

ROSTERS for week 21st – 27th May 2018

Cleaning: Fay & Alan Ridley	Flowers: Anni Gallagher
Money Counting: 7.30am Lynne Murray Cindy Williams 9.30am Jacinda Jackson Sandra Brooks	Welcoming/Sidespersons: 7.30am Di Bennett 9.30am Ray Martin
Linen for May: Cara Marson	Morning Tea (9.30am) Anne & Gary Neville
	Lawns: Linda Priest (28th/29th)

THIS WEEK		REGULAR ACTIVITIES	
Mon	21st	5.30pm	Prayer meeting in the Rectory
Tues	22nd	2.00pm 7.30pm	School Scripture Parish Council in the Rectory
Wed	23rd	10.30am 10.30am 7pm	<i>mainly music</i> in the Hall Communion Service in the Rectory Bible Study at 10 Lucas Street
Thurs	24th		
Fri	25th	10.30am	Wontama Service
Sat	26th	9am – 3.30pm	'One Day' Women's Conference Orange Function Centre
Sun	27th		ST BARNABAS 7.30am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion with <i>kidz@barneys</i>

LINK

Pentecost
20th May, 2018



Welcome to the Anglican Parish of Orange East,
incorporating St Barnabas, Orange & St Philip's, March

WINTER CHURCH SERVICES

(reprinted from last Sunday's Link)

Dear Friends,

As I announced last Sunday, during the winter months (June, July and August) we will adjust our Sunday services to later start times, namely, 8:30am and 10:00am.

This is not the first time this has been done at St Barnabas, although we did not do it last year because the parish was undergoing a change of leadership at the time.

Both I and your parish council believe that this is a good thing to do, particularly for our older members. In those three coldest months an early start time becomes increasingly difficult, especially for any who suffer from arthritis and other health conditions. Some might solve this (as did our dear sister, the late Pat Ward) by switching congregations for winter, but this won't work for everyone. And for some, leaving the congregation they know and love is not an easy thing.

In addition to this, with Orange being the city it is, there is a safety concern that arises in winter. As roads and paths have ice on them from time to time, both driving and walking become more dangerous. This problem is worse in the earlier hours. An 8:30am service will not completely remove the risk, but it will decrease it.

I think we all know that ANY change at all, no matter how small, will not suit some. And that will undoubtedly be so in this case. But here is a great opportunity for us to love each other, considering others – and their needs – more important than ourselves (Philippians 2:3-4).

I trust that this will be something we will all endeavour to do, even if it means making some adjustments, and even sacrifices, ourselves.

Bob Cameron

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- The Diocese of Riverina with Bishop Rob Gillion (retiring in August), clergy and people;
- The churches in Orange – St Barnabas, Rev'd Bob & Fiona, Rev'd Noel Clarke & Margo; Holy Trinity – Rev'd Mal Dunnett & Rosie; the Synod of our Diocese, its President, Bishop Ian; Chair of Committees, Sue West; Registrar, Karen Trafford; Clerical and Lay Secretaries, Michael Sutton and Sylvia Hitchick; pray for the appointment of a Chancellor;
- World leaders and decision-makers; those who hold power and influence through politics, finance, the media or industry – that we may work together for the common good;
- Those in need for whom our prayers have been asked: Judy Carroll (surgery this week); Betty Pinkstone, Ron Boulton, Pam Egan; Lorraine Culverson; Ray & Joyce; John Polain; Alison Wilkins; Creighton Orr; Bessie Picker; Pastor Nathan Dirs (Orange Baptist Church); Pastor Greg Blanch (OEC);
- Give thanks for the life of Pat Ward, and pray for her family and friends, especially her daughters, Margot & Belinda, as they grieve; pray also for those mourning the death of Ron Shewan.

Birthdays this week: Dulcie Priest (19th); Helen Thompson (21st)

Duty roster for today			Next week – 27th May		
Priest	7.30am	Rev'd Bob	Priest	7.30am	Rev'd Bob
	9.30am	Rev'd Bob		9.30am	Rev'd Bob
LLM	7.30am	Liz Smith	LLM	7.30am	Liz Smith
Server	9.30am	Jacinda Jackson		9.30am	Jacinda Jackson
Readers	7.30am	Greg Tracey	Readers	7.30am	Lynne Murray
		Fiona Cameron			Judy Carroll
	9.30am	Viv Ryan		9.30am	Barbara Cleal
Chalice	7.30am	Liz Smith	Chalice	7.30am	Liz Smith
		Lynne Murray			Lynne Murray
	9.30am	Jacinda Jackson		9.30am	Jacinda Jackson
		Rev'd Noel			Anni Gallagher
		Nerolie Owens			Carol Halcroft
Children	9.30am	Viv Ryan	Children	9.30am	Nerolie Owens

CURSILLO WEEKEND — 8-11 JUNE

There is a Men's Cursillo weekend at Ridgecrest, Burrendong Dam on the June long weekend. If any men would like to attend or want to know more please speak to Rev'd Bob as soon as possible.

There is also a Regener8 short weekend at Ridgecrest on the Sunday and Monday of the same weekend. If you are a 'Cursillista' and have not received any information about this please let Rev'd Bob know.

NEW BIBLE STUDY — 7PM WEDNESDAYS

Reading and discussing the Bible with others can make an enormously helpful contribution to our spiritual growth. Come along and join this new group in the home of Noel & Margo Clarke (10 Lucas Street). All are invited — just come along and check it out! Please speak to Noel or Margo if you would like to know more.

FILLING GAPS IN THE SUNDAY ROSTER

Some of the roles on our rosters for Sunday services are falling to an increasingly small pool of people! If you think you could help with any of the following roles/tasks please speak to Bob Cameron:

- Assisting with the distribution at Communion
- Leading the prayers
- Reading the Bible (especially at the 730am service)
- Welcoming people and collecting the offertory
- Counting the offertory after the service
- Operating the computer for songs etc. projected on the screen

With all these roles you can 'buddy up' with someone else for training.

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'ONE DAY' WOMEN'S CONFERENCE SATURDAY 26 MAY

This Saturday, a conference for women from all churches on Saturday 26th May (9am – 3:30pm) at the Orange Function Centre. This year's theme is *who am I? unpacking my identity*, and the speaker is Fiona Millar. Cost is \$50 which includes morning tea and lunch. For more information speak to Fiona Cameron or Margo Clarke, or go to www.onedaycwc.org.au. There are also some flyers available on the table at the back of the church.

JUNE PIE DRIVE

Time to get organised with ordering pies for winter! Here's your opportunity to order fresh baked yummy pies for yourselves and for others. Orders can be made between now and Sunday 10th June on the order forms available at the back of the church. **Please note that pies must be paid for at the time the order is placed.** Pies available for collection on Friday 15th June. See Andrew Wood (7:30am service) or Nerolie Owens (9:30am service) to place your order!

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CAN YOU SCROLL BACK UP?

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Readings and Prayers for Sunday 20th May 2018

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you," says the Lord God; "I will put my spirit within you and you shall live."

Ezekiel 36:26; 37:14

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Almighty God,
you sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love, joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

TODAY'S READINGS IN CONTEXT

Acts 2:1-21

It is now fifty days since Jesus' resurrection. Many pilgrims have come to Jerusalem, from all over the Roman empire. It is at this moment that Jesus sends his Spirit on the church to empower his disciples in their witness to him.

Romans 8:22-27

Romans 8 is the apostle Paul's great chapter on living 'according to the Spirit' of God. He has just written about suffering, which is a necessary (but not permanent) facet of that life.

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

On the eve of his crucifixion, Jesus calls his disciples to keep following him. He warns them that they will face opposition, but comforts them with the promise of his Spirit to strengthen and equip them in their witness to him.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (27th May)

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:1-2, 9-17
John 3:1-17

A reading from Acts, chapter 2, beginning at verse 1

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.
² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?"
⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They've had too much wine."
¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

- ¹⁷ "In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.
¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.
¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'"

Hear the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:26-36 (p331 APBA)

A reading from Romans, chapter 8, beginning at verse 22

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Hear the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John, beginning at verse 26 of chapter 15

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father – the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father – he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

16 "I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, ⁵ but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

¹² "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Bible readings each Sunday are taken from the 2011 edition of the New International Version of the Bible (NIV). If you don't have a copy of this version it can be found at www.biblegateway.com.