

UlladullaAnglican

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ourWavelength

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

22nd May 2022

Welcome

8.30am

Holy Communion

"Holiness or?"

Frank Gee

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29;

John 14:23-29; **Rev 2:18-29**

Parish Council Duty: Rod Johnson

11am

Morning Prayer (p18)

"Holiness or?"

Frank Gee

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29;

Rev 2:18-29

10.30am Church

"Reality"

Trevor Edwards

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; **Rev 3:1-6**

Parish Council Duty: Grant Emans

5.30pm Church

"Reality"

Trevor Edwards

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; **Rev 3:1-6**

Parish Council Duty: Rod Foord

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‘Trevor’s Column’

Dear sisters and brothers,

I want to thank you very much for your prayerful support while we were on our much needed holiday which ended last Monday. We finally fulfilled a long, but often frustrated desire to spend some time in the Northern Territory to experience its vast breathtaking beauty. Travelling there I was reminded of Dorothea McKellar’s poem ‘My Country’ which I learnt at school many years ago. In the second stanza she wrote –

I love a sunburnt country, A land of sweeping plains,
Of ragged mountain ranges, Of drought and flooding rains.
I love her far horizons, I love her jewel-sea,
Her beauty and her terror – The wide brown land for me!

We left flooding rains here on the east coast to go to the centre of Australia, which is not brown but dry and red. We were then privileged to go to the tropical north to explore other outstandingly beautiful places in hot and humid conditions. Returning home we have had to reacclimatise to cooler conditions, and after a refreshing time away deliberately devoid of news we found our letter box full of depressingly negative electioneering material! Having said that, I remain very grateful we live in a country where we have some say in who leads us, with my constant prayer that God will have mercy on us by giving us women and men of integrity to genuinely govern in the interests of the common good.

I want to warmly thank those who stepped into the breach in my absence. In particular I acknowledge the contribution of Frank Gee who also contributed three helpful columns in Wavelength about understanding the Book of Revelation. Ironically when I devised this preaching series earlier in the year I did not know it would be the focus of my daily Scripture Union Bible readings at the moment, where I have been reminded again and again that human kingdoms will not last but God has the final victorious say over all evil. I first preached through the whole book while the Soviet Union was collapsing in the early 1990s. Now 30 years later an evil despot is at work again, unconscionably supported by the current leadership of the Russian Orthodox Church in a sad triumph of culture over true religion. As a result many innocent people and fellow believers have lost their lives in Ukraine. Our Australian Anglican Relief & Development Fund has already sent \$172K to support displaced Ukrainians by distributing supplies to those in need. There are countless stories of how God is using courageous partners to bless others. One pastor returned to Ukraine, to turn a church in Irpin into a volunteer hub to distribute aid, provide a safe haven, and give people access to power. As a result many come to the church not just for material aid, but for spiritual hope and strengthening. As you mourn or celebrate our election result, please keep proper perspective and keep remembering Ukraine in your prayers.

Prayerfully yours, *Trevor Edwards*

In our Prayers this week:

Please give thanks for:

- * each other and the gifts God has given to our Church Family through many individuals;
- * the many blessings, large and small, that God showers upon us day by day;
- * the freedom we have to democratically elect those who govern us.

Please pray for:

- * Grace and strength for all those in our Church Family who are grieving, dealing with health issues or caring for a loved-one;
- * Wisdom for those newly elected to the national parliament, and grace and peace as we embrace the outcome;
- * Grace and strength for Christians who suffer brutal persecution in various parts of the world because of their faith in Jesus;
- * Wisdom for the UCEF Board as it negotiates with Ulladulla High School and explores ways to continue SRE in the school;
- * The newly resumed monthly Church Service at Sarah Claydon Village this coming Tuesday – for helpful engagement with residents and opportunities to witness
- * “ears to hear what the Spirit says to the churches” during our present sermon series;
- * Rest and refreshment for Dave and Jane as they take a break from parish duties;
- * The people of Ukraine as they face the devastating effects of an unprovoked war;
- * Opportunities this week to share the good news about Jesus to people on our ‘front line’;
- * Miriam Bradshaw (CMS Link Missionary in Spain), and Yosef & Danica, (serving with YWAM in Mexico) - for safety, good health and opportunities to share the true message

Daily Bible Readings

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| Monday | Num 24:1-41 | Friday | 1 Cor 10:1-22 |
| Tuesday | Num 23:30 | Saturday | 2 Peter 2:1-22 |
| Wednesday | Num 24:1-25 | Sunday | Rev 2:12-17 |
| Thursday | 1 Cor 8:1-13 | | |

Thought for the week

*“let him hear...”
Rev 2:12-17*

My notes

Welcome

**Thank you for joining us today
and a special welcome if you are visiting.**

Dave & Jane Saunders

As Trevor resumes his work among us Dave and Jane Saunders are taking a long-awaited three-week break. Please pray for their safety and refreshment during this period of leave, and for those who will step-up at 10.30am Church to help with music, leading and preaching

Happy Birthday Beryl Dove

*We extend warmest best wishes to one of the more senior
and most faithful members of our Church Family.
Beryl had 97 reasons to celebrate her birthday yesterday.*

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***

Current sermon series

Today we continue our study of the message given by the risen Christ (through his exiled servant John) to seven churches in Asia Minor who were beginning to feel the heat of a religiously antagonistic Roman state. He is aware of specific issues in each church, with some commended but others condemned. But since seven is a number of wholeness, perfection or completeness, it is a message for **all churches wherever** they might be and **whenever** they exist in history.

*Please pray for wisdom as we seek to discover what it meant
for the original hearers or readers, and seek to make a relevant
application for our church in Ulladulla and Milton.*

Rev 2:18-29

(Text for 8.30am & 11am)

¹⁸ "To the angel of the church in **Thyatira** write:

These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. ¹⁹ I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

²⁰ Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. ²¹ I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. ²² So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. ²³ I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds. ²⁴ Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets, 'I will not impose any other burden on you, ²⁵ except to hold on to what you have until I come.'

²⁶ To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations— ²⁷ that one 'will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery'^[b]—just as I have received authority from my Father. ²⁸ I will also give that one the morning star. ²⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Rev 3:1-6

(Text for 10.30am & 5.30pm)

"To the angel^[a] of the church in **Sardis** write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits^[b] of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. ² Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. ³ Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

⁴ Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. ⁵ The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels. ⁶ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

UCEF Update

Before Trevor & Dave went on leave, they participated in the local Minister's Support Group to discuss the future of Special Religious Education in Ulladulla High School where enrolments are low in this subject which requires parental permission. UCEF had recruited a new teacher for 2022 on the basis of the former timetable, but the candidate had to withdraw in January when the school introduced a fortnightly timetable consisting of four 70 minute periods each day. It has proved impossible to find a replacement teacher.

In the circumstances, the Ministers Support Group explored a different scenario to focus in fortnightly classes with Year 7 students and seminars a couple of times per term for Years 8 & 9, but this was dependent on volunteers who proved to be unavailable.

While Trevor was on leave, the Ministers Support Group reconvened and decided the following be communicated by their Chair (Doug Knight) to the UCEF Board last Monday night –

1. That at this time we are unable to meet the requirements of running seminars for years 8 and 9, or the running of year 7 SRE
2. We are, however, able to recommence the lunch time group, which should start in week 5
3. That we are sorry to the school for the time it has taken to come to this decision, and are thankful to the school for way they have sought to accommodate SRE
4. If the school permits, we would like to use this year pursuing various avenues so that a strategy for 2023 can be put in place. This would need to be finalised and presented to the Principal by mid-term 4, 2022.
5. If point 4 is agreed, UCEF would continue to advertise and work through the selection process of an SRE teacher
6. While this process unfolds the UCEF board, Clergy and other interested parties need to work toward facilitating ways of sharing new ideas and possibilities for future school engagement in the case that an SRE teacher cannot be found.

The UCEF Board agreed to these suggestions so please pray for –

- John Garrett (the UCEF Chair) as he meets with the Principal of UHS regarding the suggested changes and that God might raise up an SRE teacher of His choice with an appropriate strategy for 2023
- "Unified" (chips and chat) which will re-commence on Mondays at lunchtime from tomorrow (23rd May 2022) from 11.50am-12.20pm under the leadership of Belinda Harding (Youth Worker at the Baptist Church)
- the churches will support UCEF in seeking God's plan for reaching our local youth in innovative ways inside and outside the school if that is His will and direction.