

# Dubbo Anglican Church

To know Jesus and to make Him known!

# Parish Bulletin 10 November 2024

# Welcome!

"Welcome to church, as we gather together in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! We worship on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri people and we honour and, pay our respects to Elders past and present. We pray that you may know the presence of God's Spirit as we gather together in Jesus name. And may you be encouraged by our time together today, strengthened in your faith and equipped to share God's love with those around us: making Jesus known to this city and the world."

#### From the rector:

This weekend we're back to our normal service-times, and back in Mark's Gospel. At the end of Mark 12, Jesus is teaching crowds of people and comments in the enormous contrast between the flashy, and the humble: between those who are seeking attention on themselves, and those who seek no recognition but who are prepared to give up everything in giving themselves to the Lord's work. It's a searching contrast that reveals our desperate need for the mercy and lavish grace of God through the Lord Jesus.

I'm grateful for the video sermons provided by Bishop Mark that we'll again be drawing on this week.

I've been away for much of the week at the diocesan clergy retreat down in Galong, along with Rev'd John and other diocesan clergy. It's an important time of teaching, fellowship, silence and reflection; and I'm so grateful to be able to attend, and to have this week's sermon taken care of.

What a wonderful time last Sunday was, as we observed All Saints Sunday together at one combined service! A huge thank-you to all those who helped contribute to the day: whether rostered to serve, helping with set-up and clean-up, and bringing lunch to share. Praise God for all His Saints, and may we fix our eyes on that time when God Himself will again be dwelling with His people, in His new creation.

Finally, with Monday being Remembrance Day, we will be praying for our Defence Force during our services across the weekend. I commend to you the resources provided by Defence Anglicans who provide and support Chaplains across the Australian Defence Force family (refer the advertisement later in this bulletin).

Every blessing, Pastor Andrew

# Prayers and Readings for 10 November 2024 – Defence Force Sunday

### **Sentence of Scripture:**

...Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him. (Hebrews 9:28)

### **Prayer of the Day**

Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that, by patience and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

### First Reading Ruth 3.1-5; 4.3-17

<sup>1</sup> One day Ruth's mother-in-law Naomi said to her, 'My daughter, I must find a home for you, where you will be well provided for. 2 Now Boaz, with whose women you have worked, is a relative of ours. Tonight he will be winnowing barley on the threshing-floor. 3 Wash, put on perfume, and get dressed in your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing-floor, but don't let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking. 4 When he lies down, note the place where he is lying. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down. He will tell you what to do.' 5 'I will do whatever you say,' Ruth answered. 3 Then he said to the guardian-redeemer, 'Naomi, who has come back from Moab, is selling the piece of land that belonged to our relative Elimelek. <sup>4</sup> I thought I should bring the matter to your attention and suggest that you buy it in the presence of these seated here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, do so. But if you will not, tell me, so I will know. For no one has the right to do it except you, and I am next in line.' 'I will redeem it,' he said. 5 Then Boaz said, 'On the day you buy the land from Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the dead man's widow, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property.' 6 At this, the guardian-redeemer said, 'Then I cannot redeem it because I might endanger my own estate. You redeem it yourself. I cannot do it.' 7 (Now in earlier times in Israel, for the redemption and transfer of property to become final, one party took off his sandal and gave it to the other. This was the method of legalising transactions in Israel.) 8 So the guardian-redeemer said to Boaz, 'Buy it yourself.' And he removed his sandal. <sup>9</sup> Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, 'Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelek, Kilion and Mahlon. <sup>10</sup> I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, Mahlon's widow, as my wife, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property, so that his name will not disappear from among his family or from his home town. Today you are witnesses!' 11 Then the elders and all the people at the gate said, 'We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the family of Israel. May you have standing in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem. 12 Through the offspring the Lord gives you by this young woman, may your family be like that of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah.' <sup>13</sup> So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. 14 The women said to Naomi: 'Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a guardianredeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! 15 He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven

sons, has given him birth.' <sup>16</sup> Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him. <sup>17</sup> The women living there said, 'Naomi has a son!' And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **Psalm 127**

<sup>1</sup> Unless the Lord builds the house:

their labour is but lost that build it.

<sup>2</sup> Unless the Lord keeps the city:

the watchmen watch in vain.

<sup>3</sup> It is in vain that you rise up early and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil:

for the Lord bestows honour—and on those whom he loves.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord:

and the fruit of the womb is his gift.

<sup>5</sup> Like arrows in the hand of a warrior:

are the children of one's youth.

<sup>6</sup> Happy the man who has his quiver full of them:

he will not be put to shame

when he confronts his enemies at the gate.

### **Second Reading**

**Hebrews 9.23-28** 

<sup>23</sup> It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. <sup>24</sup> For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. <sup>25</sup> Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. <sup>26</sup> Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup> Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, <sup>28</sup> so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **Gospel Reading**

Mark 12:38-44

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark Chapter 12, beginning at verse 38 Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

<sup>38</sup> As he taught, Jesus said, 'Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the market-places, <sup>39</sup> and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets. <sup>40</sup> They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.' <sup>41</sup> Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. <sup>42</sup> But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few pence. <sup>43</sup> Calling his disciples to

him, Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. <sup>44</sup> They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything – all she had to live on.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Sermon Notes: Flashy or humble? (Mark 12:38-44)

1. Flashy (v.38-40)

2. Humble (v.41-44)

### PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

New envelopes have arrived. They are at back of church to pick up.

### SAFE MINISTRY UPDATE

Thanks to those who have completed their paperwork and training.

Wendy will be in contact with those still to attend to safe ministry requirements to advise of next steps.

# Thanksgiving and Remembrance Service

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.

Do know of anyone that would appreciate an invitation to this beautiful service, please contact Wendy in Parish Office with their details.

### **Parish Directory**

We are putting together a parish directory; the plan is to have hard and electronic copies available to those who request them, containing authorised contact details of people in our parish community who wish to be included.

To provide your details, and for more information, there's a sign-up sheet at the back of church, or speak with Cassie Gardner.
Thanks to those who have already provided their details.

### Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers

Brian Lovemore

Philip Munge

John Lloyd

Gloria Shipp

Philip Payne

Leah McDonald

Toni Ross- Symthe

Brian Semmler

John Day

Anne Neville

El and Jonny Simmons

Diane McCullough

Ella Butler

Toni Ross- Symthe Bev Birch Ella Butlei Joy Austin

Pray for those mourning the loss of loved ones: recently, and for those observing anniversaries. Mary Starr, Eric Morley, Rod Lumber.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR THANKS, PRAISE & PRAYERS TODAY & THIS WEEK

Psalm 116:2, "Because He bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath!"

### Our Diocese and Parishes and people ...

\*All Clergy, LLM's & ALL Parishes esp. those without stipendiary clergy; West Wyalong with locum Bishop Stuart Robinson; give thanks/pray for the enthusiasm & ministry of the LLM's & parishioners Hebrews 10:23, "Let us hold onto the confession of our hope without wavering, for He Who promised is faithful!"

### Our Parish & Community...praise/thank/pray...

- \*Our Parish praise/thank for the encouragement of the wonderful combined service & celebration for All Saints Sunday; for the assurance & hope of what is before us, (Revelation 21)! Pray we will go out as salt & light for Jesus, share our joy & win others for Him through the power of Holy Spirit.

  \*Matthew 5:14, "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden."

  \*Op Shop praise/thank/pray for the volunteers; for the opportunities to minister to shoppers; praise/thank/pray for this valuable resource for our Parish.
- \*Volunteers praise/thank for all our volunteers who work in the ministry to which they are called some of which are known only to God; pray they will be buoyed by the promises of God *Matthew* 25:23a, "The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant."
- \*Scripture Union NSW & SRE praise/thank/pray for the preparations for the camps & missions in the coming summer holidays; that teams will bond well & encourage each other; that the talks will plainly tell the truth of the Gospel & God's Name will be glorified!
- \*Scripture Union –Josiah Clarke, SRE Generate in Dubbo praise/thank for Josiah Clarke's ministry as he leaves Dubbo & moves onto full time study at SMBC; pray for someone to fill his role next year; for more volunteers; pray students & staff will come to a personal saving faith in Jesus through the teaching they're exposed to through SRE. Isaiah 55:11, "It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it."
- \*Rev Gloria pray for Gloria as she attends RPA in Sydney next week to have some tests, and for those conducting the tests and the care she receives. Pray also for Eddy and for safe travel to and from Sydney for them both.

#### For Further Afield...Praise/thank/pray...

- \*The Persecuted Church Pakistan pray that blasphemy laws used to persecute Christians, will be revoked & religious freedom will flourish; pray for the protection of young women against kidnapping & forced marriage to Muslims; for those impoverished, those imprisoned for their faith & that believers will truly understand who they are in Jesus
- \*USA praise/thank that God has chosen a 47<sup>th</sup> president; pray all Christians there will be salt & light; for healing between the parties, black & white & brokenness in the church family; for the cross of Jesus to be held higher than any flag; for the truth of the Gospel to be over & mightily impact that country *Philippians 2:10, "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth & under the earth"*



# PRAY WITH US | SUNDAY, 10 NOVEMBER



# Partner with Defence Anglican Chaplaincy

When you pray or give you are helping chaplains support Defence members and their families.

For more information and to give visit: defenceanglicans.org.au



# THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday 10 November** 

**8am** Traditional Holy Communion

**10am** Family Service (HC)

**12pm** LLM and Clergy Meeting with

Lunch

**5pm** Coboco

**Monday 11 November** 

Remembrance Day

Psalms 28,29; Jonah 1; Revelation 3.1-6

**Tuesday 12 November** 

Psalm 31;Jonah 2; Revelation 3.7-13

**9am** Morning Prayer – Zoom

Wednesday 13 November

Psalm 35.1-17; Jonah 3, Revelation 3.14-22

**9am** Morning Prayer – Zoom

10.30am Bill Newton VC

**Thursday 14 November** 

Psalm 34; Jonah 4; Revelation 4

9am Morning Prayer – Zoom9.30am Mums and Bubs Playgroup

Friday 15 November

Psalm 37.1-17; Susannah 1-33; Revelation 5

**1pm** Parish prayer meeting (parish library)

**Saturday 16 November** 

**11am** Baptism of Jerome Flood

**6pm** Vigil Eucharist

**Sunday 17 November** 

**8am** Traditional Holy Communion

**10am** Family Service (HC)

**12pm** Baptism of Ted Apolony and Sonny

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