

UlladullaAnglican

St Martin's: Cnr Princes Hwy & Green St, Ulladulla
St Peter & St Paul: Cnr Princes Hwy & Church St, Milton

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ourWavelength

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

1st May 2022

Welcome

8.30am

Holy Communion (p134)

"Risen Lord - Church marks: Love"

Dave West

Acts 5:27-41;

Rev 1:11-20, John 20:19-31

Parish Council Duty: Rod Hoyer

11am

Holy Communion (p114)

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10.30am Church

"Risen Lord - Church marks: "Suffering"

Frank Gee

Acts 5:27-41; **Rev 2:8-11**

Parish Council Duty: Peter Kerma

5.30pm Church

"Risen Lord - Church marks: "Suffering"

Frank Gee

Acts 5:27-41; **Rev 2:8-11**

Parish Council Duty: Rod Hoyer

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'Trevor's Frank's Column'

Dear sisters and brothers,

While Bishop Trevor is away on leave, we've agreed that I would provide some thoughts for Wavelength, including some pointers about principles for interpreting different parts of the book of Revelation in a sensible way. As the seven sermons in this present series are based on the seven letters (of Jesus) to the Seven Churches in the Roman province of Asia (located in the western section of what is now known as Turkey), I'm devoting most of this week's column to that section of the book (Revelation 2:1 – 3:22).

Several of the letters contain detailed allusions to actual features of the history, geography or religion of the city concerned, and the message of that letter is expressed in such a way as to match up with those details in some way. For example, the second letter is addressed to the church in Smyrna, a very beautiful city which was commonly referred to in contemporary writing as "the Crown of Asia", whereas in the later part of the letter Jesus promises to those who maintain loyalty to him, the "crown of life" as their reward.

In some cases, features of local industry are hinted at as a way of sharpening the message for the church in that city. For instance, there are ironic references to Laodicea's garment- and medical industries when critiquing the spiritual state of the church in that city.

Recognition of this matching of message to the actual contemporary circumstances of the Seven Churches helps us in deciding which of two quite different interpretive strategies to use in approaching these chapters – and indeed, the whole book of the Revelation. Some commentators see the letters as real messages addressed to those seven churches at the time when John produced the book of Revelation. Other commentators claim that we are to see the letters as representing seven different stages in the developing history of the Christian church through the ages.

Hopefully we will be inclined to follow the first approach: these are messages addressed to real congregations who lived at the same time as the writer. And surely this way of reading the letters accords much better with John's introduction to the whole book of Revelation, in Chapter 1:1-3:

*"This is a revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants the events that must soon take place. . . . God blesses ... all who listen to its message and obey what it says, **for the time is near.**"* I believe a great deal of fanciful nonsense could have been avoided, if some commentators had taken more notice of the clear significance of those words by the author.

The important thing as we proceed through this series together, is that we set ourselves not only to understand these messages, but to seek earnestly to put into practice the directives our risen Lord Jesus has for us through them, here and now.

Yours in Jesus, *Frank Gee*

In our Prayers this week:

Please give thanks:

- * The freedom we have to meet together, study the Bible and proclaim our faith;
- * For those who serve us in so many ways week by week;
- * For the change of seasons which remind us of God's continuing care for his world.

Please pray for:

- * Grace and strength for Patria Stuart and her family (8.30 church) mourning the loss of her husband, and comfort for all those in our Church Family who are grieving, dealing with health issues or caring for a loved-one;
- * An end to the brutal conflict in Ukraine, comfort and strength for those facing the devastating loss of family, homes, livelihoods and infrastructure, and swift and generous responses from other nations who are able to assist;
- * Wisdom as we prepare to vote in the Federal Election, and safety for candidates as they travel and campaign;
- * Wisdom for our Nominators, and patience and goodwill for all of us as the search for a new Senior Minister continues;
- * Those who lead and attend our various Growth Groups as they resume for a new term;
- * Rest and refreshment for Trevor and Ruth as they take a break from parish duties;
- * Opportunities 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 of Jesus in their communities;

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Exod 3:1-6	Friday	Daniel 7:9-14
Tuesday	Exod 3:13-22	Saturday	Rev 1:1-8
Wednesday	Isaiah 43:1-13	Sunday	Rev 1:9-20
Thursday	Daniel 7:1-8		

Thought for the week

"I am alive for evermore....."

Rev 1:17

My notes

Welcome

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

Trevor & Ruth Edwards

Trevor & Ruth Edwards are on leave for **three weeks**. In their absence, Dave Saunders will be the first port of call for any urgent pastoral matters. We are very thankful for those who will stand in the breach to conduct services, preside at Holy Communion and preach during Trevor's absence.

David West

Today we offer a **special welcome** to **David West** who will be preaching at both our 8.30am and 11am services. David and Jane have retired to the area after many years at Woollahra Anglican Church where David was the Senior Minister.

Open Door - special invitation

On **Tuesday 3rd May** a special guest speaker, **David O'Toole** will speak at Open Door on 'Aged Care'. A warm invitation is extended to all who may like to attend Open Door on this occasion and listen to David.

Open Door meets at **9.30am** at **St Martins** and intending visitors are requested to advise Meg Hammond or Janet Johnson beforehand for catering purposes.

New Church Roster

The **new quarterly roster (May to July)**, for those who assist at our four weekly services through special ministries such as: *Welcoming, Bible Reading, Leading Prayers*, has been finalised and is being distributed **today**.

If you are one of our much-appreciated rostered helpers, please **pick up a printed copy** of the roster in church entry areas (*there should be one with your name on it*) or **view a copy on 'My Church' section of our web site**.

Please **note the dates** for which you are rostered, and **arrange a swap** if you are unable to be present on that day.

*The Church Family extends sincere thanks to all who serve us
in these and other ways week by week.*

Rev 2:1-7

(Text for 8.30am & 10.30am)

*"To the angel of the church in **Ephesus** write:*

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. ² I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. ³ You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

⁴ Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. ⁵ Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. ⁶ But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

⁷ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

Rev 2:8-11

(Text for 10.30am & 5.30pm)

*⁸ "To the angel of the church in **Smyrna** write:*

These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. ⁹ I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

¹¹ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.

Mission update – Miriam Bradshaw

Our CMS Link Missionary, Miriam Bradshaw's April Newsletter is on Church notice boards today. Please check Miriam's latest news and prayer points so that our prayer support is informed and specific.

Ulladulla 8.30AM Service Schedule

As reported in last week's Wavelength, after prayerful consideration of well-considered and diverse feedback from a number of church members Trevor has instituted a change to the pattern of Holy Communion at our 8.30am service to coincide with the start of our new quarterly roster.

Holy Communion will now be held on the **1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays** of each month. **Morning Prayer** will be held on the **2nd Sunday** of each month (*with those desiring a weekly Communion service able to attend the 10.30am service that week*). The **5th Sunday** will remain flexible but there will be a Holy Communion service on that Sunday at one of the parish centres.

Community Forum – Meet the candidates

Ulladulla & Districts Community Forum invites members of the community to a 'Meet the Candidates for Gilmore evening
Tuesday 3 May 2022, 7pm

Ulladulla Civic Centre - Main Auditorium

Each candidate will have the opportunity to speak and to answer questions. It's expected to conclude about 9pm.

Church email system

The **Church email** system is still not fully functional, although by various 'work-around' methods we can now access all our advertised email addresses. Work is continuing to fix the problem, and we extend apologies for any delays experienced in responding to messages.

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***