



Oakhurst

Anglican Church

To Make and Grow Disciples of Jesus Christ

February 9, 2020

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A warm welcome to everyone at church today. Let us worship God together and seek to grow in our ability to follow him more closely and grow in our love for one another. Please join us after the service for a chat and a cuppa.

Today's Sermon: God With Us

Bible Reading: O/T Exodus 40:34-38 N/T John 1:1-18



Praise and Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the rain falling over our country. Thanks for answered prayer. Pray for follow up rains to fill the dams and rivers. Thanks that the fires will be extinguished.
- Give thanks for those who contributed towards the food Hampers.
- Pray for those known to us having surgery this week, that it will be a complete success.
- Give thanks that ministries have started again this year in our church. Pray for all the leaders as they prepare programmes.

Hamper Donation Thanks.

Thankyou to all the very generous people who contributed to the food drive for hampers over the last 2 weeks. The good news is Anglicare has delivered food hampers, this week. So we don't need any more food for now.

Thanks again, Isabelle

Holidays For The Boyds

Alan and I will be away for 1 week, from this Sunday the 9th of February , home Sunday the 16th. Travelling to Ballina for a family gathering.

Next week if you need prayer or any pastoral care needs please contact Colleen Haggett, Coralie Kilpatrick, Jenny Clark, Jane Lawson or Kathy Keith. If you belong to a Home Group, please seek someone in your Group for support also.

Thank you, Isabelle.



Rector Writes

"I forgive you." These are some of the most beautiful words we can ever hear, yet they are also some of the hardest to say at times. As disciples of Jesus, we know that we are called to forgive others. It is even part of the Lord's Prayer. Yet forgiveness is always costly. It means that the person who has been wronged agrees not to harbour vengeance in their heart and agrees to bear the cost of the wrong themselves. We saw this week a miraculous example of forgiveness, when the mother of the three children tragically killed last Saturday night appeared on the national television and said that she forgave the man who had been driving the car. She said that she did not hate him and that she wanted to forgive him. She even based her forgiveness in the death of Jesus. She wanted the courts to be fair, but she did not want to hate him. As I read those words, I prayed that I would never have to experience what she was going through. But I also prayed that if I did have to experience that, I would have the courage to act as she did.

Her example was a profound shock to a watching world. Our world today is a very unforgiving place (in every sense of the word). But God's people have something very precious. We can hold out to our world the possibility of forgiveness. We do not just hold out affirmation, we hold out forgiveness, and when our world sees that forgiveness, it does not quite know what to do. We are only able to forgive others because we know that God first forgave us, and we know how much that cost - it was at the price of Jesus' death. As we seek to make and grow disciples of Jesus, the forgiveness which we proclaim and model will be central to that task. For what could be better for our world than to hear these precious words from God: "I forgive you."

AGM

The church AGM for 2020 will be held Sunday 22nd March after the 10am service. More details will be available closer to the date.

Corona Virus Considerations

In view of the outbreak of the Corona Virus, and to follow the Guidelines of the Department of Health in respect to public gatherings, the Church recommends the following actions:

Any person who has cold and flu symptoms should not attend Church for 2 weeks; if they have visited main land China or Hong Kong in the past 2 weeks: or who has been in contact with a person who has visited main land China or Hong Kong in the past 2 weeks. It would also helpful if gloves are used when serving morning tea

We thank you for your understanding and acknowledge that this will not apply to the majority of our congregations.

The Wardens

Resumes Feb 23

HEARTWORK¹⁸⁺

Colossians 3:23

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SUNDAY@7
SOCIALISE AND GROW

Men's Ministry

If you have been involved with men's ministry or have some ideas for the future, there will be a meeting on Friday Feb 14 at 7:30pm at the rectory (6 Flora St, Plumpton) for anyone interested. If you can't make it, but have suggestions, email Jason on jason.ramsay@oakhurstanglican.org.au

Attention Ladies:

Western Sydney Anglican Region Annual Dinner will be held on Tuesday 17th March.

If you are interested in attending please put your name on the sheet up the back by 9th Feb, so tickets can be ordered.

Also indicate whether you need a lift or can provide one.

For more information refer to the flyer.

Tickets are \$25.00, payment to Carolyn - Many thanks

Notices

If you would like to put a notice in the newsletter please send an email to Darlena at bndwilson7@gmail.com by Wednesday so it can be added in time for the Sunday service.

Next Week's Roster 16/02

Leader: Jason

Bible Reader: 8:15 Denise Fraser / 10am Barbara Priestley / 6pm Simon Atwood

Bible Readings: O/T Isaiah 40:1-8 N/T John 1:19-34

Prayers: Steve

Welcoming: Ellie & Paul Shultz

Morning Tea: May, Carolyn & Ellie

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