



The Bathurst Anglican

The Newsletter of All Saints Cathedral Bathurst

With St Barnabas South Bathurst—St Peters Rockley— St Stephens Fitzgeralds Valley
Holy Spirit Turondale—St Pauls Yetholme

Sunday 21 April 2024— Fourth Sunday of Easter



The Good Shepherd

Jesus fulfills Old Testament promises from several of the prophets that God himself will come to shepherd His people. Isaiah 40:11 declares, “He will feed his flock like a shepherd,” and in Ezekiel 34:15 we read, “I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, says the Lord.”

For Jesus to use the example of being a good shepherd makes sense, because that was one of the major occupations throughout Palestine in his day. His listeners knew about them. People that cared for flocks of sheep were of the lowest socioeconomic level, with little to no education. They had an important responsibility, however, of providing for and protecting sheep, sometimes sacrificially.

“The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep” implies that this kind of shepherd stands ready to sacrifice his total self if need be. Three times in these eight verses we hear Jesus make this prophetic statement. It alludes, of course, to his sacrificing his own life for us as the means of our reconciliation to God.

In these days of 2024, my guess is that few of us know any individuals who actually work as a shepherd, but it’s quite likely that we do know people who give of themselves to shepherd others along the right path. This too requires providing what’s needed (direction, encouragement, friendship) plus offering protection if circumstances warrant. And yes, there could be some sacrifice involved, especially in the giving of personal time. How willing are we to intentionally shepherd others toward a life of loving God and our neighbours, thereby helping to bring them into the fold so they can “listen to Jesus’ voice”? This is the voice of the one Good Shepherd, who “knows his own and his own know him.”

Donna Hurt

Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd :
therefore can I lack nothing.*

*He will make me lie down in
green pastures :
and lead me beside
still waters.*

*He will refresh my soul :
and guide me in right
pathways for his name’s sake.*

*Though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil :
for you are with me, your rod
and your staff comfort me.*

*You spread a table before
me in the face of those who
trouble me :
you have anointed my head
with oil, and my cup
will be full.*

*Surely your goodness and
loving-kindness will follow me
all the days of my life :
and I shall dwell in the house
of the Lord for ever.*

*We worship on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri people and we honour and pay our respects
to elders past and present.*

Prayer Cycle

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

The Anglican Church of Australia.

NATIONAL CHURCH

The Diocese of Rockhampton and Bishop Peter Grice, and for the clergy and people. Pray for wisdom for Peter as he leads – especially that he will know how best to allocate his time and build up his team of clergy. Pray for many new workers for parishes without clergy and the funds to support them.

BATHURST DIOCESE

Parish of Gilgandra. Pray that the Lord will raise up someone new to lead this parish, and that there will be open doors and hearts for the good news of Jesus. Thank the Lord for honorary Deacon, the Rev'd Anne Younghusband and Neville along with the very active lay ministers. Ask the Lord to provide financially for the substantial repair works which are needed on the church building and thank the Lord for the hospitality of the Uniting Church who have welcomed the Anglican congregation while they cannot meet in their building. Pray for ordination candidate, Stuart Border.

BIBLE VERSE

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Ephesians 4:29

DIOCESAN PRAYER

Please dear Lord, help us to be careful before we speak. Help us realise in advance if something on our heart to say, will not actually be helpful in any way. Help us to have wisdom to discern and discipline to say, only what will be helpful for building others up, so that it will benefit all who listen. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



CARE PACKS FOR WATTLE TREE HOUSE THANK YOU!

- Many thanks to all those who contributed to make this a positive worthwhile event.
- Thanks to those who: donated items/ sewed tote bags/ helped organise /made labels/ attended the afternoon and packed the care packs/ provided afternoon tea/ invited friends etc.
- Over 40 care packs were delivered to Wattle Tree House – very well received 😊
- Great team effort
- Wonderful way to share Gods love with our community in a practical way.

Come Along & Join A Parish Group

KIDS CLUB: Thursday 3.45-5pm Cathedral/Hall
FELLOWSHIP: 1st Monday of month, 10.30am—Bring your Handwork/Lunch. Phone 6331 4711 for venue
Tuesday 7:30pm—Call James 0449 556 566
Wednesday 7:30pm—Call Phil 0411 281 915
Thursday 7:30pm call Phil 0411 281 915
MU: Mothers Union—4th Tuesday each month, 5pm—Abbott Room, Cathedral
PRAYER: 1st Monday each month, 5.30pm—Abbott Room
CHOIR: Each Thursday, 7.00pm—Abbott Room
BELLRINGERS: Wednesday 6pm—Belltower. For enquiries phone +Richard 0409 633 789
FRIENDS OF CATHEDRAL: For enquiries phone Jane 0427 280 352

Parish News

NEW DEACONS ORDAINED

Congratulations to Joshua Taylor and Stuart Border who were ordained as Deacons in the Cathedral yesterday. We pray for Josh and Stuart and their families.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—AGM

The All Saints Cathedral AGM will be held on Sunday 28 April from 11.30am in the Chapter House. A copy of the “Elected Positions Guide” will be on a notice board at the Cathedral and copies of the nomination forms available from this Sunday until 14th April. They are also available from the Parish Office and via parish email groups.

KYB—KNOW YOUR BIBLE

KYB is the Bible study arm of Christian Women Communicating International. In Bathurst we have five groups – one Monday afternoon, three Tuesday morning and one Tuesday evening. Term 2 study for 2024 will be ‘**PRAYERS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT.**’ An introduction morning will be held on **TUESDAY 30th APRIL at 10.00 a.m.** in the Bathurst Baptist Church, Eglinton Road, BATHURST. All ladies welcome. For further information, please contact Margaret Webster (63317892) or Jane Francis (63317579).

MARKET DAY—ST BARNABAS SUN 21 APRIL

A Market Day will be held at St Barnabas this Sunday following the 10am service from 11.15am. There will be cakes, plants, items suitable for Mother's Day etc. There will be a raffle with lots of goodies for Mum. Come join us for a cuppa. **All proceeds to Bush Church Aid.**

10 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE *with Phil Howes*

Last weekend (12-14th) was a very big weekend. Eight of our young people joined almost 2000 others for KYCK, an annual Christian youth convention in Katoomba.



It has grown so large over the years that it now has to be run over 4 weekends to fit

everyone in. The focus this year was on Genesis 1-3 covering creation, humanity, the fall and identity. From the KYCK website: "Our prayer is that youth leave KYCK confident to be who God has made them and saved them to be!" Some of the highlights from our people: *I didn't know there were SO many other young Christians! the talks were really good, music great, 800 sausages for SRE, "Mrs passionate" was interesting, transgender talk - Adam and Eve, Gods plan and identity and how to treat people who are unsure, accept God's identity for us, that there were so many teenagers there learning about God and that all the speakers were making it really easy to understand, It was amazing to see young people become Christians for the first time and the encouragement to stand firm in faithfulness to our great creator God. As has been a long standing tradition, we'll have many more go next year. Two of the group have gone back to Katoomba again this week for CMS's Camp Milimani looking at Philippians and hearing from missionaries.*

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

The Diocesan Conference will be held on Saturday 18 May at Macquarie Anglican Grammar School Dubbo. Please join us from 9am-3pm and be inspired as we consider the role of prayer in our church life. There will be programs for children and youth, a bookstall, delicious food, good coffee, plus talks from Rev'd Peter Rogers, International Director of CMS Australia from 2011-22, responsible for the training, placement and care of missionary families in over 40 countries. He previously served 10 years as a missionary in Indonesia and today serves at Newtown Erskineville Anglican.

SERVICES

Cathedral	
Monday	8.30am
Tuesday	
Wednesday	8.30am
Thursday	8.30am BCP
Friday	10.00am
Saturday	5.00pm (6pm DST)
Sunday	
<i>Choral Eucharist</i>	8.30am
<i>Contemporary</i>	10.00am
St Barnabas	
Sunday	10.00am
3rd Thursday	10.30am
St Peters Rockley	
1st Sunday	10.30am
St Pauls Yetholme	
1st Sunday	11am
St Stephens Fitzgeralds Valley	
4th Sunday	2.00pm
Holy Spirit Turondale	
Third Sunday	2.00pm
Healing Service	
1st Sunday	4.00pm

PARISH INFORMATION

CLERGY

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Bishop's You Tube Channel

In your browser search Mark Calder you tube. A variety of services are available there.

Website

www.bathurstanglicancathedral.org.au

Cathedral Facebook Page

**A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE
APOSTLES 4.5-12**

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

**A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN
3.16-24**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING
TO JOHN 10.11-18**

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Today's Readings in Context

Acts 4:5-12 The original audience of the book of Acts were Greek converts to Christ. They were curious about how a religion that had started among Jews had come to embrace them. Saint Luke tells how Peter's strong preaching of Jesus made Jewish leaders draw the line.

1John 3:16-24 This passage points to Jesus' sacrifice as the ultimate embodiment of God's love for us. That Jesus laid down his life for us, however, comes with a price. We too must lay down our lives for others.

John 10:11-18 For the same community, John gives a picture of Jesus' tender care for his followers, and a clear statement that authority belongs to him because he obeys his Father and is self-sacrificing for his flock.

