



Annual Spring Fete

September 9 2017
St Andrew's Church
Grounds

Volunteers and Donations
very welcome.

Coordinator:

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Step into Spring Dinner



September 1st, 2017

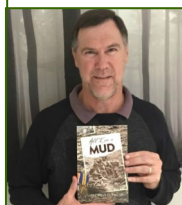
Speaker:

Andrew Dunkley

Radio Presenter and Author.

Bookings:
Milling Stuart
Cost: \$30 p.p.

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A small group of people gathered in the St Andrew's Octagon on the last Sunday in July to celebrate

"Love as a Community of Grace"

Skits, a contemporary morning prayer and modern words to well known tunes, made it a comfortable and enjoyable time. The next 5th Sunday will be Gathering by the River at Mendooran in October.

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**The
Dunedoo
Skitters
in
action.**

BCA Boxes are now due. Please hand in with the offertory or give it to one of the clergy for return to Dunedoo for collation. Thankyou!



**AWA Sunday on
Sunday 20th August** at 8:30 am.

Husbands are invited to volunteer to assist with Brunch Catering on the day. Please see Fr Robert for further information or to volunteer yours — or your spouse's, skills. Thank you!
Fr. Robert

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Hear us as we pray, saying:

V. Awesome God: R. Call us to you.

Lord, you walked on water to teach us about our faith. Help us to walk with eyes fixed on you. V/R

Guiding Light,, bless all who are fed by your hand, and in turn lead others in your pathways: +Ian, Fr. Robert, Rev. Beth, & imbue members of our parish council with wisdom at their meeting on Tuesday. V/R Open the eyes of our young ones who are preparing to affirm their faith in you - Sam Bennetts; Meg Christensen; Hollie Copeland; Paul Sweeney; Malcolm and Brian Hellyer, Charlie and Sophie Kensit. V/R

Help all who have been affected by the Sir Ivan Fire to look to your for help and healing.. V/R

Jesus when you walked on water you encouraged us to grow in our faith and trust in you. Help the lonely, needy, sick and lonely look to you for their wholeness: Evelyn Finch, Fay Jones, Shirley Edmed, Tracie Walsh, Kim Chaffey, John & Janet Kubowicz, Fred, Irene Osborne and family; and others known to your Father's heart. V/R

Loving God, comfort those who are bereaved and mourn especially Max Rawling's Family, that they be comforted by their knowledge of your faithful love and majesty. V/R

Days pass, years vanish, we walk sightless among miracles. Lord, open our eyes to know the moments of your action that we my grow in faith, hope and love—your

Our AWA members are hosting a Luncheon for Women directly affected by the Sir Ivan Fire. If you know of someone who should be invited, please see Win, or Margaret. Ladies Luncheon Saturday 26/8 @ Dunedoo Church Hall. Venue subject to change depending on numbers.



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I DON'T THINK IT'S
NICE OF JESUS
TO SCARE HIS
DISCIPLES
(LIKE THAT.



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THEY
THOUGHT
HE WAS A
GHOST.



BUT FEAR IS AN
APPROPRIATE RESPONSE
OF SINNERS BEFORE
THE HOLY GOD.



YEAH! THAT'S
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MATTHEW 14:22-33

As clay that waits the touch of the potters' hand, we ask for rain to revive our souls and land. Thank you for the blessings we have received and help us to focus on you as source of our hope and solution for healing. Hear us in the name of Jesus, your Son who reminds us again and again that you are the God of abundant blessings. **Amen.**

FR ROBERT TO RETIRE.

Fr Robert announced at the July Parish Council meeting that after a long discerning process, 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.



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PENTECOST +10

Jesus calls us out of the boat. Recently I heard a sermon preached by the Families' Worker, Elizabeth, in my home parish. In her sermon, she reflected on the nature of the Church, and pointed to the roof, which bears resemblance to an upturned ship. She asked us to picture ourselves on the ship, and what we were doing there: are we on holidays, enjoying ourselves and the safety the ship provides? Are we in the lower cabins, uncertain of the course set out before us over the clamour of our circumstance? Or are we in the engine room, working and ensure we get to our destination safely?

She said that sometimes Jesus calls us to step out in faith. Jesus calls us out of the boat. And when we fail to hold all faith, he is there, hand outstretched, to remind us of his strength to hold us above the waters. Pray that Jesus will lead us where our trust is without borders, that we will walk upon the waters wherever he will call us.



Give thanks for the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa
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**THERE IS A REDEEMER ,
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, Holy One,
Thank you oh my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit,
'Til the work on Earth is done.**

**Jesus my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God,
Messiah,
Hope for sinners slain.
Thank you ... is done.
When I stand in Glory,
I will see His face,
There I'll serve my King
forever,
In that Holy Place.
Thank you ... is done.**

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PENTECOST +11 Sunday 20/8

8:30 am Dunedoo AWA Sunday
& Morning Tea/Brunch
9:00 am St Andrew's, Coolah
11:30 am St Chad's Mendooran

NOTICES:

- **St Andrew's Anglicare Op Shop** still needs winter supplies, please.
- **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
- **SRE Teachers are needed** to assist at both Dunedoo and Coolah Central Schools. Once Fr Robert & Beth leave, teachers for 2 classes will be needed in Dunedoo, and for 3 classes in Coolah. If you start now, training support will be available.

The Parish Survey Results

These comments and interpretation of the results for the parish survey conducted in March 2017 were presented to the July Parish Council meeting 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.

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

MEETING NEXT:

- Confirmation Next Classes Dunedoo Monday 14/8/17 @ 3:30 pm and Mendooran School Tuesday 15/8/17 @ 3.10 pm
- **Parish Council 7:30 pm 15/8/17 at Dunedoo**
- AWA 4/9/17 at 7:30 pm in the Dunedoo Church Hall.

The next Anglican-Catholic Covenant Service

in our parish will be held at St Michael's Dunedoo Hall on Friday 13th October.
Please mark your diaries.

A second to mark St Andrew's Day will be held later in the year.

Fr Robert & Fr Augustine



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. **A full copy of the results are available from Fr Robert.**



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