of themselves, and spend most of their time praising others members of the orchestra. This is idolatry and always puts the orchestra out of tune.

In summary, the creation shares our sentence of death, and eagerly awaits the day when the risen Christ will return to redeem his own children completely. Until that day everything created by God will be frustrated, including us. So perhaps the current pandemic is a much needed 'wake up' call for the friends of Jesus to not only keep on earnestly praying *your kingdom come*, but also to be actively sharing with others the need to find their ultimate hope in the redemption which is found only in Jesus..

Prayerfully yours, *Trevor Edwards*

### *In our Prayers this week:*

#### ***Please give thanks:***

- \* (especially on this 'Father's Day') that we have a Heavenly Father who gives good gifts in abundance to those who ask;
- \* For the fathers and father figures who have nurtured us in our Christian walk;
- \* For each other that, although scattered, we are still one family united in Christ.

#### ***Please pray for:***

- \* Henk Emans (10.30) recovering from surgery, Margaret Lipscombe (10.30) recovering from a fall, Anne Campbell (8.30) recovering after car accident, Marion Gabbott (10.30) undergoing chemotherapy, and all members of our Church Family who are presently dealing with health or family issues, or mourning a loss;
- \* wisdom and strength for Trevor and Dave as they continue to lead, teach and support us, and for leaders and members of our growth groups as they care for each other;
- \* wisdom for fathers as they nurture their children and teach them by word and example;
- \* grace and strength for health care workers as they deal with high case loads, especially Covid-affected patients, and for all those whose health, wellbeing and livelihoods are being adversely affected by the virus and ongoing lockdowns;
- \* wisdom and unity of purpose for our government and community leaders as they as they manage the rollout of vaccines and plan for the transition out of lockdowns;
- \* opportunities for each of us to share with others the firm hope we have in Jesus amidst the uncertainties of life;
- \* protection for those in Afghanistan, especially Christians, who are at risk;
- \* Miriam Bradshaw (CMS Link Missionary in Spain), and Yosef & Danica, (serving with YWAM in Mexico) - for safety, good health and opportunities to share the gospel;

### ***Daily Bible Readings***

Monday	Gen 5:18-23	Friday	Acts 5:12-42
Tuesday	Gen 37:1-24	Saturday	2 Tim 3:10-17
Wednesday	Gen 39:1-23	Sunday	Mark 8:27-9:1
Thursday	Job 1:1-22		

#### **Thought for the week**

*"...deny himself...take up his cross...follow me..."*  
*Mark 8:34*

## *My notes*

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### *A prayer for a new Senior Minister*

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor  
who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments;  
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry  
and enable us to fulfil our calling.  
Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience,  
and to us give warm and generous hearts,  
for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen**

### **Mark 8:27 – 9:1** (Texts for 10.30 Bible message)

<sup>27</sup> Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" <sup>28</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

<sup>29</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup> Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup> He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

<sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life<sup>[b]</sup> will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

**9** And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

### **Mark 9:2 – 8** (Texts for 8.30 and 11am Bible message)

<sup>2</sup> After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup> His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup> (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

<sup>7</sup> Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

<sup>8</sup> Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

## Afghanistan

As well as continuing to pray for God's mercy on the country of Afghanistan and especially for our sisters and brothers in Christ, some of us may be able to **help practically** through the auspices of the Barnabas Fund.

This organisation is currently caring for 400 Afghani Christians (men, women and children) who have escaped to a neighbouring country, but it remains in contact with another 400 still trapped there. As first generation Christian converts from Islam they face possible death at the hands of the Taliban for being apostates. The Barnabas Fund is supporting the living costs of Christians in hiding in Afghanistan, as well as for those who have escaped.

It will be funding flights for Christians to travel from the region to safer countries, as well as supporting them for a period as they settle into their new environment.

If you are interested in **donating** to this cause, visit the Barnabas Fund Australia donations website at: <https://barnabasfund.org/au/latest-needs/afghanistan-crisis-appeal-rescue-afghan-christians/>

For more information the Barnabas fund organisation visit:  
[www. barnabasfund.org/au](http://www.barnabasfund.org/au).

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## BCA (Bush Church Aid) Boxes

Thank you to those members of the Church Family who faithfully set aside their spare change in BCA money boxes, for the assistance of churches in remote areas of Australia. It is time to open the boxes and send our combined contribution to BCA.

Please return your money box to the Church Office by **30 September** so that we can count the money and forward it to BCA.

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## Parish Council

The next meeting of our Parish Council will be **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September**.

Please pray for our Parish Council as it considers issues including how best to prepare the Rectory for its future new occupant, and the effects of the Covid lockdown on our Church Family. It is assumed that the meeting will be conducted over Zoom, so please especially pray for Parish Council members (some whom are Zoom novices) as they deal with this mode of meeting.

## Father's Day

*A special greeting to all Fathers among us today.*

May the acknowledgement you receive from your family remind you afresh of the wonderful gift of parenthood that God has granted you.

May we all be thankful to God for the fathers and father figures in our life who have nurtured us in our life journey.

### *A prayer for fathers*

*Gracious Heavenly Father*

*Bless all the fathers among us who have accepted the responsibilities of being a parent. Guide them to be outstanding role models to their children. Let them look to your example and to parent with patience, unconditional love and understanding. Help them, by their words and actions, to nurture their children into a knowledge of Jesus as their saviour. Amen.*

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## Lockdown news

With the lockdown of regional areas continuing, we meet online again this week.

**Wavelength:** Can be accessed on the Church web site. Paper copies will be available in St Martin's foyer during the week.

**Offertory:** may be left in the boxes in the Church Office on Tuesday or Friday mornings, or paid by electronic transfer (details on back page).

**Church services:** Two services (one traditional and one contemporary) will be 'live streamed' each Sunday during the current restrictions. These can be joined in real time, at 8.30am and 10.30am, or any time later. Meetings in our church buildings will resume when NSW Government Health Orders permit church services to restart.

**Zoom:** we have upgraded our Church Zoom account in recent weeks to better suit our needs during the present lockdown. Zoom enables online 'face to face' meetings for multiple participants and may assist some of our groups to stay in contact while restrictions prevent physical gatherings. Each participant needs a suitable device with internet access and with the Zoom application installed.

Please **contact the Church Office via email** if you would like to **schedule and set up a Zoom meeting via the Church account** (remembering that requests can only be actioned on Tuesdays or Friday mornings when the Office is staffed).