## 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\* **Office hours:** (most) Tuesdays 9am-4pm; and Fridays 9am-12n

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St Martin's Bookstore: Mon to Fri, 10am to 4pm. (depending on volunteer availability)

**Church Offertory:** 

**Electronic transfers 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')

# our Wavelength

St Martin's Ulladulla

St Peter & St Paul's Milton

19th September 2021

### **Church online**

Open our **web page**: **ulladulla-anglican.org** Click on the **blue live stream** button

## **Traditional service of Morning Prayer**

Available from 8.30am Sunday

"Radical choices" Dave Saunders Psalm 549; Hosea 4:1-6, Mark 9:42-48

**10.30am Church** Available from 10.30am Sunday

> "Ministry attitudes" Dave Saunders

Hosea 4:1-6, Mark 9:30-41

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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#### **Trevor's Column**

Dear sisters and brothers,

Last week I mentioned that two markers of a healthy growing church were passionate spirituality and gift-oriented lay ministry. 25 years ago I discovered a book entitled Natural Church Development, which was based on world-wide research focusing on church health. Christian Schwarz discovered that, regardless of cultural background, healthy churches were growing churches and better able to multiply disciples of Jesus. In the process he identified eight quality characteristics which when working together resulted in multi-faceted growth. When Rector of St Matt's Wanniassa we used to have annual health audits of every congregation to monitor our health against each of these qualities. During the past week I have had cause to think about another two of his markers. In the first place, we need to multiply *holistic small groups*. Having completed the mapping of those who are in our mid-week growth groups, I was pleased to discover that we have 72 members connected to 11 groups in this parish. I met with most of the leaders via Zoom on Tuesday afternoon when we could listen to each other about current joys and challenges being faced (whether now scattered or on-line). I was really impressed by their commitment to see the people in their small flock be Bible focused, prayerful and lovingly supportive of each other. I was heartened by the way these leaders were instinctively working out how to care for their people in a Christlike way in this lockdown season. Holistic groups go beyond discussing the Bible to applying it to our daily lives in settings which enable members to naturally bring up issues, questions and personal concerns. Creating such groups needs to remain a top priority going forward.

In the <u>second</u> place, it is no surprise that we need *loving relationships*. In the past week I have finalised a revision of a list used by the Pastoral Care Group (PCG) to keep in contact with parishioners when church was not gathering in 2020. My aim was to ensure the caring task was manageable. Having removed the names of those who are in small groups (who will be cared for by their leaders), I asked this group to tell me the names of the folk they have continued to keep contact with in this season, especially but not exclusively those who live alone. There were 45 names on the new list, but I am pleased to tell you there only 2 persons who have not had a specific contact by phone or other means in the past month! This is very impressive and really encouraging. I acknowledge with deep gratitude the group of carers who have responded to my request for information to date and who without fuss have been self sacrificially loving others in our church in this particular way. We would all do well to emulate their example by maintaining meaningful loving contacts in our unique relationship networks

Prayerfully yours,

Trevor Edwards

## In our Prayers this week:

#### Please give thanks:

- \* For our Growth Group Leaders, and the opportunity last week for them to meet with Trevor and Dave and share together a time of encouragement;
- \* For each other that, although scattered, we are still one family united in Christ.

#### Please pray for:

- \* all members of our Church Family who are presently dealing with health or family issues, or mourning a loss;
- \* Healing for Luke Fox (grandson of Ron & Lyn Quigley) suffering with depression, and for all people, young and old suffering with mental health issues, and those caring for them;
- \* wisdom and strength for Trevor and Dave as they continue to lead, teach and support us, for leaders and members of our growth groups as they care for each other, and for our Pastoral Care team as they quietly support and encourage our Church Family;
- \* refreshment during the school holidays for students and teachers, and for parents who have been involved in home schooling;
- \* patience for all of us as lockdowns continue, and opportunities for each of us to share with others the firm hope we have in Jesus amidst the uncertainties of life;
- \* wisdom and generous hearts as we respond to the financial needs of our church;
- \* wisdom and grace for Church leaders as they interpret and respond to the proposed conditions to be imposed on gatherings when lockdowns are eased.
- \* Miriam Bradshaw (CMS Link Missionary in Spain), for safety, good health and opportunities to share the gospel;
- \* Yosef & Danica, (serving with YWAM in Mexico) -comfort for those affected by severe hurricanes and flooding in Mazatlan, wisdom for the YWAM team as they share the message of hope in Jesus, and wisdom for Danica & Yosef as they keep the base running.

## Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Neh 5:1-19	Friday	1 Peter 2:11-25
Tuesday	Neh 13:1-31	Saturday	Rev 7:1-8
Wednesday	Isaiah 6:1-13	Sunday	Mark 9:30-41
Thursday	Heb 3:1-6	. <u></u>	

#### Thought for the week

"...servant of all..." Mark 9:35

## My notes

#### Mark 9:30–41

(Text for 10.30 Bible message)

<sup>30</sup> They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, <sup>31</sup> because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

<sup>33</sup> They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" <sup>34</sup> But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

<sup>35</sup> Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

<sup>36</sup> He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

<sup>38</sup> "Teacher," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us." <sup>39</sup> "Do not stop him," Jesus said. "For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, <sup>40</sup> for whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

#### Mark 9:42–48

#### (Text for 8.30 & 11am Bible message)

<sup>42</sup> "If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup> If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. <sup>[46]</sup> [c] <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> where "'the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.'

biblegateway.com

## Lockdown news

With the lockdown of our region continuing, we continue to meet online this week and, it seems, for at least the next several weeks.

- **Future gatherings**: Church leaders are presently processing, and preparing to respond to the conditions that may be imposed on church gatherings.
- Wavelength: Can be accessed on the Church web site. Paper copies 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, at 8.30am and 10.30am, or any time later. Meetings in our church buildings will resume when NSW Government Health Orders permit church services to restart.
- **Zoom**: Please **contact the Church Office via email** if you need **to schedule and set up a Zoom meeting via the Church account** (remembering that requests can only be actioned on Tues or Fri mornings when the Office is staffed).

## Danica & Yosef Vega

**Please continue to pray** for Mazatlan and especially for YWAM as it shares the hope and comfort only found in Jesus while reaching out to this city in very practical ways, following the flood damage caused by recent hurricanes.

And pray that Yosef and his team have wisdom in instituting procedures to cope with their base (which houses 100 people) while dealing with the situation

## BCA (Bush Church Aid) Boxes

Thank you to those members of the Church Family who faithfully set aside their spare change in BCA money boxes, for the assistance of churches in remote areas of Australia. It is time to open the boxes and send our combined contribution to BCA. Please return your money box to the Church Office by **30 September** so that we can count the money and forward it to BCA.

## Anglicare's Lockdown Food Collection

Extended lockdown restrictions means that more and more people are coming to Anglicare for immediate food and financial assistance. All Anglican churches are invited to assist in meeting this increased need. You can help by participating in an online food collection! Your generous gift will help Anglicare provide essential grocery items to families who need it most.

Donate now at https://go.anglicare.org.au/church/

## **Parish Finances**

At last week's Parish Council meeting, the Wardens of both Centres (Milton & Ulladulla) noted that our income for this year, up to the end of August, is well below the amount we need to meet our 2021 budget.

Understandably, the pandemic 'lockdown' has had an impact on finances, including a reduction of income from hall rentals, however an analysis of the financial statements showed that our **offertories** across the Parish throughout the year have **fallen well short** of our budget.

We are blessed that so many of our Church Family have been very faithful in maintaining their giving in difficult situations. May we each make the financial situation of our Church a matter of prayerful consideration.

## Church Office hours changed this week

The Church Office will be open on Tuesday and Friday mornings only, this coming week, ie NOT open on the afternoon of Tuesday 21 September.

## 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**