

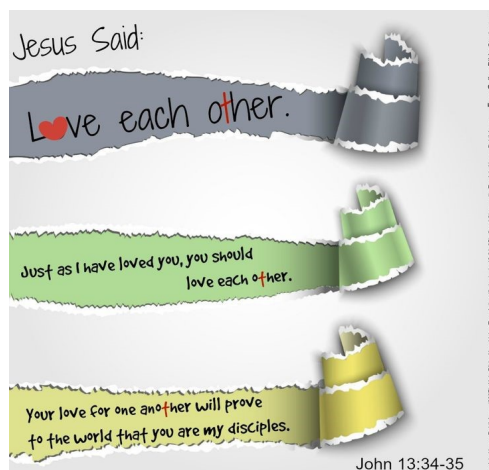


Annual Trivia Night

**THIS COMING
FRIDAY**

at the Dunedoo Bowling
Club, start getting your
table together.

Tickets from
Milling Stuart, Dunedoo
Organise a table of family
and friends!



John 13:34-35

Agnus Day Cartoon Used by Permission



WELCOME Today we Celebrate *Love as a Community of Grace*

Following a
**Contemporary Worship
Service**
There will be a **BYO
Everything To Share**
Luncheon and Fellowship,
With BBQ facilities,
Tea & Coffee
Available

**ALL ARE
WELCOME.**



FR ROBERT & REV. BETH TO RETIRE.

Fr Robert announced at the recent Parish Council meeting that after much prayer, discussion with Family, the Bishop and Advisors, that he will be retiring from full time ministry following services on 31st December, 2017. Fr Robert and Rev. Beth plan to move closer to their family in Coonabarabran. Fr Robert and Rev. Beth give grateful thanks to Parishioners and the Parish Council for their prayerfulness and support over their 10 years of ministry in the Coolah Dunedoo Parish and ask for your continued prayers during this time of transition.



FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Loving and merciful God, you sent your son that we might have life through him:

V. In your love, /R. **hear our prayer**

We lift all those who endure poverty, persecution, starvation and oppression, while praying for a peaceful resolution to injustice and war: V/R

Saviour of the world, we pray for the world-wide church – remembering missionaries, teachers, scripture teachers, +Ian and our clergy. Let there be unity, that we may together proclaim the gospel of love and hope: V/R

We pray that our parish in its diversity will be known as a community of love. Bless all who worship in the centres of our Parish and enable us to grow together in love through our worship today. V/R

Spirit of God, lead Sam Bennetts; Meg Christensen; Hollie Copeland; Paul Sweeney; Malcolm and Brian Hellyer, Charlie and Sophie Kensit, into love for you and to love others as Jesus taught us, V/R

Continue to comfort Sir Ivan Fire victims them as they seek healing of mind and spirit, and we pray for the land. V/R

Jesus, risen with healing in your train, we ask your compassion and generosity for those who are needy Margaret, Evelyn Finch, Fay Jones, Shirley Edmed, Tracie Walsh, Kim Chaffey, John & Janet Kubowicz, Fred, Irene Osborne and Family; and, those known to your Father's heart. V/R

God of compassion, we wait and watch for your gift of rain to water the soil and make the barren land come alive again. We wait and watch for the gift of salvation to free us from hatred, greed and fear so that we may live again as people of faith, hope and love. V/R

Bind us together as a greater community bound in the love of Jesus who witness to his love and shares the good news with neighbours and strangers empowered by your Holy Spirit. Amen





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PENTECOST +8

Each and every Christian baptised into the Body of Christ shares with Jesus in his kingly, priestly and prophetic nature, called to live out the divine life we share in communion with him.

The prophetic office therefore is not left only to our bishops and priests! Just as Jesus preached in his hometown, so too are we called to share in this ministry, breathing words of prophetic wisdom into our own communities. Jesus shares with his Church the privileged role of calling out injustice, challenging sin and the powers of evil where we see it in ourselves and in our community, and suffering persecution for Truth. Pray that your life and the life of your parish may be transformed by the gift of sharing in the prophetic office of Christ. Give thanks for the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East.



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The Parish Survey Results

These comments and interpretation of the results for the parish survey conducted in March 2017 where presented to the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday night by Fr Robert.

General Questions

5 Questions: The General Questions tell us that there have been lots of years of worship ie a lot of wisdom and practice in prayer and worship and the average parishioner has worshipped in the parish for 30 years.

We are a committed and dedicated worshipping, prayerful mob! We need to attract young people and more people. But we feel time/other attractions/ commitment are the reason why people do not come to worship. We offer worship, fellowship, friendship and fundraising.

Tuesday 1/8

Coolah MPS Aged Care Service

PENTECOST +9

Sunday August 6

8:30 a.m. All Saints, Dunedoo

9:00 am St Andrew's, Coolah

NOTICES:

- **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.
- **Late Valentine's Day Dinner September 1** coming soon with guest speaker Andrew Dunkley, Radio Presenter and author of 'All I see is MUD'. Further information available after the Trivia Night.
- If you are aware of people who need support in the wake of the February Fires, please give their details **in writing**, to an LLM or one of the clergy
- The AWA will be celebrating AWA Sunday in mid-August. It was carried forward as many were away at the regular time.
- **Anglican/Catholic Covenant Committee Meeting** Wednesday 9th August, 6pm at the Catholic Presbytery

Sermons

2 Questions: There seems to be a high proportion of parishioners who prefer sermons to stay the same, especially when in the second question "don't change" is the 3 most popular answer. Although the range of answer scores in the second question suggest a mixture of topics for sermons would be acceptable.

Parish Vision

5 Questions: As a parish, we seem to know what a vision or focus statement is and does. We seem to be split in focusing on ourselves and on other people, where as our desire is for growth in numbers. We are split on whether we need a vision or focus statement with a slight majority opting for a vision statement. We

MEETING NEXT:

- **Confirmation** Next Classes Dunedoo Monday 31/7/17 @ 3:30 pm and Mendooran School Tuesday 1/8/17 @ 3.10 pm
- **AWA** 7/8/17 at 7:30 pm in the Dunedoo Church Hall.
- **Covenant C'ttee** 6pm 9/8/17
- **Parish Council** 7:30 pm 15/8/17 at Dunedoo.

want all parishioners and the parish council to be involved in deciding what that visions statement says, which would be difficult seeing just under half the responses were 'we didn't need one'.

Worship Services

3 Questions: It's understandable that those who have a monthly service would be reluctant to make changes to their regular service. Most Dunedoo answers were in favour of changes to the way we do church services whilst most Coolah answers were not. There seem to be an appetite for change but not to current services.

Logistics

4 Questions: We see that our vision should be to Appeal/ encourage/ attract non-Christians, young people, families If we had new services they should be:

1. family services, services with other denominations, or special events,
2. have more well known hymns
3. take place monthly in the morning of a Saturday or Sunday.

This would mean that, if these new services are to be held on a Sunday, once a month Sunday services would need to change. Yet we are reluctant to change our normal service.



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