

### Coolah~Dunedoo Anglican Parish Newsletter

Each week, at all centres, we will be learning the songs for the Confirmation Service. This week we will again be practicing:

WHERE WIDE SKY ROLLS Down and touches red sand Where sun turn to gold the grass of the land, Let spinifex, mulga and waterhole tell Their joy in the one who made everything well.

Where rainforest calm meets reef, tide and storm. where green things grow lush and ocean are warm, Let every sea-creature and tropical bird Exult in the light of the life-giving word.

Where red gum and creek cross hillside and plain, where cool tree-ferns rise to welcome the rain, Let bushland, farm, mountaintop, all of their days Delight in the Spirit who formed them for praise.

Now people of faith. Come gather around With songs to be shared, for blessings abound! Australians, whatever your culture or race, Come, lift up our hearts to the giver of grace.

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### FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL'S June Meeting:

11 Warden's and Parish Councillor meet

- A reply to the PC's letter from the Hon. Troy Grant received regarding possible grants for St John's Uarbry to be sent to the Anglican Property Trust who is the legal owner of all Anglican Church Property in this Diocese.
- Reports from Elong, Uarbry Wardens and Mudgee District Ministry Council Reps., received.
- Fr Robert reported on the Clergy day with Bishop Ian at Molong, including where the CBA Debt is up too, the situation regarding cases for redress regarding abuse in our Diocese, preliminary discussion on diocese restructuring including the formation of three Archdeaconries replacing the Regions and Districts, Fr Robert and Reverend Beth considering Long Service leave in the near future, Next 5th Sunday at St Andrew's Coolah Octagon July 30 and Mendooran by the river October 29, Extended Communion discussion with LLM's soon.
- Treasurer Sue reported the parish cash flow is very low due to postponed fundraising, Op Shop supplied \$1000 recently, Annual Appear letter mailed immediately. June Income \$25650, (includes \$15000 Sir Ivan Fire Mayor's Appeal trust donations), June Expenses \$15687, Surplus \$9962 [adjusted Deficit \$-5037]
- Dunedoo Market Day stall July 8th, Trivia Night to go ahead August 4th, Valentine's Dinner, Dunedoo and Fete at Coolah for September,
- Next meeting 18/7/17 normal meeting time of 7.30pm



#### FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Jesus said: If you try to save your life, you will lose it. But if you give it up for me, you will surely find it.

V In faith: R We pray to you, our God. That this day may be holy, peaceful and full of your presence blessed by our awareness of God with us. Comfort those who feel unable to celebrate your love as they struggle with man's hatred, injustice, oppression, loss of 'self' and war. Grant wisdom to world leaders and their advisers. V/R

That the work we have done and the people we have met today may bring us closer to one another and to you. That you will strengthen us in your service, and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom. We are grateful for those who seek to serve and follow you in deed and example, remembering +Ian & Liz, Fr Robert & Rev Beth; Registrar Karen & Terry. Strengthen them and all who minister in your spirit's power. V/R

That we may hear and respond to your call to peace and justice, seeking fairness and equality for all who suffer through no fault of their own. Bring these confirmation candidates to know and follow you day by day: Sam Bennetts; Meg Christensen; Hollie Copeland; Charlie Kensit, Paul Sweeney; Malcolm and Brian Hellyer. V/

That you will sustain the faith and hope of those who are suffering physical or emotional illness, lonely, oppressed and anxious. Margaret, Evelyn Finch, Fay Jones, Shirley Edmed, Beth Bowman, Tracie Walsh, Kim Chaffey, John & Janet Kubowicz, Fred, Irene & Barbara Osborne.

Gracious God we are baptised into eternal life through Jesus our Saviour, enable us to live lives empowered by your Hoy Spirit. Comfort the Mulligan Family in their grief. V/R

We praise you for your faithful God,

and lift up our hearts to you, the giver of grace, in gratitude and love. Amen







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### 3 RIVER RADIO LOGO COMPETITION

The logo will need to relate to Radio transmission and possibly the area of transmissions.

Entries close 30 June, 2017
Enquires to Jenny Tunks
0429 866 205
jennyt0410@gmail.com
Post entries to
Three Rivers Radio
PO Box 1000
Dunedoo NSW 2844

5th Sunday 30 July Family Contemporary Service 10am in the Octagon at St Andrew's Coolah. Bring and share lunch to follow. Tea, coffee & a barbecue available.

All Saints' Dunedoo
Committee will run a
Stall at the Market
Day commencing
8am Saturday July
8th. All donations appreciated.

Fr Robert away Wednesday to Friday in Sydney for the School Chaplains training days. Rev. Beth will also be away.

St Andrew's Anglicare Op
Shop is very low on winter items
and stock, jackets ,jumpers,
blanket, woollies, long sleeve
garments etc. If you can help
with a donation it would be appreciated.



## Pentecost +4 Sunday July 2nd

8.30 am All Saints'
Dunedoo
9 am St Andrew's Coolah



#### **Pentecost** + **3** [OS 13]

Jesus shows us that God's mission is to claim the priority in our lives, even above family loyalty: 'I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother', he says. He then goes on to say that our lives can only find their ultimate meaning in him because 'those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it'. May we never be afraid of dying to self so that we may be born anew, taking our part in the mystery of God's mission to the world.

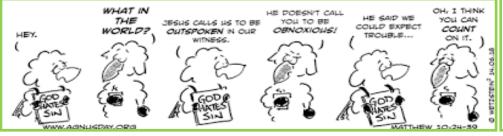
<u>Pray that</u> nothing will deter us from making God our first priority.

<u>Give thanks</u> for those who engage in the mystery of God's mission both here and overseas.

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After much prayer, it is with sadness that Rev. Beth has tendered her resignation from the position of Chaplain at Dunedoo Central School. Physical mobility difficulties at the school, combined with her recent fall have helped her reach this decision. She would appreciate your prayers in this time of change, and transition.

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#### **MEETING NEXT:**

- Confirmation Class Mendooran Tuesday 27th June 3.30pm.
- AWA 3/7/17 at 7:30 pm in the Dunedoo Church Hall.
- Confirmation Class Dunedoo Monday 17/7/17 @ 3:30 pm
- Parish Council, **7.30pm** on Tuesday, 18/7/17 @ Parish Hall

#### Some Parish Survey Results Worship

Under the heading of "Worship" were 3 question which yielded surprising results

## Q1. Do we need to change the way we do church services?

to this question. Out of the 37 that did respond 25 said No and 12 said Yes. Its understandable that those

who have a monthly service would be reluctant to make changes to their regular service. A majority of Dunedoo answers were in favour of changes to the way we do church services whilst a majority of Coolah answers were not.

## Q2 Do you think a Family Service would be a good idea?

8 out of 50 did not respond, 42 said yes Family Services are a good idea. Coolah and Dunedoo had a majority in favour of family service

# Q3 Do you think other types of worship services would be a good idea?

A list of 9 different service changes were offered in the question. The top 3 answers where

- •Services with other denominations 43 answers, 38 yes,
- •More well known Hymns 37 answers, 36, said yes
- •Special Events 32 Answers, 28 said yes.

There seem to be an appetite for change but not to current services.

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