



Dubbo Anglican Church

To know Jesus and to make Him known!

Parish Bulletin 24 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 Rev'd James Boardman is taking our services across the weekend. James currently serves as Assistant Priest in Bathurst, and will be commencing as Priest in Charge of the parish of Kelso next year. Welcome James & Charly, Elijah, Joshua and Hannah!

James will be preaching from the second half of Mark 13 (12-37), and writes:

We live in a chaotic world! That probably won't come as a surprise! People are incredibly anxious today, particularly young people. Both sides of the political aisle are increasingly worried about when their opponents are in power. The modern world increasingly doesn't seem to provide a solution. This is at a time when material prosperity is at historical highs. There is less trust in institutions.

Today's passage seeks to reassure us. The context shows us the Earth is going through birth pangs. Just like the pain of labour gives way to new life, the world is going through pain before the new life that God will bring. Since the Fall of Adam and Eve, there have always been wars, disease, and injustice. This is nothing new. What starts the birth pangs is the most horrific act in human history, humanity putting God to death on a cross. No act will ever be as evil as that. But from that act comes the resurrection of Jesus, new life! From that beginning, the good news of Jesus goes out to all nations with the offer of peace with God—the assurance of new life in Jesus. We are encouraged to keep our eyes on that future. Not to be disinterested in the world's pain, but not to be distracted by it either. Instead, we keep going with Jesus mission to bring new life.

I'm grateful to James for being here, as I'm away on a couple of days leave over the weekend.

Please be in prayer for the Rev'd Josh Taylor, and Luke Merriman whom - God willing - will be ordained as Priests next Saturday 30th November from 11am at the Bathurst cathedral. I'm privileged to be leading their pre-ordination retreat during the week ahead, and preaching the ordination service on Saturday. I also value your prayers: that I would rely on God's strength and His ministry through me by His Spirit especially during this time.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Andrew

Prayers and Readings for 24 November 2024 –Christ the King

Sentence of Scripture:

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. (Revelation 1:5b-6)

Prayer of the Day:

Everlasting God,
whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son,
our Lord and King:
grant that the people of earth,
now divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

¹ These are the last words of David: 'The inspired utterance of David son of Jesse, the utterance of the man exalted by the Most High, the man anointed by the God of Jacob, the hero of Israel's songs: ² 'The Spirit of the Lord spoke through me; his word was on my tongue. ³ The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me: "When one rules over people in righteousness, when he rules in the fear of God, ⁴ he is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings grass from the earth." ⁵ 'If my house were not right with God, surely he would not have made with me an everlasting covenant, arranged and secured in every part; surely he would not bring to fruition my salvation and grant me my every desire. ⁶ But evil men are all to be cast aside like thorns, which are not gathered with the hand. ⁷ Whoever touches thorns uses a tool of iron or the shaft of a spear; they are burned up where they lie.'

2 Samuel 23.1-7

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 132.1-12

¹ Lord, remember David and all his trouble:
how he swore an oath to the Lord,
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob;

² 'I will not enter the shelter of my house:

nor climb into the comfort of my bed;

³ 'I will not give sleep to my eyes:

or slumber to my eyelids,

⁴ 'Till I find out a place for the ark of the Lord:

a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.'

⁵ Lo, we heard of it at Ephrathah:

we found it in the fields of Ja-ar.

⁶ Let us go to the place of his dwelling:

let us fall upon our knees before his footstool.

⁷ Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place:

you, and the ark of your might.

⁸ Let your priests be clothed with righteousness:

and let your faithful ones shout for joy.

⁹ For the sake of David your servant:

do not turn away the face of your anointed.

¹⁰ The Lord has sworn to David:

an oath which he will not break;

¹¹ 'One who is the fruit of your body:

I will set upon your throne.

¹² 'If your children will keep my covenant

and the commands which I teach them:

their children also shall sit upon your throne for ever.'

Second Reading

Revelation 1.4b-8

⁴ John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. ⁷ 'Look, he is coming with the clouds,' and 'every eye will see him, even those who pierced him'; and all peoples on earth 'will mourn because of him.' So shall it be! Amen. ⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, 'who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.'

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Gospel Reading

Mark 13:12-37

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark Chapter 13, beginning at verse 12

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹² "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ¹³ Everyone will hate you because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

¹⁴ "When you see 'the abomination that causes desolation' standing where it does not belong—let the reader understand—then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁵ Let no one

on the housetop go down or enter the house to take anything out. ¹⁶ Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak. ¹⁷ How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! ¹⁸ Pray that this will not take place in winter, ¹⁹ because those will be days of distress unequalled from the beginning, when God created the world, until now—and never to be equalled again.

²⁰ “If the Lord had not cut short those days, no one would survive. But for the sake of the elect, whom he has chosen, he has shortened them. ²¹ At that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or, ‘Look, there he is!’ do not believe it. ²² For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. ²³ So be on your guard; I have told you everything ahead of time.

²⁴ “But in those days, following that distress,

“the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
²⁵ the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

²⁶ “At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

²⁸ “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

³⁵ “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

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



Sermon Notes:

Living with the end in sight (Mark 13:12-37)

1. Don't be frightened of the end

2. Keep your eyes on the prize

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.

Thanksgiving and Remembrance Service

Thursday 12th 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 .

Congratulations

to Sat night attendee and Op Shop volunteer
Heather Hughes for being awarded a
Dubbo Day award for her services to the community.
We give thanks to God for Heather and we pray for her family and friends. Well done and very deserved.

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. Valerie Wright, Betty McArthur, Bishop Graham Walden, John Bayley, Ronald Starr, Keith Gardiner.



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Tue 17 Dec 2024, 07:30 PM

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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; Molong, Cumnock, Trundle, Warren, Condobolin, Bourke/Brewarrina & Rev. John Gaff & Dee,** serving there each month;

***Communities with declining population in our Diocese** to know the hope of Jesus through the power of Holy Spirit & the witness of Christians who live/visit there. **Ephesians 1:7-8a, "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace⁸ that he lavished on us."*

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

***Our Parish** - praise/thank/pray that as we celebrate & reflect on Christ The King, we demonstrate His love, brilliance & radiance through loving Him & others through our deliberate actions of Christ-like love

***Our Clergy & Lay Ministry Team - Pastor Andrew, Kath, Hudson & Tilly, Lay Stipendiary Student Minister, Justin, Alysha, Soloman & Jobe, Rev. Cathy Walker & Peter, Rev. John Gaff & Dee, Rev. Ray Tickle & Lyn, & all LLMs** – praise/thank/pray for all members of our ministry team; for rich blessings to be upon them each & their ministry; for Holy Spirit's complete direction over them *Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future & a hope"*.

***Coboco Congregation** – praise/thank/pray for the members of this branch of our Parish family; pray they will be upheld by Holy Spirit & daily be aware of Jesus' strength as they work & live on the land with its joy & ups & downs; thank/pray for Holy Trinity members who conduct/attend/encourage the services there

***Bubs Play Group** - praise/thank/pray for the numbers of young children & babies attending atm; that as team members demonstrate the love of Jesus they will find opportunities to share His good news with parents.

***Scripture Union NSW (Generate) SRE** – praise/thank/pray for those who volunteer to teach SRE in our schools; pray more people will come forward to teach SRE as volunteers in our schools in 2025.

***John 10:11, "I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me."**

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

***The Persecuted Church – pray for *... China**- that shepherds of house churches will have the wisdom & grace to lead well & inspire bold faith; for imprisoned Christians; for more young people to be raised up to serve Jesus; that young believers & Christian uni. students will be bold in their faith ***...Iran** – for local pastors to receive practical & theological instruction needed to lead house churches; praise that even though consequences are dire, many Muslims are turning to Christianity to access the love & hope of Jesus; pray more Bibles can be smuggled into the country & be shared among believers & those seeking Jesus

***CMS – Australia & Partners** – praise/thank/pray for the many partners with whom CMS works around the world; for continued good relationships with the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students. Pray for all who serve Jesus under the banner of CMS, here & around the world; **Vanuatu** – for Matt & Ellen Tyler, Joel & Tiffanie Atwood, Keith & Marion Birchley, David Pettett, Bill & Linda Colyer

***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"*.



Cleaning Volunteers Needed

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

December birthdays morning tea: next Sunday 1st December

Join us immediately after the 8am service to share morning tea, and celebrate those with birthdays in December.



For your calendar: Christmas services this year

22 December, 7pm: Coboco Family Christmas Service (with Holy Communion and Baptism)

24 December, 6pm: Family Christmas Eve service

24 December, 11:30pm, Christmas midnight service (with Holy Communion)

25 December, 8am, Family Christmas Day service

A watercolor illustration of several butterflies in various colors including purple, blue, green, and orange, set against a light, textured background. The butterflies are scattered across the page, with some appearing larger and more detailed than others.

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 24 November

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

Monday 25 November

Psalms 62,63; Zechariah 14.1-11, Revelation 11.1-14

Tuesday 26 November

Psalms 65,70, Zechariah 14.12-21; Revelation 11.15-19

9am Morning Prayer – Zoom

Wednesday 27 November

Psalm 68.1-20; Malachi 1, Revelation 12.1-6

9am Morning Prayer – Zoom
11am Holy Spirit

Thursday 28 November

Psalm 71; Malachi 2.1-16; Revelation 12.7-18

9am Morning Prayer– Zoom
9.30am Mums and Bubs Playgroup
10.30am John Whittle
10.30am Opal

Friday 29 November

Psalm 69.1-16; Malachi 2.17-3.12; Revelation 13.1-10

1pm Parish prayer meeting (parish library)

Saturday 30 November

6pm Vigil Eucharist

Sunday 1 December

8am Traditional Holy Communion
10am Family Service (HC)

PARISH CONTACTS

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