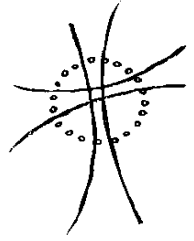




**St John's**  
Anglican Church  
Coffs Harbour  
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The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
28th January 2018



## Farewell Celebration for Bishop Sarah and Rev Ian

Bring a finger food plate to share

12.30pm Saturday  
the 17th February  
St John's, 2 McLean  
St Coffs Harbour



### WELCOME

Thank you for joining with us today.  
If you are worshipping with us for the first time, or visiting,  
please make yourself known to the welcomers or clergy.  
If you intend to worship regularly with us, please fill in a card  
on the back table, and hand it to the staff or sides person.

# Today's Worship

## Sentence:

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. Matthew 9.35

## Prayer of the Day:

God of compassion, you have shown us in Christ that your love is never ending:  
enable us both to love you with all our heart and to love one another as Christ loved us.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER FOR A NEW RECTOR:**

*Bountiful God, give to the people of St John's a prayerful pastor, who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip and fill your people with enthusiasm for ministry in this place; one who will enable everyone to fulfil their calling.*

*Give to those who will choose Wisdom, Discernment and Patience. May they be guided by your Holy Spirit.*

*And to us all, give warm and generous hearts.  
For the sake of Jesus Christ and Your Glory.  
**Amen.***



## **READINGS FOR 4th February**

Isaiah 40.21–31

Psalm 147.1–11

1 Corinthians 9.16–23

Mark 1.29–39

*Presiding and Preaching:*

*6pm Sat and 7am Sunday Rev'd Carol Ford*

*9am Rev'd Dan Octigan*

## Dates for your Diary

February 3-4th	Discernment Synod Grafton
February 12th	Concert – Chamber Philharmonia Cologne
February 13th	Shrove Tuesday– Pancake night
February 14th	Ash Wednesday
February 10th	National Day of Prayer and Fasting
February 17th	Southern Gathering for +Sarah and Rev Ian
February 18th	AGM immediately following the 9am Service
March 2nd	World Day of Prayer
March 3rd	Bishop Sarah's final service– Grafton

### **Please Pray:**

- ◆ We remember all those who are sick and need prayers:  
Rose Marie & John Beston, Allan Crossingham, Nancy Tigwell, Tony Fookes, Robyn Michell, Doreen Brewin, Sue Brewin, Margaret Logue, Ron Randle, Dan Octigan, Margaret Fisher, Bill and Dianne Roberts, Barbara Williams.
- ◆ We continue to pray for Sylvia Broadhurst, Rob Howard, Kel Bogaart, Warren Moules, Rosemary Majoor, Ken & Val Grant, Annette Lane, Hattersley and Laurel Smith-Cameron, Elsie Tillott, Marion Murray, Jean Parker, Lesley Lee, Lillian Robertson, Cody Cook, Rae Rediger, Enid Waites, Val Furniss, Theresa and Elijah,
- ◆ We pray for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.
- ◆ We pray for the coming year, that we continue the journey together, united, and in constant support and encouragement of each other. We ask God's blessing for the coming AGM and for all who feel led to nominate.

### **CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE:**

Don't miss this wonderful performance of Vivaldi, Bach, Tchaikovsky, Paganini and more. The concert will be held on the 12th of February at 8pm at St John's. Tickets will be available at the office between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday or at the door on the night. Ticket prices: Adult \$40, Concession \$35, Student/Child \$30. We look forward to a night of classical entertainment. AND please let others know also that this event is happening soon.

## **Deuteronomy 18.15-20**

<sup>15</sup> The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet.

<sup>16</sup> This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.'

<sup>17</sup> Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.

<sup>19</sup> Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup> But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

**Psalm 111**  
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## **1 Corinthians 8.1-13**

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that 'all of us possess knowledge.' Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

<sup>2</sup> Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup> but anyone who loves God is known by him. <sup>4</sup> Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that 'no idol in the world really exists', and that 'there is no God but one.'

<sup>5</sup> Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—

<sup>6</sup> yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. <sup>7</sup> It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup> 'Food will not bring us close to God.'

We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if

we do. <sup>9</sup> But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. <sup>10</sup> For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup> So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup> But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**  
according to Mark, Chapter 1 beginning at verse 21

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>21</sup> They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup> They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup> Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup> and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' <sup>25</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' <sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup> They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' <sup>28</sup> At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

*The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible with Apocrypha*

# Coming Events & Notices

**BIBLE STUDY/ HOME GROUPS:** There will be several study groups for Lenten studies which will begin on the second week in February. The ladies' study will meet at 2pm on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. There will be a study group at Ray & Kylie Cameron's— time and day to be confirmed. There will also be a group at the parish office on a Wednesday evening hosted by Bob & Helen Chambers. Please consider being a part of these in some way.

**EfM (Education for Ministry)** The EfM program will recommence in late January. The 2018 Prospectus is available at the Church Office or on the information table in the Church. The group provides members the opportunity to share their faith and understanding of the scriptures and readings that are set for each week as well as learning how to reflect theologically and more. There are no written assignments or exams. Please speak to Rev Anne or Norma Anderson (66536010) if you are interested or would like more information.

**FAREWELL AND GIFT FOR BISHOP SARAH:** The Diocese is collecting for a gift for Bishop Sarah as she retires from her ministry as our Bishop. If you would like to contribute please place it in a separate envelope and mark it *Gift for +Sarah* or send it directly to the Diocese.

Bishop Sarah's final service will be on the 3rd of March at Grafton Christ Church Cathedral and there will be a luncheon at the Grafton District Services Club (This will be at individuals own expense). Please call the Diocese if you are attending.

There will also be a gathering at St John's on the 17th February at 12.30pm. If you come on the 17th, please bring a plate of finger food to share. If you can help on the 17th please put your name on the list on the back board.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** This year St John's is hosting the World Day of Prayer. It will be on Friday the 2nd of March at 11am. There will be a planning meeting at 2pm on Tuesday the 30th of January. Jan Russell is co-ordinating this. Please come on the 30th if you would like to be involved, help and support Jan.

**ANGLICAN MOTHERS UNION AUSTRALIA - COFFS GROUP - ASH WEDNESDAY** - our group will meet on Wednesday 14th February at 10.00am for Eucharist followed by morning tea and fellowship. All welcome. Details of future meetings for 2018 please contact Jean Knight 66526049 or Gae Shorten 0408141146

**PHOTOGRAPHS:** In light of the finding of the Royal Commission the Parish Council is at present working on a policy for the Parish in relation to Photographs taken in the Church. Concerns have been raised by a number of people and therefore until we have a policy in place, Parish Council has moved that *Photo's are not to be taken in the Church services or Church grounds unless it is a special occasion and permission is sought from the Presiding Priest.*

**LLM's SOUTHERN TRAINING DAY:** 17th February at St John's followed by luncheon at 12.30pm.

**AGM:** The Parish Annual General Meeting will be on the **18th February** following the 9am service. **Could all reports please be in by Tuesday 30th of January.** Nomination forms for parish positions are now available. Nominations close at 1pm on Wednesday 7th February 2018. Please prayerfully consider the nominations and put this date in your diary.

**MUSIC GROUP:** The Music Group from the 9am service welcome any new members to join them. If you enjoy singing or can play an instrument please speak to Audrey and Jill as they welcome any interest in the group.

**PARISH CALENDAR:** A meeting will be held on Thursday 25th January at 4pm in the Parish Office to prepare a calendar of parish events for the year. Everyone is welcome to attend, especially group leaders. If unable to attend, please email the dates that the group meets for the rest of the year.

**MMR PLANNING DAY:** There are 4 Mission and Ministry regions in our Diocese. We belong to the Central region.

MMR groups have been asked to invite all parishioners to come to a planning day and then the results of these will assist us to plan ahead as a Diocese and determine the directions that God is leading us.

Our region will meet on Saturday the 27th January beginning at 10am. It is hoped all Parish Councillors, LLM's and other members of the congregation will attend. Please prayerfully consider marking this date in your diary. If you need help with transport please call Anne,

**OP SHOP:** As the new year begins, the Op Shop Committee is again looking for volunteers. If you can do some ironing, serve in the shop or help in any way please speak to Lesley Miller, Carole Sunderland, Heather Tweedie, Jan Sheldon or Sandy Shearer.

**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS HELPLINE:** 1800 070 511 Available 9am to 5pm EST Monday to Friday.

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Position Vacant

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### Officiating Priests

Rev'd Jan McLeod  
Rev'd David Morgan  
Rev'd Lenore Moules  
Rev'd Dan Octigan

## Next Week

**Monday 29th January**  
8.30am Morning Prayer  
5.00pm Prepare for  
Worship

**Tuesday 30th January**

**Wednesday 31st January**  
10.00am Eucharist  
5.45pm Evening Prayer

**Thursday 1st February**  
8.30am Morning Prayer

**Friday 2nd February**

**Saturday 3rd February**  
5.00pm African Men's  
Group  
6.00pm Eucharist

**Sunday 4th February**  
7.00am Eucharist  
9.00am Eucharist  
5.30pm Family Service

## Parish Bank Details for Direct Deposits

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description e.g. 'offertory.'*