

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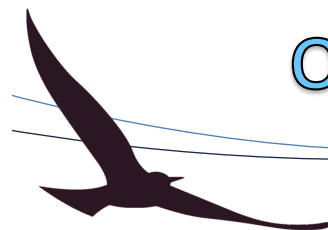
St Martin's Bookstore: Mon to Fri, 10am to 4pm. (*depending on volunteer availability*)

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')



ourWavelength

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

29th August 2021

Church online

Open our **web page:** ulladulla-anglican.org

Click on the **blue live stream** button

Traditional service of Holy Communion

Available from 8.30am Sunday

"Denying self"

Trevor Edwards

Psalm 15; Deut 4:1-8; James 1:17-27, **Mark 8:27 - 9:1**

10.30am Church

Available from 10.30am Sunday

"Dead or living faith"

Dave Saunders

James 2:14-26, Deut 4:1-8

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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A note from Bishop Trevor Edwards

Dear sisters and brothers,

I wonder how you are coping with the current COVID community lockdown in regional NSW with its stay at home orders which will remain in place for at least another fortnight. I had a conversation earlier this week with another patient as we waited in our doctor's surgery for our final vaccination. Although he was very thankful to be living here, he was really regretting the loss of his weekly rhythm when the social gatherings which gave him life were no longer permitted. Seeing the book in my hand, he indicated he had read more books in the past fortnight than he had for a long time because there was nothing to watch on the television! I resonated with his last comment because I think in the current environment much of the media reporting regrettably exacerbates community anxiety and fear.

I am not sure how your weekly rhythms have been affected. It will depend on your stage of life, but unless you are an essential worker or home schooling children you might notice you have more time on your hands. May I suggest that you make the most of this opportunity to at least deliberately factor into each day time alone with God to read his word and speak to him in prayer. There are a number of helpful aids to assist in re-establishing this daily habit as I wrote about recently in Wavelength. I also remind you that Dianne Gee helpfully suggested a simple Bible Society tool to get started which can be accessed on bible.com.au. If we are going to live confidently not fearfully in these uncertain times, we need to fill our minds with the hope of God's promises in Christ. If we are going to live lovingly not selfishly in this season, then we need to remain open to hearing and doing what Jesus says. If we are going to live prayerfully not independently, then we need to imbibe God's view of what is really needed from his own self-revelation.

In this regard the Sunday sermon series have been deliberately designed to give you a balanced diet for your ongoing reflection as we feed on God's word together in our corporate or now scattered worship. In the last six months, we have focused on the resurrection of Jesus from the gospels in the Easter season, and then on what it meant for our community life from Ephesians. This was followed by a series from the Psalms about praying our feelings, before beginning a study of James to ensure we have a working faith. We will conclude looking at that letter later in the year, but for the moment we have paused for a few weeks to do some spiritual stocktaking as we listen intently to the teaching of Jesus about some of the challenges of discipleship posed in a section of Mark's gospel. I trust all of this is helpful as we grow in our knowledge and service of our marvellous God.

Prayerfully yours, *Trevor Edwards*

In our Prayers this week:

Please give thanks:

- * That "in God's great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade"; (1 Peter 1:3-4)
- * For technology that allows us to join in worship together and stay in contact while restrictions are in place;

Please pray for:

- * Henk Emans (10.30) surgery, Margaret Lipscombe (10.30) recovering from a fall, Anne Campbell (8.30) recovering after car accident, Marion Gabbott (10.30) undergoing chemotherapy, Sue Dillon mourning the loss of her mother, friends and family of Darcy Taplin as they mourn their loss, and all members of our Church Family who are presently dealing with health or family issues, or mourning a loss;
- * wisdom and strength Trevor and Dave as they continue to lead, teach and support us;
- * wisdom and unity of purpose for our government and community leaders as they respond to the growing Covid outbreaks, and as they manage the rollout of vaccines;
- * grace, strength and assistance for everyone whose health, wellbeing and livelihoods are being adversely affected directly by the Covid virus or by ongoing 'lockdowns';
- * comfort and assistance to those in Haiti affected by the recent earthquake;
- * protection for those in Afghanistan who are at risk due to the transition of power, particularly for Christians, women, those who have assisted Western forces, and the minority tribes;
- * Miriam Bradshaw (CMS Link Missionary in Spain), and Yosef & Danica, (serving with YWAM in Mexico) - for safety, good health and opportunities to share the gospel;

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Gen 15:1-6	Friday	Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday	Gen 22:1-14	Saturday	Gal 6:1-10
Wednesday	Josh 6:1-25	Sunday	James 2:14-26
Thursday	Matt 1:1-17		

Thought for the week

"...faith apart from works is dead..."
James 2:26

My notes

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**

James 2:14 – 26 (Texts for 10.30am Bible message)

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

²⁰ You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? ²¹ Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. ²³ And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. ²⁴ You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

²⁵ In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? ²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

Mark 8:27 – 9:1 (Texts for 8.30 and 11am Bible message)

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" ²⁸ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

²⁹ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life^[b] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

9 And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

Afghanistan

Please continue to pray for the People of Afghanistan and our Defence and Veteran Community

The vision and reports coming out of Afghanistan are bringing deep distress to many. The implications of the fall of Kabul to the Taliban are socially and politically far reaching and should be the subject of our prayers. Many are experiencing deep frustration, sadness, grief, disillusionment and anger given what is happening in the land where they sacrificed so much. Suggested prayer points:

- the people of Afghanistan - particularly for Christians, women, those who have assisted Western forces, and the minority tribes.
- the 36,000 veterans who have deployed to Afghanistan over the last 20 years and for those family members who have lost loved ones or who have had loved ones wounded or emotionally affected in some way. Pray that they may know we are thankful for their service and sacrifice.
- the safety of our ADF members currently deployed/deploying to evacuate Australian and Afghan citizens
- wisdom for the Government and Defence leaders as they work to get Australians and those who helped Australia out of the country.

Rev Dr Darcy Taplin

Darcy Taplin passed into the presence of the Lord on Saturday 21 August. Darcy was a distinguished Baptist teacher, scholar and pastor who, in retirement, joined our the 8.30am congregation at St Martin's (often describing himself as a "Baplican"). His own ill health, and that of his wife Anne, who passed away in May this year, prevented his attendance in recent years, but many will remember with gratitude his gentle and warm friendship and his thoughtful preaching among us.

A funeral service for Darcy will be held on **Tuesday 31 August** (time TBC) and will be live streamed. If you would like to join the live stream, please send an **email to our Church Office by 5pm Mon 30 August**, and we will send you the link.

New TV screen at St Martin's

The St Martin's Wardens are in the process of installing a new large TV screen on the rear wall of the church so that Service and Song Leaders can see what is being projected onto the main screen without turning around to check.

The Wardens wish to gratefully acknowledge the two donations from members of the Church Family that covered the cost of this unit.

Lockdown news

With the lockdown of regional areas extended for at least another two weeks we meet online again this week. Please be mindful of each other during this difficult time and particularly for those living alone and those unable to access our online meetings. A phone call may make a big difference to one of our brothers or sisters.

Wavelength: Can be accessed on the Church web site. Paper copies of the 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, starting at 8.30am and 10.30am, or joined at any time later.

Meetings in our church buildings will resume when NSW Government Health Orders permit church services to restart.

Zoom: we have upgraded our Church Zoom account in recent weeks to better suit our needs during the present lockdown. Zoom enables online 'face to face' meetings for multiple participants and may assist some of our groups to stay in contact while restrictions prevent physical gatherings. Each participant needs a suitable device with internet access and with the Zoom application installed.

Please **contact the Church Office via email** if you would like to **schedule and set up a Zoom meeting via the Church account** (*remembering that requests can only be actioned on Tuesdays or Friday mornings when the Office is staffed*).

'Growth Group' Census

Group Leaders: please respond by 31 August

To enable Trevor to establish a support process for leaders and members of our various groups, **ALL** those who presently lead/co-ordinate 'Growth Groups' (*ie Home Groups, Bible Study Groups, etc*) **are requested** to help by **registering some details** of their group with the Church Office **by 31 August**.

A brief **email** to the Church Office with the name of the Leader, the make-up of the group (*eg men only, teenagers, mixed etc*) when, where and how frequently the group meets would be greatly appreciated.

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