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 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') Ulladulla Anglican

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

11th September 2022

Welcome

8.30am (Ulladulla)

11am (Milton)

Morning Prayer (p18) "Committed Faith:

"Committed Faith: **Anticipating the promises"** *Frank Gee* Psalm 51:10-19:1-12; Gen 50:22-26; **Hebrews 11:17-22**; Parish Council Duty: Helen McFarland

Morning Prayer

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10.30am Church - Communion (Ulladulla)

"Committed Faith: God is worth everything"

Trevor Edwards Exodus 12:21-26; **Hebrews 11:23-28** Parish Council Duty: Rowena Barton

5.30pm Church (Ulladulla)

"Committed Faith: God is worth everything"

Trevor Edwards
Exodus 12:21-26; Hebrews 11:23-28

Parish Council Duty: Rod Hoye

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our Wavelength

'Trevor's Column'

Dear sisters and brothers,

In the course of my episcopal ministry in Canberra & Goulburn I discovered a book entitled <u>The Healthy Churches' Handbook</u> which was being used helpfully by some parishes to try to help them revitalise their churches by doing a health check. Rather than focusing on numerical church growth which had once been the fashion in a previous era, this research project on UK churches by Canon Robert Warren concentrated on what he had discovered and called the 'marks of a healthy church'. He maintains these seven marks are a good description of the values Jesus displayed in his life and which his disciples are called to live out today. These are not activities but values and attitudes expressed in diverse ways in different church contexts.

He likens growing a healthy church to baking a delicious cake. Good ingredients are a vital start. Then comes getting the proportions and mix right and knowing how long and at what temperature to cook it for. Like making a cake he observes that with healthy churches, it is the interplay and interaction of a number of factors that enables things to work well. The first two factors focus on the church's fundamental relationships with God and the surrounding world and reflect the two great commandments to love God and our neighbours. Given our current preaching series on committed forward-thinking faith from Hebrews 11, I will today just expand briefly on the first mark. It is being energised by faith rather than just keeping things going to survive. This stands at the head of the list and from it all the other marks flow. Some churches lack energy or their energy is misdirected (for example to keep things as they are) but the foundational basis for the life of any church must be creating a community of disciples who trust and follow Jesus. It is faith in God as revealed in Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit which is the source of vitality in the life of a healthy church. In this research this mark had been seen in worship as people were moved beyond just following the liturgy to experiencing God's loving presence and celebrating his goodness. Energy came from a heartfelt desire to serve God and one another. Scripture was engaged with in creative ways that sought to challenge values, choices and everyday lifestyles. Faith in Christ was nurtured as people were helped to grow in, and share their faith including their personal stories. I have seen glimpses of all these things in our congregations in the past few months. Times of transition are always tough, and long vacancies can sometimes give a sense of marking time. But I praise God for every evidence I have seen of individuals in all congregations being *eneraised by faith* and I pray that this will be true for all of us as we persevere serving him in his saving mission. Prayerfully yours,

In our Prayers this week:

Please give thanks for:

- * The examples of 'committed faith' to whom our sermon series on Hebrews points us;
- * The appointment by UCEF of a paid SRE teacher in UHS for 2023;
- * The extraordinary life of Queen Elizabeth II, and her long and faithful service to her country and church.

Please pray for:

- * Grace and strength for all those in our Church Family who are grieving, dealing with health or family issues, or caring for a loved one;
- * Comfort for the family and friends of the five teenagers who were killed during the week in a motor vehicle crash at Buxton;
- * Wisdom and generous hearts as we each consider how best to respond to the shortfall of our present offertories to meet expected expenses in 2023;
- * Wisdom for our Parish Council as it meets on Mon 12 September;
- * Trevor and Dave as they faithfully lead and teach us week by week;
- * The work of BCA (Bush Church Aid) as they support ministry and mission in remote areas of Australia;
- * Grace and wisdom for King Charles III as he mourns the loss of his mother and commences his reign;
- * Grace and strength for people in Pakistan impacted by recent severe floods, and for all those in countries impacted by drought, floods, fires, wars and other calamities;
- * Safety and wisdom for Miriam Bradshaw (CMS Link Missionary) as she visits supporting churches and strengthens her support links; and for Yosef & Danica, (serving with YWAM in Mexico) - safety and good health as they prepare for a new baby, and wisdom in their leadership roles;

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Genesis 15:1-6	Friday	1 Peter 1:1-9
Tuesday	Genesis 15:7-20	Saturday	Rev 21:1-4
Wednesday	Genesis 18:1-14	Sunday	Hebrews 11:9-16
Thursday	John 14:1-7		

Thought for the week

" they desire a better country.....a heavenly one......" Hebrews 9:16

Trevor Edwards

Concerts at St Martin's

On the next two Sunday afternoons there are concerts at St Martin's hosted by local Music groups

Sunday 18th September, 2pm

The **Milton Ulladulla Music group** is hosting a concert with visiting performers. Tickets available at the door from 1.30pm

Sunday 25th September, 2pm

The newly formed **Milton Ulladulla String Orchestra** will hold their first public concert. Entry by donation from 1.30pm

Parish Council

The next meeting of our Parish Council is **Monday, 12th September**, 7pm at St Martin's. Please pray for Parish Council members as they prepare and meet.

Parish Directory review and update

THANK YOU to all those who checked the draft Parish Directory, made **amendments** where needed, **filled out a form** to approve a **new entry**, or supplied **photos**. Your prompt action has been much appreciated.

Our volunteer Office staff will be checking these over the next few weeks and seeking clarification where necessary. We will also be trying to replace some of the poorer quality photos from the 2021 Directory.

During this checking process, there will still be opportunity to add or amend entries, so if you have a 'new entry' form that has not been returned yet, please send it to the Church Office as soon as possible.

We want to make sure that the Updated Directory is as accurate as possible (and as helpful as possible to a new Senior Minister).

Coming events

Saturday 22 October	- 'One Hope' Women's Conference. Bomaderry Anglican Church. Details <u>https://onehopeconference.com.au/</u>
4-5 November.	Man Up Men's Weekend . Burrill Pines. Details <u>https://manupconference.com.au</u>
30 Oct to 4 Nov:	Miriam Bradshaw's visit to our Parish

Welcome

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

Rectory Preparation

THANK YOU to all those who helped with the initial 'clean-up' day at the Rectory yesterday, or who stopped by earlier in the week to do a few jobs. It was great to have so many members of the church family directly involved in preparing the house for a new Senior Minister.

SINCERE THANKS also to those who quickly offered further donations towards some of the outstanding items such as security screen doors.

Other items that would be very welcome donations include:

- the purchase, delivery and/or spreading of top soil for the lawns,
- the cost of professional cleaning of exterior brickwork,
- the repair & painting or replacement of the front entry picket fence

Please speak to **Rod Hoye** or **Rod Foord** for further details of these or other jobs, or to arrange access for work to be undertaken on a day of your choice.

Another 'work day' will be planned soon.



[Meanderers is a group of two people, Beryl Wade and Jan Gregory, who arrange occasional outings to enable members of the Church Family to enjoy a social time with each other.]

Meanderers will meet next at **11am on Monday 19 September** at Narrawallee Inlet at the end of Matron Porter Drive.

This meander will be along a short, flat track to where the Inlet meets the sea, and then back to the picnic area for a picnic lunch that each person will bring.

If the weather is inclement, it will be a drive to 7 Tallwood Ave Narrawallee. (Note: There are stairs at this residence).

Please email Jan Gregory if you are intending to come. jancgr@bigpond.net.au

Hebrews 11:17-22 (Text for 8.30am & 11am)

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, ¹⁸ even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."^{[c] 19} Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

²⁰ By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and

near, spoke about the exodus Esau in regard to their future.

²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

²² By faith Joseph, when his end was of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones.

Hebrews 11:23-28

(Text for 10.30am & 5.30pm)

²³ By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter.²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

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It's BCA 'box-opening' time.

For those who use BCA money boxes to raise funds to assist mission and ministry in struggling rural communities – it is time to return your box so that money can be counted and forwarded to BCA (Bush Church Aid). **Please return your box** to Church Wardens or directly to the Church Office by **30 September**.



Now is the time to pack a shoebox and share the Good news of Jesus Christ.

Boxes are now available at both our centres, or you can buy a premade box online via the Samaritan's Purse web site. Boxes need to be returned by the **last Sunday of October**, and can be dropped off at either of our two centres, or to Burrill Pines Motel which is the Samaritans Purse pick up point for our area. *For further information or to obtain a box, please contact Lauren Ross, 0405 122 189*

Parish Finances

The Wardens are grateful for the many positive responses received since providing their recent important update on our Parish Finances.

One especially appreciated response was an anonymous donation of **\$500** that was accompanied by some wonderful words of encouragement. Praise God! In their recent report, the Wardens highlighted the uncomfortable reality that, if we continued at our **present level** of income, (ie, without a significant increase) we would be facing an **impossibly large shortfall** to meet our **expected expenses** in **2023**, especially relating to a **two person ministry team**. Would you please **continue** to make our **financial situation** a matter of **earnest prayer**, as we each review our level of giving, and as Parish Council contemplates setting an achievable budget for 2023.

As a matter of additional and ongoing prayer, would you please pray for wisdom as the Wardens seek a **new Treasurer** for 2023, when Janette Dengate retires from this role at the 2023 AGM.

Please speak to one of the St Martin's wardens if you have any questions or suggestions about Finances, or about filling the role of Treasurer in 2023.

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