



Anglican Church of Central and Western NSW

Coolah—Dunedoo Parish Newsletter

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SERVICES UPDATE

We could be getting closer to begin 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.

If possible, please pass this newsletter on to others in our Parish who do not have the internet. Thanks.

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:

Jesus said to them "Who do you think that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." *Matthew 16:15-16*

Prayer of the Day -

O God, fount of all wisdom, in the humble witness of the apostle Peter you have shown the foundation of our faith: give us the light of your Spirit, that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God, we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings—

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalm 124—God the Protector of His People

What if the Lord had not been on our side? Answer, O Israel! If the Lord had not been on our side when our enemies attacked us, The they would have swallowed us alive in their furious anger against us; then the flood would have carried us away, the water would have covered us, the raging torrent would have drowned us."

Let us thank the Lord, who has not let our enemies destroy us.

We have escaped like a bird from a hunter's trap; the trap is broken, and we are free! Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Romans 12:1-8

Gospel of Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus went to the territory near the town of Caesarea Philippi, where he asked his disciples, "Who do people the Son of Man is?" "Some say John the Baptist," they answered. "Others say Elijah, while others say Jeremiah or some other prophet." "What about you?" he asked them. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." "Good for you, Simon son of John!" answered Jesus. "For this truth did not come to you from any human being, but it was given to you directly by my Father in heaven. And so I tell you, Peter: you are a rock, and on this rock foundation I will build my church, and not even death will ever be able to overcome it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven; what you prohibit on earth will be prohibited in heaven, and what you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven." Then Jesus ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. *The Gospel of the Lord, thanks be to God.*

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Parish Updates



CORONAVIRUS PROTOCOLS — Parish Council has met to discuss the protocols and we are hopeful that it won't be too long before we can begin having services again.

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.

Stay safe everyone and please follow safe distancing and also wherever you need to—wear a mask for your own and others' protection.

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 jenny0410@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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