

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*

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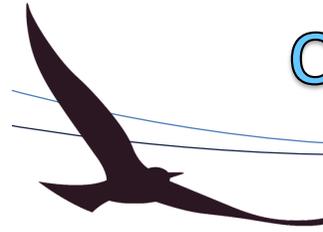
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ourWavelength

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

22nd August 2021

Church online

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

Click on the **blue live stream** button

Traditional service of Holy Communion

Available from 8.30am Sunday

"Dead or living faith"

Dave Saunders

Psalm 34:15-22; Joshua 24:1-18; **James 2:14-25**

10.30am Church

Available from 10.30am Sunday

"No favouritism"

Trevor Edwards

James 2:1-13, Joshua 24:1-18

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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A note from Bishop Trevor Edwards

Dear sisters and brothers,

As I write this column I am assuming the current COVID community lockdown in NSW with its stay at home orders will remain in place for the foreseeable future, and indeed I will be very surprised if it doesn't. This means we are intentionally planning how we can stay connected with our dispersed or scattered flock of Christ and also maintain our public witness to Jesus in these challenging times.

Last weekend we were able to act very quickly to livestream two worship services on Sunday for which we received much positive feedback. I am very appreciative of those who worked behind the scenes to effectively adapt to this reality. Both services were accessed by many more people than were usually attending prior to lockdown. We intend to keep doing this as best as we can in the light of the constraints we are under. In the past week we have also deliberately upgraded our capacity to use the Zoom tool for online meetings. Depending on the technological capacity of our members this may enable some of our small groups to keep functioning virtually in an era when home meetings are not possible face to face. We realise however that there are a number of folk in our congregations who don't have the internet, so we will be putting in steps to try to ensure they are actively supported.

For the sake of the fearful broader community in which we currently live we need to do at least three things. In the first place, keep on *living confidently*. If we are in Christ, we know that no matter what trial we might face absolutely nothing can separate us from his love. We know God works all things for our ultimate good, and that because of the death and resurrection of Jesus we are eternally secure. In the second place, keep on *living lovingly*. As the followers of Jesus we are to live in sacrificial love like he did. He is the model for our loving in this community of faith and beyond. Remember most people are not argued into God's kingdom but loved in, and the current environment gives a unique opportunity to practically care for those around us in our neighbourhood and even answer their questions sensitively should they ask. In the third place, keep *living prayerfully*. Our community, our country and our world is desperately in need of God's mercy and need to return in penitence and faith to him. We need to be praying that in this crisis, all people might realise their dependence on the one true God and look to him in their time of need. We must pray for ourselves and our fellow Christians throughout the world that the way we react in this pandemic by our living and speaking might point others to Jesus and the irreplaceable hope which is found only in him.

Prayerfully yours,

Trevor Edwards

In our Prayers this week:

Please give thanks for:

- * The message of 'James' and the abundant practical wisdom the letter contains for living as a Christian;
- * Technology that allows us to join in worship together and stay in contact while restrictions are in place

Please pray for:

- * The friends and family of Barbara Young as they mourn their loss;
- * Marion Gabbott as she progresses through a more difficult stage of chemotherapy;
- * all members of our Church Family who are presently dealing with health or family issues, or mourning a loss;
- * grace and wisdom to heed the message of James to put our faith into action;
- * wisdom and strength Trevor and Dave as they continue to lead, teach and support us;
- * wisdom and unity of purpose for our government and community leaders as they respond to the growing Covid outbreaks, and as they manage the rollout of vaccines;
- * grace, strength and assistance for everyone whose health, wellbeing and livelihoods have been adversely affected directly by the Covid virus or by ongoing 'lockdowns';
- * comfort and assistance to those in Haiti affected by the recent earthquake;
- * protection for those in Afghanistan who are at risk due to the transition of power, particularly for Christians, women, those who have assisted Western forces, and the minority tribes;
- * 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	Psalm 133:1-3	Friday	Gal 3:23-29
Tuesday	Prov 24:23-34	Saturday	James 2:1-7
Wednesday	Matt 22:15-22	Sunday	James 2:8-13
Thursday	1 Cor 1:18-31		

Thought for the week

"...show no partiality..."
James 2:1

My notes

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

James 2:1 – 26 (Texts for today's Bible messages)

2 My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. **2** Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. **3** If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," **4** have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? **5** Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? **6** But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? **7** Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. **9** But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. **10** For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. **11** For he who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

12 Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, **13** because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? **15** Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. **16** If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? **17** In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. **18** But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. **19** You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

20 You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? **21** Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? **22** You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. **23** And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. **24** You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

25 In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? **26** As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

Afghanistan

A call for lament and prayer for the People of Afghanistan and our Defence and Veteran Community

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. Jesus wept. John 11:32-35

As Bishop Keith Joseph said during his service of lament and prayer for Afghanistan on Thursday "Even Jesus, when confronted with death, suffers and weeps. It is not wrong at this time to cry and to mourn. There is no strength in denying grief."

The vision and reports coming out of Afghanistan are bringing deep distress to many. The implications of the fall of Kabul to the Taliban are socially and politically far reaching and should be the subject of our prayers. Many are experiencing deep frustration, sadness, grief, disillusionment and anger given what is happening in the land where they sacrificed so much.

Suggested prayer points:

- the people of Afghanistan - particularly for Christians, women, those who have assisted Western forces, and the minority tribes.
- the 36,000 veterans who have deployed to Afghanistan over the last 20 years and for those family members who have lost loved ones or who have had loved ones wounded or emotionally affected in some way. Despite what occurs in Afghanistan now, pray that they may know we are thankful for their service and sacrifice.
- the safety of our ADF members currently deployed/deploying to evacuate Australian and Afghan citizens
- wisdom for the Government and Defence leaders as they determine what to do about getting Australians and those who helped Australia out of the country. Particularly remembering the Chief of our Defence Force, General Angus Campbell; The Minister for Defence, the HON Peter Dutton; the Assistant Minister for Defence, the HON Andrew Hastie; and the Minister for Veterans Affairs and Defence Personnel, the HON Andrew Gee.

Grant Dibden

Anglican Bishop to ADF



Defence Anglicans

Lockdown news

With the lockdown of regional areas extended for at least another week we meet online again this week. Please be mindful of each other during this difficult time and particularly for those living alone and those unable to access our online meetings. A phone call may make a big difference to one of our brothers or sisters.

Wavelength: Paper copies of the Wavelength 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, starting at 8.30am and 10.30am, or joined at any time later.

Meetings in our church buildings will resume when NSW Government Health Orders permit church services to restart.

Trevor Edwards – *Home not away*

Earlier in August, Trevor re-informed the parish of a pre-existing locum commitment in his former Diocese which meant he would be absent for five weekends from late August to the end of September.

Both clergy however had increasingly felt it was a priority to be present with their people to provide pastoral care and support in this uncertain season. The advent of the COVID lockdown in NSW confirmed it so the clergyperson concerned has deferred his Long Service Leave for the second year running!

As a result **Trevor will now remain on deck here** to continue to provide pastoral leadership.

'Growth Group' Census

To follow up on the theme of Trevor's letter last week, those who presently lead/co-ordinate 'Growth Groups' (*ie Home Groups, Bible Study Groups, etc*) are requested to help **update our records** by conveying some details of their group to the Church Office **by 31 August**. A brief **email** to the Church Office with the name of the Leader, the make-up of the group (*eg men only, teenagers, mixed etc*) when, where and how frequently the group meets would be most helpful in Trevor starting a process of support.