

Anglican Church of Central and Western NSW

Coolah—Dunedoo Parish Newsletter



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SERVICES UPDATE

At present we are following our Bishop Mark's guidelines re the possibility of having services again in our churches but it is a long process and we ask for your patience as we go through the protocols.

If you have access to the Internet please log on to the Anglican Diocese of Bathurst website and follow all messages from our Bishop Mark Calder.

Bishop Mark has taped services for us all to follow each Sunday either in the Contemporary form or Traditional format.

Offertory — Although our services have been suspended for the foreseeable our daily expenses continue. If you wish to make arrangements for your offerings electronically please call our Treasurer, Sue Graham on 0263751218 or post cheques to

Anglican Parish of Coolah-Dunedoo, PO Box 28, Dunedoo 2844. Sentence: "Come to me all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest," says the Lord. "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart."

Matthew 11:28-29

Prayer of the Day - Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to serve others as he was a servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us; yet lives and reigns with you and the holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Canticle: Psalm 45:10-17

Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear: forget your own people and your father's house. The king desires your beauty: he is your lord, therefore bow down before him. The richest among your people, O daughter of Tyre: shall entreat your favour with gifts. The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is embroidered cloth-of-gold. In robes of many colours she is led to you, O king: and, after her, the virgins that are with her. They are led with gladness and rejoicing: they enter the palace of the king. In place of your father you shall have sons: and make them princes of the land. And I will make known your name to every generation: therefore the peoples shall give you praise for ever. *Amen*

Romans 7:14-25

Gospel of Matthew 11:15-19, (20-24) 25-30

Jesus Explained—Bishop Mark Calder will be running the *Jesus Explained* course and it will run in two time slots on the first four Tuesdays in July – 4pm and 7.15pm. He will be running the course via zoom, so all who can use this technology, no matter where they are in the diocese, can join. In this course he will explore who Jesus is, why he came to earth, why he died and what difference he makes in our lives. It is designed both for those who do not yet believe, and also as a refresher for any who would like to go back to the basics. There is no pressure for anyone to say anything or read anything aloud but plenty of opportunity to ask Mark questions.

To register, people need to email <u>jesusexplained@gmail.com</u> to let Mark know they are keen to sign up. He will take the first 20 people who register in each time slot. Don't hesitate to be in touch by the email or the phone number below if you have any questions.

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Parish Updates



CORONAVIRUS PROTOCALS — At present we are undergoing training as to the protocols of the possibility of reopening our churches for services. This is a long process and will need a lot of discussion before we consider this.

It will be necessary for our Parish Council to get together either in the church hall at Dunedoo or by Zoom—we ask for your patience as we decide what is best to do for our communities.

We are still encouraged to use the Bishop's videos for our Sunday worship at home. To do this go to the Anglican Diocese of Bathurst website. These services have been an encouragement to us all and thanks to our Bishop Mark for his guidance during this time.

If you require any pastoral care during this difficult time please call our Parish office or contact our Secretary, Jenny Tunks—0429866205 or by email on jennyt0410@gmail.com

THE PRAYERS

Lord God and Heavenly Father,

We praise you for your sovereign care of your world. We recognise that all things are upheld and sustained by your powerful and loving hand. So we come before you now and commit to you the global spread of the Coronavirus. Events like this remind us of our own limited control even of our own lives, so we ask for you to act mercifully in this situation.

Please halt the spread of the virus. Protect those who are especially vulnerable; heal those who are sick; prevent any further death. Give wisdom to those who lead and govern that they may take every necessary step for the good of those who serve. Calm the hearts of those who are anxious and please grant your comfort to those who are isolated, or who have lost loved ones from the virus. Exercise your sovereign power in your great love and bring an end to this sickness, we pray. And we pray for your people in this time. Please enable us to continue meeting together.

Please strengthen us to be salt and light in the world. May our lives be characterised by peace and not by panic; by faith rather than fear; by self-sacrifice and service rather than self-seeking; by the proclamation of the gospel to a world that desperately needs the good news of Christ. May our lives be a witness to the firm foundation of Jesus and his life-giving words. Rescue our world from this sickness. Even more so, be rescuing people from the terrible sickness of sin.

In the name of King Jesus, we pray, Amen.



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