

## ROSTERS for week 26th Feb– 4th March 2018

<b>Cleaning:</b> Lynne Murray Di Bennett	<b>Flowers:</b> Sandra Brooks
<b>Money Counting:</b> 7.30am Bob Smith 9.30am Nerolie & Kevin Owens	<b>Welcoming/Sidespersons:</b> 7.30am Di Bennett 9.30am Ray Martin
<b>Linen for February:</b> Judy Carroll	<b>Lawns:</b> Linda Priest (5th-6th)

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**Lent 2**  
25th February, 2018



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

## A Good and Faithful Servant

Many of us will have heard this week of the death of Dr Billy Graham, who died at his home last Wednesday, aged 99 years. Although he was often called 'America's Pastor', Graham preached the gospel around the world for over sixty years. It's estimated that more than 200 million people heard the gospel from his lips, including many in Australia. (My own mother came to faith in Jesus at the 1959 Sydney crusade.)

He himself would not want too much attention directed to him, for as a former Australian archbishop recently said, Billy Graham, like John the Baptist, was always pointing people to Jesus. His famous catchcry, "the Bible says," which littered his sermons, directed listeners to see Jesus in the pages of that book. Above all he wanted people to know the grace and love of God who gave his only Son to die for our sins. He urged everyone to turn away from their sin and to trust Jesus for forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

Part of Graham's extraordinary reach was because he was willing to work with Christians and churches of every race and every denomination. Very early on he insisted that at his evangelistic crusade meetings there be no segregation of blacks and whites, illustrating in practice that in Christ there are no racial distinctions. He was friends with presidents and popes, along with people in all walks of life.

Billy Graham passionately believed the gospel he preached – there was no disconnect between his words and his 'walk'. He once famously said these words which now have a renewed relevance:

"Someday you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don't you believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God."

Billy Graham has now changed his address. He is indeed in the presence of God. And he has heard the words of his Master, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Bob Cameron

THIS WEEK		REGULAR ACTIVITIES	
Mon	26th	5.00pm Prayer meeting at the Rectory	<b>mainly music</b> Wednesdays 10.30am during school term
Tues	27th		<b>Parish Council</b> 2nd Tuesday 7.30pm
Wed	28th	10.30am mainly music 10.30am Communion Service at the Rectory 7.30pm Lenten Bible Study	<b>LLMs Meeting</b> 3rd Tuesday 5.30pm "LEGS" (Ladies Evening Group) 4th Tuesday 7.30pm
Thur	1st March		<b>The Diners</b> 3rd Sunday (bi-monthly)
Fri	2nd		<b>Aged Care Church Services Ascott Gardens</b> 1st & 3rd Wednesday 2pm
Sat	3rd	<b>9.00am Annual Fete at St Barnabas</b>	<b>Gosling Creek Aged Care</b> 2nd Wednesday 2pm <b>Wontama Aged Care</b> 2nd Friday 10.30am
Sun	4th	<b>ST BARNABAS</b> 7.30am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion 4.00pm Lenten Study <b>ST PHILIP'S, MARCH</b> 11.30am Holy Communion	<b>Sunday Services</b> 7.30am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion with kidz@barneys <b>Wednesday 10.30am</b> Holy Communion Service <b>St Philip's, March</b> — 1st Sunday 11.30am Holy Communion <b>Baptisms, weddings and funerals — by arrangement</b>

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

- Give thanks for the life, witness and faithful gospel ministry of Billy Graham, pastor and evangelist (18 Nov 1918 to 21 Feb 2018);
- Pray for the Northern Territory Diocese, Bishop Greg Anderson, clergy and people;
- Pray for the parish of Molong, with Rev'd Ben Edwards and Kate; for Orange Anglican Grammar School, headmaster Rev'd Louis Stringer, students, chaplaincy team leader Steve Thompson, staff and parents;
- Give thanks for the self-employed and the contribution they make to the community; and pray for them and their families as they work long hours;
- Continue to pray for School Scripture — for a supply of volunteers to fill the vacancies in several schools, and for a positive and engaging start for all classes as they get underway with this year's curriculum;
- Ask God to bless our fete, that we will make good contacts with people in our parish community, and that it will be a successful event financially;
- Remember those in need for whom our prayers have been asked: Conrad Silvester (surgery this Tuesday, 27th), Andrew Gray (palliative care, Ascott Gardens) Margaret Roberts (Anni Gallagher's mum); Marion Bennett (Bob & Liz's daughter), Pam Egan (friend of Doreen Sherring), Lorraine Culverson, Ray & Joyce (Betty's brother and sister), John Polain, Alison, Creighton Orr, Bessie Picker, Pastor Greg Blanch (OEC);
- Pray for those absent from us, especially Betty Pinkstone as she visits her brother in Queensland;
- Pray for all who are mourning, that they will find comfort in the unfailing love of God, especially the bereaved of Amy Brown, Tom Hetherington, Brian Merchant and Marie Williamson;
- Pray for Harper Bennett, to be baptized today, and for her parents, Karrissa and Adam, that they will grow in faith in the Lord Jesus.

Duty roster for today			Next week – 4th March		
<b>Priest</b>	7.30am	Rev'd Bob	<b>Priest</b>	7.30am	Rev'd Bob
	9.30am	Rev'd Bob		9.30am	Rev'd Bob
<b>LLM</b>	7.30am	Liz Smith	<b>LLM</b>	7.30am	Liz Smith
	9.30am	N/A		9.30am	Anni Gallagher
<b>Readers</b>	7.30am	Lynne Murray	<b>Readers</b>	7.30am	Andrew Wood
	9.30am	Yvonne Tracey		9.30am	Greg Tracey
		Barb Cleal			Nerolie Owens
<b>Chalice</b>	7.30am	Liz Smith	<b>Chalice</b>	7.30am	Liz Smith
	9.30am	Greg Tracey		9.30am	Lynne Murray
		N/A			Anni Gallagher
					Rob Pearce
					Jeannie Pearce
			<b>Children</b>	9.30am	Nerolie Owens

## AGM INFO

Our annual general meeting is just 3 weeks away! If you wish to submit a report for distribution then the best way to do so is to email it to the office (stbarneys@bigpond.com). If you are not an email user, then please bring your printed copy to the office, or hand it to the Rector this week.

Please continue to pray about and consider who might take up office (or continue in it) for the next 3 year period. **This matter should be given careful consideration** and not left till the last minute, as the exercise of leadership within the church is a significant thing. Please speak to Bob Cameron for further information.

## PARISH TREASURER NEEDED

We will need to appoint a new parish treasurer at this year's AGM as Graeme Davidson has indicated he will not be available to continue in the role. The person who takes this on does not need any formal accounting qualifications, but they do need an understanding of basic bookkeeping functions and spreadsheets. If you think you might be able to take this on, or have any suggestions as to someone who might, please speak to Bob Cameron.

## ROSTERS – PLANNED ABSENCES

It helps greatly with drawing up rosters if we know in advance of any planned absences. There is a calendar on the wall next to the door of the vestry – please write in any days or periods of time you expect to be away. Thanks!

## LENTEN STUDIES

Our Lent Bible studies, 'Shadows of the Cross', are at 4pm today and also on Wednesday at 7:30pm. It's not too late to join! Speak to Bob Cameron today.

## 9:30AM SUNDAY MORNING TEA ROSTER

Morning tea after the 9.30am service is now such a success that a monthly roster is being put together for serving and washing up. Biscuits will continue to be purchased from the donations. Please talk with Cecily Butcher if you can help. If you are on other Sunday rosters we can work around those obligations.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## ANNUAL FETE

**THIS SATURDAY (3RD MARCH) — 9AM TO 1PM**

There are just **six days to go** till the fete! Can you help in any of the following ways?

- ⇒ Sewing – If you can make things like clothing, bags, etc. for sale then you are welcome to help yourself to the fabrics on the table at the back of the church. You can also procure your own fabrics if you prefer. All contributions welcome.
- ⇒ **Stalls – There are still vacancies to be filled on the following stalls: Clothing & Accessories, Toys, White Elephant. Please consider helping out with one of these, and either write your name in on the list at the back of the church, or speak to Lynne Murray.**
- ⇒ Items for sale – please look at the list of stalls and if you can contribute items to any of them please bring them at the appropriate time. Speak to the person running the particular stall if you want any guidance.
- ⇒ Raffle – Tickets are available for sale at the back of the church. All funds from ticket sales should be handed directly to Nerolie Owens (i.e., not put into the general offertory). Please speak to Nerolie if you have any queries.
- ⇒ Manure – place your order at the back of the church today.

The fete is not only a significant fund-raising activity for our church — it is a major opportunity for connection and engagement with the community in which we serve. **Please continue to pray** that God will go before us and bless our meeting with others that they might meet him through his Son.

## SRE (SCRIPTURE) HELP NEEDED

There is a pressing need for more people to teach Scripture in a number of schools in Orange.

The biggest and most urgent need is at Bletchington, which at present has no one to teach any classes in years 3, 4 or 5. Classes at Bletchington are at 2:25pm on Tuesdays and it is possible to teach two lessons back to back. Teachers are also needed at Calare for years 1 & 2, as well as 1 year 3 and 1 year 4 class.

if you think you could help with any of these, please speak to Bob Cameron as soon as possible.

## Readings and Prayers for Sunday 25th February, 2018

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him. Mark 8:34

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all times and places,  
In Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross,  
you opened for us the path to eternal life:  
grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit,  
may joyfully serve you in newness of life  
and faithfully walk in your holy ways;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### TODAY'S READINGS IN CONTEXT

#### Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

God had promised Abram that he would be the father of a great nation, but his wife, Sarai, is childless and advanced in years. While Abram's line could continue through Ishmael (Abram's son by the servant girl, Hagar) God tells him that it will be through Sarai that his promise will be fulfilled.

#### Romans 4:13-25

In these verses the apostle Paul looks at the faith of Abraham, who believed God's promise of an heir even though he and Sarah were very old, as evidence that it is faith which makes us right with God, not our obedience to his laws.

#### Mark 8:31-38

Peter has just declared (Mark 8:27-30) that Jesus is the Messiah – God's chosen Saviour-King. Jesus immediately tells the disciples what this will mean for him and for all those who follow him.

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (4th March)

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

A reading from Genesis  
chapter 17 beginning at verse 1

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty walk before me faithfully and be blameless.

<sup>2</sup> Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

<sup>3</sup> Abram fell face down, and God said to him, <sup>4</sup> "As for me, this is my covenant with you: you will be the father of many nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. <sup>7</sup> I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you."

<sup>15</sup> God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22: 24-32 (p242-43 APBA)

A reading from Romans  
chapter 4 beginning at verse 13

It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. <sup>14</sup> For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, <sup>15</sup> because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup> As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

<sup>18</sup> Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

<sup>19</sup> Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead – since he was about a hundred years old – and that Sarah's womb was also dead. <sup>20</sup> Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God,

<sup>21</sup> being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

<sup>22</sup> This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup> The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, <sup>24</sup> but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness – for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. <sup>25</sup> He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
chapter 8 beginning at verse 31

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

<sup>33</sup> 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."

<sup>34</sup> 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. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup> 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."

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](http://www.biblegateway.com).