

UlladullaAnglican

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

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(St Martin's wardens), + Helen McFarland, Grant Emans,
Janette Dengate, Beryl Wade, Peter Kerma.

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')w



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

8th May 2022

Welcome

8.30am

Morning Prayer (p18)

"Faithfulness until death"

Frank Gee

Acts 13:43-52;

Rev 2:8-11

Parish Council Duty: Helen McFarland

11am

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Frank Gee

Acts 13:43-52;

Rev 2:8-11

10.30am Church (Communion)

"Truth"

Bart Vanden Hengel

Acts 13:43-52; **Rev 2:12-17**

Parish Council Duty: Janette Dengate

5.30pm Church

"Truth"

Bart Vanden Hengel

Acts 13:43-52; **Rev 2:12-17**

Parish Council Duty: Rod Foord

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~~Trevor's~~ Frank's Column'

Dear sisters and brothers,

Interpreting Revelation

Last week we focused on the Letters of Jesus to the Seven Churches, as these are the focus of our present preaching series. However, as some are keen to gain a perspective on the whole book, here are a few pointers, which I'll present over this week and next.

How should we understand this book? It has been the playground of cranks ever since it was written—and still is. Is there any way of assuring ourselves that we are reading the book in the way John intended?

There are essentially four approaches to the interpretation of this book. All efforts to unravel its meaning employ one of these approaches, or attempt to combine two or more. We will describe and assess them in turn, particularly in the light of the way in which John introduces his writing in the first chapter. John describes his work in the very first verse: "The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place" (1:1). But we must ask, "Which servants?" and "What future is being revealed?"

-The **preterist** approach emphasizes the meaning of Revelation for its first readers, and questions any interpretation which does not keep them firmly in mind. They are the "servants" who will experience "what must soon take place."

- The **historicist** approach, on the other hand, views Revelation as a kind of almanac to world history, written in advance. This is the approach by which some, for instance, have identified the Pope as "the beast," or have found the European Community signified in the beast's ten horns (13:1).

- The **futurist** approach interprets "what must soon take place" even more radically. It maintains that Revelation is concerned only with the events of the End, the very last events in world history, including the coming of Christ and the final judgment.

Very differently, the timeless-symbolic approach treats the book as a series of parables. What is important, this approach maintains, is the timeless truth conveyed by the powerful images of the book—images such as "the Lamb" and "the heavenly Jerusalem."

How are we to assess these rival approaches? In all probability they are not as mutually exclusive as they seem.

This may seem tantalizing, but hopefully the picture will become clearer next week, when we will be looking at a way of understanding the big patterns in the book of Revelation in a way which will help us to grasp the main message(s) of this wonderful and encouraging work.

Yours in Jesus, *Frank Gee*

In our Prayers this week:

Please give thanks:

- * The gift of parenthood;
- * For God's Word through which we are taught, encouraged and challenged;
- * That we live in a country where we can democratically elect those who govern us.

Please pray for:

- * Grace and strength 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 the UCEF Board as it meets on 16 May and seeks ways to address timetabling and other issues affecting SRE at Ulladulla High school ;
- * "ears to hear what the Spirit says to the churches" during our present sermon series;
- * Rest and refreshment for Trevor and Ruth as they take a break from parish duties;
- * Opportunities this week 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	Psalm 46:1-11	Friday	Acts 20:17-38
Tuesday	Acts 19:1-20	Saturday	Ephes 6:10-24
Wednesday	Acts 19:21-41	Sunday	Rev 1:11-20
Thursday	Acts 20:1-16		

Thought for the week

"I know your works....."
Rev 2:2

My notes

Welcome

*Thank you for joining us today,
and a special greeting
to all mothers.*

Trevor & Ruth Edwards

Trevor & Ruth Edwards are on leave for **three weeks**. In their absence, Dave Saunders is the first port of call for any urgent pastoral matters. We are very thankful for all those who are leading services, presiding at Holy Communion and preaching during Trevor's absence.

*Please pray for safety and refreshment for Trevor and Ruth
as they take this well-earned break*

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*, was distributed **last Sunday**.

If you are one of our much-appreciated rostered helpers, please make sure you have **picked up a printed copy** of the roster in church entry areas (*there should be one with your name on it*) or **viewed a copy on the '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.*

Current sermon series

Today we continue our study of the message given by the risen Christ (through his exiled servant John) to seven churches in Asia Minor who were beginning to feel the heat of a religiously antagonistic Roman state. He is aware of specific issues in each church, with some commended but others condemned. But since seven is a number of wholeness, perfection or completeness, it is a message for **all churches wherever** they might be and **whenever** they exist in history. *Please pray for wisdom as we seek to discover what it meant for the original hearers or readers, and seek to make a relevant application for our church in Ulladulla and Milton*

Rev 2:8-11

(Text for 8.30am & 11am)

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.*

Rev 2:12-17

(Text for 10.30am & 5.30pm)

¹² "To the angel of the church in **Pergamum** write:

These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword. ¹³ I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, not even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives.

¹⁴ *Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: There are some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality. ¹⁵ Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. ¹⁶ Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.*

¹⁷ *Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.*

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.

St Martin's keys

A few sets of keys to St Martin's have been borrowed and not returned over the last few months and we presently have no spare keys to issue to those who need them. Of special importance is the Church key normally kept in the Bookstore which has been missing now for several weeks.

New Church keys need to be especially made by a locksmith and are expensive to purchase, so could you please check for any 'loan' keys or 'no-longer-needed' keys that could be returned to the Office and be put to good use.

Church email system

The **Church email** system is STILL not fully functional, and this is mainly affecting the '**Church Office**' and '**Wavelength**' email addresses. Although we can now access all our advertised email addresses by various 'work-around' methods, there may be delays in responding to some messages. We are working with the email-system supplier to fix the problem, and we extend apologies for any delays experienced.

Swelltimes Surf and Art Festival

An invitation from Christian Surfers

"Join us for an awesome weekend full of family-friendly activities, creative workshops, guest speakers, live music, surfing, and plenty more!

Saturday May 14th from 10am

Burrill Pines Conference Centre

Tickets \$30/adult, \$15/student, \$60/Families

www.swelltimes.com.au "

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***