

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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Parish Council: Two Milton Wardens, + Rod Foord, Rod Hoye & Rowena Barton
(*St Martin's wardens*), + Helen McFarland, Grant Emans,
Janette Dengate, Beryl Wade, Peter Kerma.

St Martin's Bookstore: Tel 4454 3420

Open: Mon to Fri, 10am to 1pm (Tues only 10am to 4pm)
(depending on volunteer availability)

Church Offertory:

Electronic transfers are recommended and
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 Peter & St Paul's Milton

St Martin's Ulladulla

4th December 2022

Welcome

8.30am (Ulladulla)

Holy Communion

**"The return of Jesus:
Don't despair"**

Aiden Sibrava

Psalm 72:12-21; Isaiah 11:1-10;

1 Thess 4:13-18 Matt 3:1-12

Parish Council Duty: Rod Johnson

11am (Milton)

Holy Communion (p114)

**"The return of Jesus:
Don't despair"**

Aiden Sibrava

Psalm 72:12-21; Isaiah 11:1-10;

1 Thess 4:13-18 Matt 3:1-12

10.30am Church (Ulladulla)

**"The return of Jesus:
Don't speculate"**

Dave Saunders

Isaiah 11:1-10; **1 Thess 5:1-11**

Parish Council Duty: Grant Emans

5.30pm Church (Ulladulla)

**"The return of Jesus:
Don't speculate"**

Dave Saunders

Isaiah 11:1-10; **1 Thess 5:1-11**

Parish Council Duty: Rowena Barton

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Aiden's Column

Where's the what now?

Donald Rumsfeld once said that *There are known knowns; there are things we know we know. We also know there are known unknowns; that is to say we know there are some things we do not know. But there are also unknown unknowns—the ones we don't know we don't know.*

I was reminded of that quote this week when, during a catchup, one of our Wardens mentioned that I had a pigeon hole in the office. Now, having an allocated pigeon hole is perfectly normal... and yet it surprised me.

There are so many things to get to grips with as a new Rector: preaching series (and preachers), visiting bible studies, forward planning; Diocesan commitments, organising my office, not to mention multiple significant pastoral concerns... and that's all before thinking about preaching on the weekend.

So the thought that I might have a pigeon hole, and that it's something I ought to go looking for, simply hadn't occurred to me. It was an *unknown-unknown*.

Similarly, it was only halfway through my first sermon at the Milton site that I looked to my left and realised that there was a pulpit I probably should have been preaching from... before afterwards learning that no, we *don't* use that piece of furniture, due to bugs in the sound system. Again: *unknown-unknowns*. People sometimes talk about the changes that come with a new Rector; but I've begun to think that some of these may be pure accidents: we just don't know how much we don't know.

All of that has got me thinking about evangelism. Next week, we'll welcome a team from the Christian group at the University of Canberra. They'll go into the streets of our parish, hoping to introduce locals to Jesus. On Thursday night, we'll join them at our church sites to think about sharing our stories of faith.

In all of that, it's worth remembering how little the people we're trying to reach might know about Christianity. Sociologists talk about "high context" cultures and church really can be a 'high context' culture: especially when so many no longer share our basic biblical knowledge.

This means we need to be culturally intelligent. Michael Jensen often talks about 'exegeting culture': understanding what culture is saying to us, and how it makes meaning. We do this so we can speak the Gospel into culture.

Paul wrote in 1 Cor. 9, *To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. ... To Gentiles I became like a Gentile, to win the Gentiles. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.*

Why not take time to understand the cultures around us? With patience and thought, it'll help us to reach people the way Paul did. And with a lot of patience, I might even locate my pigeon hole!

Aiden Sibraava

In our Prayers this week:

Please give thanks for:

- * The season of Advent that helps us reflect on God's great intervention in sending Jesus into the world;
- * The great and certain hope we have through knowing Jesus as our saviour;
- * The opportunities in the Christmas season to speak about Jesus to friends & family;

Please pray for:

- * Grace and strength for Penny and Elijah Wilson, and their family and friends, as they mourn the loss of Samuel, and for all those in our Church Family who are grieving, dealing with health or family issues, or caring for a loved one;
- * Wisdom for Aiden and Dave as they prepare for Christmas services;
- * The wise use of time and opportunities at special events this coming week, especially Women's night at Rowena's 5 Nov, Open Door Christmas Service 6 Nov, Combined Churches Christmas gathering 6 Nov;
- * the AFES (student) mission 8-11 December, for opportunities for us to work with the students, wisely and boldly, in sharing the Gospel in our community;
- * opportunities to share the good news about Jesus with family, friends & neighbours, and wisdom and boldness as we speak;
- * wisdom for our Bookstore volunteers as they interact with members of our community;
- * grace and wisdom for our Hospital Chaplains – Colleen Clifford and Rod Foord;
- * grace and peace for Miriam Bradshaw (CMS Link Missionary) as she accepts a commission to return to Spain in the new year; and safety and wisdom for Yosef & Danica, (serving with YWAM in Mexico)

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Psalm 2:1-11	Friday	1 Thess 5:1-11
Tuesday	Psalm 110:1-7	Saturday	2 Thess 1:5-12
Wednesday	Matt 24:26-44	Sunday	2 Thess 2:1-11
Thursday	1 Thess 4:13-18		

Thought for the week

"...the day of the Lord will come..."
1 Thess 5:2

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Only **ONE** weeks left to contribute food items towards Christmas Hampers which will be made distributed in December (*via the Community Resource Centre*) to needy families in our community.

You may do this by placing items, **chosen from the list below**, in collection boxes that will be in the foyer of both church centres until **Sunday 11th December**.

1 Christmas cake	1 tin ham (medium)
1 Christmas pudding	1 tin peas (440 gms)
1 litre Tetra pack juice	1 packet instant potato
1 litre long life milk	(or 2 tins of potato)
1 litre long life custard	1 tin corn (440 gms)
1 packet jelly	1 tin fruit (800 gms)
1 packet biscuits (eg shortbread)	1 packet mixed nuts
1 bag Christmas lollies	1 packet bon bons (standard <u>not</u> super size)

Combined Churches Christmas Party

The Annual Combined Churches Christmas Party (*open to all men and women*) will be held this COMING **Tuesday, 6th December**, at **Groundswell Church** (formerly Highway Church), **6.30pm for a 7pm start**. Those attending are invited to bring one plate of food per car for supper, and make a donation at the door towards 'Safe Waters' refuge.

*Come along and enjoy a night of fun and fellowship
at this great combined churches event.*

*A special invitation
to all women of Ulladulla Milton Anglican
Monday 5th December from 6pm.*

*Rowena and Michele invite you to join them at Rowena Barton's house -
70 Canberra Cres, Burrill Lake, to welcome Jess Sibrava
and celebrate the Christmas season together.*

Invite a friend and bring a plate of savoury finger food/fruit platter, to share.

Non-alcoholic drinks and sweet treats will be provided.

Feel free to wear something festive.

(Access note: There are nine steps to get up at Rowena's house.)

*Please **RSVP** to Michele 0438818176 by **TODAY 4 Dec** for planning.
Let Michele know if you need a lift or can pick someone up on your way.*

Annual Christmas Street Stall

The hospitality team is holding its Christmas Street Stall on
Thursday 15th December 8.30 -12.00am
outside Beachside Pharmacy on the highway.

Donations of Saleable items are welcome, and these should be delivered to the stall on the day. (Food items must show a list of ingredients)

Donations of money towards ingredients for the Christmas Cakes baked by the Hospitality Team would also be welcome.

For any enquiries about the Street Stall please contact:-

Judy Hoyer on 0407 345787, Helen McFarland on 0406 079429, or
Laurel McDonald on 0488 177225

St Martin's Bookstore

Our Bookstore has a great stock of Christmas cards (and other cards),
as well as a wide range of Christian books, and journals etc.

Come in and browse during our **new** opening hours:

Monday to Friday from 10.00am until 1.00pm
(10am to 4pm on Tuesdays only)

Parish Directory

The new Parish Directory is available **TODAY Sunday 4th December**.

There is **one personally labelled copy** available for **each household listed in the Directory**. If you are not listed in the Directory and would like a copy, or if your family needs a second copy, please contact the Church Office.

AFES Christmas Mission,

From **Wed 7th to Sunday 11th December**, the Parish will be hosting a team of **Christian University students** from Canberra to do **Mission** here in the lead up to Christmas.

Please remember Aiden's note in last week's Wavelength, get excited and, above all, be in prayer for this encouraging opportunity, and especially how we may best partner with the team in mission.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

(Sermon Text for 8.30 & 11am)

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

(Sermon Text for 10.30am & 5.30pm)

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Welcome

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Please **note**, **plan to attend** (and **invite others**) and **pray**
for our Christmas services:

Wed **14 Dec**, **7pm** - Carols & Readings at **St Peter & St Paul's Milton**

Sun **18 Dec**, **9.30am** - Carols & Readings at **St Martin's Ulladulla**
*A special **service** of Carols and Readings,
with an ensemble drawn from the Milton Town Band.*

Sat **24 Dec**, **11pm** - Holy Communion at **St Martin's Ulladulla**
(Come along at 10pm and enjoy tea, coffee and Christmas cake)

Sun **25 Dec**, **8am** - Holy Communion at **St Peter & St Paul's Milton**

Sun **25 Dec**, **9.30am** - Family Christmas Celebration at **St Martin's Ulladulla**

*Copies of a 'flyer' with these details will be available soon in Church foyers.
Take some and share with the neighbours*

Special notes:

Sunday 18 December

The **9.30am** service of Carols and Readings at St Martin's
will replace the **8.30am** and **10.30am** services.

The 11am service at **Milton** and
the **5.30pm service** at **St Martin's**
WILL both proceed as normal

Sunday 25 December

There is only **ONE** service at each Church Centre:

8am at **St Peter & St Paul's**, and –
9.30am at **St Martin's**