



Anglican Church of Central and Western NSW

Coolah—Dunedoo Parish Newsletter

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SERVICES UPDATE

Parish Council will be meeting this Saturday to discuss the possibility of beginning services again. Decisions will be passed on to all as soon as possible.

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 at present 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, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him.
Hosea 6:1a,2b

Prayer of the Day - Grant, O merciful God, that your people may have that mind that was in Christ Jesus, who emptied himself, and took the form of a servant, and in humility became obedient even unto death. For you have highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, Jesus Christ, the Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in everlasting glory. Amen.

Readings— Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 11-16 Philipians 2:1-13

Gospel of Matthew 21:23-32

Jesus came back to the Temple; and as he taught, the chief priests and the elders came to him and asked, "What right have you to do these things? Who gave you this right?"

Jesus answered them, "I will ask you just one question, and if you give me an answer, I will tell you what right I have to do these things. Where did John's right to baptise come from, was it from God or from man?" They started to argue among themselves, "What shall we say? If we answer, 'From God', he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe John?' But if we say, 'From man' we are afraid of what the people might do, because they are all convinced that John was a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We don't know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what right I do these things."

"Now what do you think? There was once a man who had two sons. He went to the elder one and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 'I don't want to,' he answered, but later changed his mind and went. Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. 'Yes sir,' he answered, but he did not go. Which one of the two did what his father wanted? "The elder one", they answered.

So Jesus said to them, "I tell you: the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the Kingdom of God ahead of you. For John the Baptist came to you showing you the right path to take, and you would not believe him; but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. Even when you saw this, you did not later change your minds and believe him.

The Gospel of the Lord, thanks be to God.

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Parish Updates



Parish Council is meeting to discuss the possibility of beginning services again. There will be protocols to follow that we must adhere to so we ask your patience as we prepare for this.

Please keep Parish Council in your prayers as they have these discussions.

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 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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