



Parish of Waterloo Bay

The Tidings

21 Apr 2024 - St George's Day

APWB church services

Combined parish services are held the 5th Sunday of the month St George's Church Cnr Thorne Rd & Victor St, Birkdale

Sunday 7.15am and 9am

Wednesday 8:30am

3rd Thursday (Friendship service): 10am

St James' Church 17 - 19 Station St, Wellington Point

Sunday 9:30am

LOCUM

Rev Michael Faragher - 0424 344 273 <u>Michael.faragher@gmail.com</u>

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev John Bretz John.bretz@anglicanchurchsg.org.au

PARISH OFFICE attended 9am -12noon Thurs (other times by appt)
Glenda Blanch - 3822 1110
waterloobay@anglicanchurchsq.org.au

WARDENS

APWBwardens@bigpond.com Helen Stanbrook (Rector's) - 0409 498 286 Laura Farrow (People's) - 0404 834 272 Jide Oyewole (People's) - 0433 201 517

COUNCILLORS Meet 4th Tuesday each month <u>APWBcouncil@bigpond.com</u>

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	St George's day 21 Apr 2024	Easter 5 28 Apr 2024
7:15am St George	Rev Michael Faragher	Rev Michael Faragher
*9am St George	Rev Michael Faragher	Rev Michael Faragher
9.30am St James	Rev Neville Knott	Gordon Hooker
Old Testament	Revelation 12.7-12	Acts 8.26-40
Psalm	Psalm 126	Psalm 22.26-32
*New Testament	2 Timothy 2.3-13	1 John 4.7-21
*Gospel	John 15.18-21	John 15.1-8

Easter 4 readings: Acts 4.5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3.16-24; John 10.11-18

From the locum

Last week I attended rather than, as is usually the case, officiated at, a funeral. Many people whom I have not seen for some time came to say their farewells; we shared memories and experiences, and gave thanks for a long life, well-lived.

It was a story of faith and obedience, from the deceased's earliest years until her eventual departure. Was it a whitewash? Did we collectively give in to that temptation to only speak well of a person who has died? "Never speak ill of the dead" is an oft-quoted proverb. No, this was a thanksgiving!

Of course, no-one is perfect, but it is certainly true that if we put our best efforts into life we can make a tremendous difference for good. This was a life invested in people and in the Kingdom of God - truly a faithful servant of Christ.

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From the locum cont...

As a Christian, I find a funeral is always a mixed emotional journey. To say goodbye to a friend or loved one is always difficult, and we shouldn't pretend otherwise. But alongside the natural grief there is a confidence: when Jesus invites us to follow him, he also guarantees our eternal destiny.

As a priest, my task has often been to help the bereaved along the journey of acceptance and grief. Being involved in a funeral service is a huge privilege and a massive responsibility.

Facing our own mortality is a challenge to us all. Even with the assurance of faith we still face the uncertainty wrapped up in the actual experience of dying. This funeral of which I'm writing occurred close enough to Easter to remind me of the glorious hope of the resurrection. Jesus Christ entered the full experience of death, took it apart, and rendered it powerless through that Resurrection from the dead. It was a miracle above any other, and the subsequent encounters with the Risen Christ laid the foundation for the continuing spread of the Kingdom of God - even to this very day.

We can no more imagine what life beyond death is like than a caterpillar can anticipate the changed life after its transformation into a butterfly. Yet we are confident because Christ returned from the dead, and has promised that he will return again to restore and reconcile this damaged creation.

Death of itself is never good news. But resurrection is the ultimate definition of good news. Jesus summed it up perfectly, as John recorded in his

Fr Michael

Gospel.

For your prayers

Pastoral Care: If you or anyone you know needs assistance, please contact Lyn Kay on 3207 5048.

Parish Prayer Chain: Please contact Carole Cresswell on 0402 347 675 with your prayer chain requests.

Parish families

Guttormsen family, Gwynn family

Birthdays

Alan Monaghan, Peter Mathams, Terry Watkinson

Anniversaries

Russell and Merilyn Hockaday, Ian and Marg Carr

In memoriams

Gwenn Chantler 2016, John Condie 2010

Special prayers: Donald Campbell, Melanie Howland, Desley Rawlins, Melissa, Jim Richardson, Terry and Ann Watkinson, Joyce Giles, Helen, Mary, Mandy, Ian Williams, Barry Doocey

Parish Outreach

BCA partner Daniel & Jenni Avenell, Emerald/Blackwater BMF partner Brisbane Valley SU Chaplain Emily Jewell (Wellington Point SS) SAILS@Bayside

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

If you choose DIRECT DEBIT GIVING

our operating account is with: ANFIN – Waterloo Bay Anglican Parish BSB 704 901 A/c no: 00000540 and note your deposit as 'Offering". Alternatively, phone (3838 7755) and set up an



anonymous weekly/ monthly contribution to help with God's work in our Parish.

What's happenin g this week

Sunday 21st St George's day - regular service times

Monday 22nd

9.30am Mainly music1.30pm Crafty capers

Tuesday 23rd

9.30am Mainly music

10.30am Capella Bay aged care service 2pm Faith fellowship (*Brian Blinco*)

7.30pm Parish council meeting

Wednesday 24th

8.30am Eucharist service St George's

7.30pm Pray school group (Russell and Merilyn)

Thursday 25th

7.15pm Thursdays@7

7.30pm Seekers (Rob and Gay)

Friday 26th

10.30am Regis Grange aged care service

Saturday 27th

5.30pm Taizé service (St George's)

What's coming up

Date TBC Firepit night

28th April Chappy Em to speak at each service

29th May Alpha St George's hall

28th July Mark Fairhurst (CMS) attending

29th Sept Combined service - Mike Uptin (BCA)

Date TBC Market day - needs co-ordinator/s

Parishioner profile

If you are enjoying the new look
Tidings and would like it to continue,
please send in your contributions.

Have you participated in any parish activities? Did you visit with parish friends? Do you belong to any bible study groups or home groups? Did something funny happen? Would you like your profile to be included?

We'd love to hear about it.

Please send in any photos, stories or anecdotes to Sandra Pearse or to the office. Thank you.

General notices

TAIZÉ SERVICES

Please join Fr Michael at 5.30pm on Saturday 27th April as he leads the Taizé service of songs, readings and meditation. Please bring a plate of food to share after the service.



MARKET DAY PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE TO LATER IN THE YEAR



The date of our parish Market day has been changed to later in the year. This event **needs a co-ordinator or a team of co-ordinators** to go ahead. If you are able to step into this role, please contact the office or one of the wardens (Helen, Jide or Laura). Thank you.

CHAPPY EM

Our Parish supports the Chaplaincy work of Scripture Union at Wellington Point State School. Emily Jewell (known to the school children and staff as 'Chappy Em' will be coming to speak at each service on Sunday $28^{\rm th}$ April.

General notices



APWB ALPHA

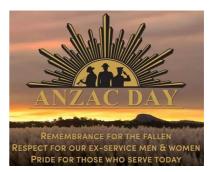
Wed 29th May 6:30pm St George's Hall **FORMAT**

Drinks and Nibbles
Dinner
Video
Discussion
Invite family and friends
(limited spaces
available)
Brochures at back of

church.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

You are invited to join in Fr Jim's community ANZAC Day Dawn Service at 6am on ANZAC Morning at the corner of Mooroondu Rd and Nora St, (opposite the northern end of Beth Boyd Park). Please bring a plate to share. Tea and coffee will be provided. There will be a working party at 2pm on the 24th if you have



some spare time to help put up the Gazebos and tents. Fr. Jim can be contacted on 0412 960 894.