



Dubbo Anglican Church

To know Jesus and to make Him known!

Parish Bulletin 17 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:

The first half of Mark 13 (verses 1-11) sees Jesus respond to questions from his disciples about his prophetic words of the destruction of the Jerusalem temple. As He answers, we're warned about what to expect in the world now while we wait for Jesus to return, we're comforted that all the trouble in the world is just as Jesus said would happen so we don't need to be alarmed, and we're encouraged to continue to be faithful in the present: telling people about the good news of Jesus, as task He helps us with by His indwelling Spirit.

We're in the penultimate week of our *Questioning Jesus* series from the lectionary readings in Mark's Gospel.

What a joy to announce last week that Justin Baker begins with us today as lay stipendiary Student Minister. We'll be meeting Justin and his family - Alysha, Soloman and Jobe - over the weekend, and we're excited about the way God will continue to work in him, and through him here at Holy Trinity: focusing on coordinating our children's and youth ministry programs, while he continues his theological study at Bible College.

Praise God for His provision and perfect timing! Please commit the Baker family to the Lord in prayer: for peace, energy and patience as they settle in to Dubbo and our parish community; and that God will guard their hearts in Christ Jesus.

Of course we commit to this in faith; the year-to-date parish finances update later in this bulletin show that this will stretch us financially. Please continue to commit our finances to the Lord in prayer, and remember what we learned earlier in the year from 2 Corinthians 8: our giving is an opportunity to respond to God's grace to us, by graciously sharing what we have to support ministry that seeks to make known God's grace to a world who needs to know Jesus!

Here at Holy Trinity, giving can be electronically (bank account details on the back page of this bulletin) or physically (by putting your offering in the collection plate at the rear or front of the church).

Finally, I'm delighted to advise that Vicky Moore has agreed to join parish council, as my second 'rector's nomination.' I'm grateful to Vicky for her willingness to serve this way.

In Christ,
Pastor Andrew

Prayers and Readings for 17 November 2024 –Twenty Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Sentence of Scripture:

And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. (Mark 13:10)

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God,
whose sovereign purpose none can make void:
give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world,
knowing that your kingdom shall come and your will be done,
to your eternal glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

1 Samuel 1.4-20

⁴ Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. ⁵ But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the Lord had closed her womb. ⁶ Because the Lord had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. ⁷ This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the Lord, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat. ⁸ Her husband Elkanah would say to her, 'Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?' ⁹ Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the Lord's house. ¹⁰ In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. ¹¹ And she made a vow, saying, 'Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.' ¹² As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³ Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk ¹⁴ and said to her, 'How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine.' ¹⁵ 'Not so, my lord,' Hannah replied, 'I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. ¹⁶ Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.' ¹⁷ Eli answered, 'Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.' ¹⁸ She said, 'May your servant find favour in your eyes.' Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast. ¹⁹ Early the next morning they

arose and worshipped before the Lord and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. ²⁰ So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, 'Because I asked the Lord for him.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength:

a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved:

and though the mountains are shaken

in the midst of the sea;

3 Though the waters rage and foam:

and though the mountains quake at the rising of the sea.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God:

the holy dwelling-place of the Most High.

5 God is in the midst of her,

therefore she shall not be moved:

God will help her, and at break of day.

6 The nations make uproar, and the kingdoms are shaken:

but God has lifted his voice, and the earth shall tremble.

7 *The Lord of hosts is with us:*

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

8 Come then and see what the Lord has done:

what destruction he has brought upon the earth.

9 He makes wars to cease in all the world:

he breaks the bow and shatters the spear,

and burns the chariots in the fire.

10 'Be still, and know that I am God:

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted upon the earth.'

11 *The Lord of hosts is with us:*

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10.11-14, 10.19-25

¹¹ Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. ¹⁴ For by one sacrifice he has made perfect for ever those who are being made holy. ¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our

hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 13.1-11

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark Chapter 13, beginning at verse 1

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!’ ² ‘Do you see all these great buildings?’ replied Jesus. ‘Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.’ ³ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ ‘Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?’ ⁵ Jesus said to them : ‘Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶ Many will come in my name, claiming, “I am he,” and will deceive many. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth-pains. ⁹ ‘You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. ¹⁰ And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. ¹¹ Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

QUESTIONING JESUS

Exploring questions asked of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark



Where should we focus? (Mark 13:1-11)

1. Distracted eyesight (vv.1-2)

2. Misreading the signs (vv.4-8)

3. Faithfulness in the present (vv.9-11)

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 12th December at 7pm .

After 25 plus years of this beautiful service we need to update our candles, if you would like to donate towards replacements, it will be very much appreciated . Please see Wendy in Office or put in envelope marked candles for Thanksgiving.

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.

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

Third-quarter parish finances update (January 1 to September 30 2024)

	Income	Expenditure
Budget	\$269,346	\$259,589
Actual	\$315,890	\$330,845*

*Includes \$84,210 repairs and maintenance across all building and grounds (against a YTD budget of \$18,402)

Advent, and Christmas preparation resources - recommendations

The season of advent is significant in the life of God's church, helping us lift our eyes to the return of the Lord Jesus: which the celebration of Christmas helps point us to, and reminds us of the way God first turned up in His world and showed us more of who He is. There's many resources out there to help us through the season, and to spiritually prepare for Christmas, and I commend the following to you:

Let Earth Receive Her King: Daily Readings for Advent, by Alistair Begg.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus: Experiencing the Peace and Promise of Christmas, by Nancy Guthrie.

The Dawn of Redeeming Grace: Daily Devotions for Advent, by Sinclair Ferguson.

For children: *A Better Than Anything Christmas: Explore How Jesus Makes Christmas Better*, by Barbara Roach.

For families: *The Light Before Christmas: A Family Advent Devotional*, by Marty Machowski.

I know our friends at the Dubbo Christian bookstore will be able to order these for you if they don't already stock them.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers

Brian Lovemore

Philip Munge

Philip Payne

Leah McDonald

Toni Ross- Symthe

Brian Semmler

John Lloyd

John Day

El and Jonny Simmons

Bev Birch

Joy Austin

Steve Honey

Gloria Shipp

Anne Neville

Diane McCullough

Ella Butler

Pray for those mourning the loss of loved ones: recently, and for those observing anniversaries. Rod Lumber, Bill Lumber, Jack Stanmore, Marie White, Gary Hands, Malcolm Keir, Eunice Graham, Robin Blekmore, Frank Hanslow.



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SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TOUR 2024

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Tue 17 Dec 2024, 07:30 PM

Symphony Orchestra Tour

Melbourne Grammar School

Dubbo Regional Theatre

155 Darling Street, Dubbo, 2830

Tickets are \$20 Adults or \$10 concessions from DRTCC

Don't miss the Melbourne Grammar School Symphony Orchestra for an evening of dazzling orchestral colour as they tour down the East Coast of Australia.

In their only Dubbo performance, the 75-piece orchestral will perform works by Rachmaninov and Dvorak alongside film music from *North by Northwest* and *How to Train your Dragon* and much more. With all proceeds donated to Anglicare Dubbo this will be a performance not to be missed.

Please come along and support the Orchestra and Anglicare Dubbo

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

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17, "Always be joyful. Never stop praying!"

Our Diocese and Parishes and people ...

***All Clergy, LLM's & ALL Parishes esp. those without stipendiary clergy;** for the faithful maintaining ministry in all of these Parishes; for Jesus' Name to be held high & His good news to be proclaimed & its promises & hope to be claimed **Galatians 6:9**, *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up!"*

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

***Our Parish** - praise/thank for God's goodness, grace, wisdom & provision in answering our prayers for an assistant minister; pray for **Justin, Alysha, Solomon & Jobe** as they settle into Dubbo, to know Jesus' peace & assurance of this step in serving Him, to feel a loved part of our Parish family

***1 Thessalonians 5:28**, *"May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!"*

***Parish Council** – praise/thank for this leadership; pray Holy Spirit's wisdom over Parish Council meeting 21/11

***Sunday School & Mums & Bubs Play Group** - praise/thank/pray for the numbers attending, the encouragement of their parents & the enthusiasm & faithfulness of the leaders & helpers.

***Scripture Union NSW & SRE** – praise/thank/pray for those who support SU NSW financially & prayerfully; pray for generous hearts, new donors with a passion to share Jesus with people of all ages.

***SRE- Peter Volkofsky** – praise/thank for his faithful ministry with secondary students in sharing the truth & hope of the Gospel to them & staff; please pray for students at Delroy Campus where no enrolments for SRE in 2025 have been received; please pray for Holy Spirit to motivate students & parents to enrol; pray for the schools to agree to lunchtime groups & for Yr 8 scripture classes in 2025

***Christ Church St Ives, our partner parish in Sydney** - Praise God for the encouraging turnout and encouraging conversations in the new "ShareLife Mondays" evangelistic Bible study group. Pray that the congregation will generously support the Toys 'n' Tucker collection to support their other partner church in Chester Hill Anglican, and for wisdom to those collecting and dispersing these donations.

We are so grateful to this parish for their continued financial and prayerful support, and look to God for creativity and wisdom as we continue to explore and develop this Gospel partnership.

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

***The Persecuted Church – pray for *... India** - those experiencing increased persecution from Hindu extremists; for the 150 new churches planted in unreached areas! * **...North Korea** – the success of Bible smuggling efforts there * **...Mexico** – God's Word to be available in every indigenous language

* **...Uganda** – distribution of audio & print Bibles to reach Christians in areas under heavy Muslim influence

* **...Cuba** – Christian leaders to rely on Holy Spirit when called in for questioning by govt authorities

* **...Brunei**- Christians to have access to Bibles, illegal there; for underground churches' boldness sharing Jesus * **...Turkiye**... a breakthrough to lead many Turks to Jesus; for uni students & teachers asking for Bibles

***Acts 4:12**, *"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."*

***CBM** – praise/thank/pray for the practical & spiritual ministry of Christian Blind Ministry to change the lives of vulnerable people; pray for God's provision & seamless distribution of medications eg Mectizan, to people threatened by River Blindness, to stop the life cycle of parasites causing it; pray for God's wisdom, favour & strength to CBM workers striving to reach people with River Blindness in Africa, Mexico & South American countries (introduced there through the slave trade).

***BCA- praise/thank/pray for* ...Ben & Alissa Connelly** & family at Cowra; ***...James & Charly Boardman**, Cathedral Parish, going to Kelso in 2025; ***...James & Brittany Daymond**, Cobar; ***...Bishop Stuart Robinson**, locum at West Wyalong; ***...Rachael Bell**, Generate Field Officer, Central West, NSW; ***...Rev. Paul & Cathy Sampson**, Elza Lee & Josian Elsley, NSW/ACT Regional Office

***Joshua 1:9**, *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong & courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."*



Cleaning Volunteers Needed

Are you able to help make the load lighter . Speak with any of the wardens Tony, Narelle or Therese .

WEBSITE UPDATE

The website www.dubboanglicanchurch.org is live for you to view.

The new Parish Office email is below

office@dubboanglicanchurch.org

Memorial Candle

This week is loving memory of Bill and Rod Lumber from Cath and her family





Thanksgiving and Remembrance Service

For Loved Ones,

The service will be held at
Holy Trinity Anglican Church

Thursday 12th December 2024

@7.00pm

Light refreshments will be served after the service

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 17 November

- 8am** Traditional Holy Communion
10am Family Service (HC)
12pm Baptism of Ted Apolony and Sonny Powyer

Thursday 21 November

- Psalm 50; Zechariah 11.4-17; Revelation 9.1-12*
9am Morning Prayer– Zoom
9.30am Mums and Bubs Playgroup
5pm Parish Council

Friday 22 November

- Psalm 51; Zechariah 12; Revelation 9.13-21*
1pm Parish prayer meeting (parish library)

Saturday 23 November

- 6pm** Vigil Eucharist

Sunday 24 November

- 8am** Traditional Holy Communion
10am Family Service (HC)
5pm Coboco

Monday 18 November

Psalm 41;44.1-9; Zechariah 9.1-10, Revelation 6.12-7.8

Tuesday 19 November

Psalm 45, Zechariah 9.11-10.5; Revelation 7.9-17

- 9am** Morning Prayer – Zoom

Wednesday 20 November

Psalm 48; Zechariah 10.6-11.3, Revelation 8

- 9am** Morning Prayer – Zoom

PARISH CONTACTS

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