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Our Church Bookstore is **open again** under COVID-safe conditions.

Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm.

Our volunteer staff look forward to welcoming you.



St Martin's **Ulladulla**

18th April 2021

Welcome

8.30am Morning Prayer (p18)

"From doubt to worship"

Dave Saunders

Psalm 4; Acts 3:13-19, 1 John 2:1-6, John 20:24-31

Parish Council Duty: Rod Johnson

10.30am Church

"From doubt to worship"

Dave Saunders

Psalm 19, John 20:24-31

Parish Council Duty: Grant Emans

5.30pm Church

"From doubt to worship"

Trevor Edwards

Psalm 4, Ezekiel 37:15-28, John 20:19-23

Parish Council Duty: Rod Hoye

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

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11am Holy Communion (*p134*)

"From doubt to worship"

Trevor Edwards

Psalm 4;

Acts 3:13-19.

1 John 2:1-6.

John 20:24-31

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Bishop Trevor Edwards

Dear sisters and brothers,

I was reminded this week that it has been 60 years since the first manned space by a Russian cosmonaut who made three orbits of the earth. When Yuri Gagarin returned to earth he proudly told everyone that he had a good look for God but could not find him just as the Marxists had always been saying. This is precisely the challenge which still comes to us in our culture – Where is God? We cannot see him or hear him. If he is there, why doesn't he speak to us or show himself to us? How can we know God exists? Prove it.

There is nothing wrong with asking such good questions. It is part of being human to seek to discover meaning and purpose in life and to be prepared to listen and openly investigate the evidence. In our conversations with our friends it is essential to clarify their questions and seek to answer appropriately. The questions I have heard and just cited all use language which clamours for definition (words like 'God', 'know', 'exists', 'prove'). For example, if a person is demanding proof, what sort of proof (mathematical, law court or experiential)? Moreover, in our answers we should always be pointing to the good reasons for believing found in the Bible.

It says we can both know that God is there and what he is like, because he has taken the initiative to reveal himself. It tells us he has unveiled himself in the created order and in our human experience of conscience. However, since that evidence is either ambiguous or fallible, God progressively revealed himself in powerful saving actions in history culminating in the Christ event we celebrate every Easter. As the Apostle Paul put it God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself (2 Corinthians 5:19). In the life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus, God has definitively unveiled himself and his loving purposes. The invisible became visible. The intangible became tangible. The divine became human to restore us.

This is the significance of the encounter Thomas had with the risen Jesus. He did not expect anything would rise from the ash heap of Jesus' execution. He steadfastly refused to believe the claims of his friends unless there were verifiable facts. So even though Jesus had refused to perform signs or miracles in the face of unbelief, he lovingly made himself available to be touched by this sceptic in the family. In the face of overwhelming evidence Thomas could do nothing other than worship Jesus as my Lord and my God. He had met God in Christ. We ourselves cannot see the risen Jesus, but he still draws near to make himself known. We also have the apostolic writings which bear witness to him. They summon us to believe without seeing, to bow our knees in worship and to follow him, basking in our unmerited forgiveness and enjoying eternal life in him. This is the really good news we are called to share in our unique relational networks in this needy world,

Prayerfully yours,

Trevor Edwards

In our Prayers this week;

Please give thanks for:

- * The change of seasons and the reminder it gives us of God's ongoing care for his world;
- * All those who serve our Church Family in many various (and sometimes very quiet) ways;
- * The freedom we have to meet together and proclaim our faith

Please pray for:

- * Healing and comfort for Ross and Leanne as Ross rests and recuperates;
- * grace and strength for all members of our Church Family who are dealing with a variety of significant health issues at present, including Val Atkins and Meg Hammond (11am), Peter Snape and Greg Wickens (8.30am), and Frank Gee and Marion Gabbott (10.30am);
- * Leaders and members of our Bible Study groups as they resume after the holidays;
- *Wisdom for our Parish Council as it meets on Mon 19 April;
- *Teachers and students as school resumes for a new term;
- * Safety for those travelling home after the holiday period;
- * Wisdom and harmony for our state and federal governments as they work to expedite the Covid vaccine rollout;
- *Comfort and strength for the Queen and all those mourning the loss of Prince Phillip;
- * Bishop Peter Hayward as he serves as Administrator until a new Archbishop is elected;
- * Wisdom for those who will take part in the Sydney Synod in May to elect a new Archbishop, including our Synod Representatives Kerrie Grey and Rowena Barton;
- * 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	Num 11:16-30
Tuesday	Jer 31:31-34
Wednesday	Joel 2:28-32
Thursday	Acts 2:1-13

Friday	Acts 4:23-31
Saturday	John 20:1-18
Sunday	John 20:19-31

Thought for the week

"...Receive the Holy Spirit...".

John 20:22

Ross Maltman

Please continue to pray for Ross & Leanne, as Ross recuperates from his recent illness. During Ross' absence, Bishop Trevor Edwards is providing much appreciated ministry support to the Parish. Trevor may be contacted on *0438 243 653*.

BCA Boxes

Thank you for all those who have returned their BCA money boxes. Emptied boxes are available for pick-up in church entry areas.

Quarterly Service Rosters

Work is underway to prepare a new quarterly roster (May to July) for those who assist at our weekly services though special ministries such as *Welcoming*, *Bible Reading*, *Leading Prayers*.

For continuity, we will use the same list of helpers from the current roster, unless you indicate otherwise.

Please let the Church Office know **by 25 April**, if you would like your name to be *added* or *deleted* from the next roster, or if there are dates in the May to July period when you know you will *not be available*.

Directory update Photos & final changes

The Photo Collection stage of our Directory update, concluded last week. However, if you missed out on your photo being taken please contact Rod Hoye as soon as possible, or send a suitable 'selfie' to the Church Office.

Special note:

Please let the Church Office staff know if your contact details:

* have **changed** in recent months, or

* if we do **not yet have details** for you at all.

Entries for the Directory will close on Sunday 25 April

Barbara Pitt Memorial Gathering

A memorial service for former Parishioner, **Barbara Pitt**, will be held at St Martin's on **Saturday, 24 April, 10am**. Would anyone planning to attend, please inform Jackie Clarke or Judy Hoye for catering purposes.

Bible Reading

for today's Bible messages

John 20:24-31

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." The Purpose of John's Gospel

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

(Biblegateway.com)

8.30am Morning Teas

Extra help needed

Over the last few weeks we have reintroduced morning tea after the 8.30am Service.

This has been welcomed by many, however our pool of helpers has shrunk during the 12 months of Covid restrictions, and **extra help is needed** if we are going to continue this much-enjoyed time of fellowship.

If you are able to help by joining the roster of volunteers, please speak to Judy Hoye or one of the St Martin's Wardens

Parish Council

Please pray for our Parish Council as it meets for the first time with Bishop Trevor Edwards, on **Monday 19 April**.