



Anglican Church of Central and Western NSW

Coolah—Dunedoo Parish Newsletter

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SERVICES UPDATE

Parish Council met and discussed the possibility of beginning services again. As soon as we decide on the starting date we will let everyone know.

In the meantime 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: This is our God for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. *Isaiah 25:9*

Prayer of the Day - Saving and healing God, you have promised that those who have died with Christ shall live with him: grant us grace to be continually thankful for all you have done for us, and in that thankfulness to be eager to serve and live for others, so that we and all your children may rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings— Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 20-24 Philippians 4:1-9 Gospel of Matthew 22:1-14 The Parable of the Wedding Feast

Jesus again used parables in talking to the people.

The Kingdom of heaven is like this. Once there was a king who prepared a wedding feast for his son. He sent his servants to tell the invited guests to come to the feast, but they did not want to come. So he sent other servants with this message: 'My feast is ready now; my bullocks and prize calves have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast!' But the invited guests paid no attention and went about their business: one went to his farm another to his shop, while others grabbed the servants, beat them, and killed them

The king was very angry: so he sent his soldiers, who killed those murderers and burnt down their city. Then he called his servants and said to them, 'My wedding feast is ready, but the people I invited did not deserve it. Now go to the main streets and invite to the feast as many people as you find. So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, good and bad alike; and the wedding hall was filled with people.

The king went in to look at the guests and saw a man who was not wearing wedding clothes. 'Friend how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' the king asked him. But the man said nothing. Then the king told the servants 'Tie him up hand and foot, and throw him outside in the dark. There he will cry and grind his teeth.'

And Jesus concluded, "Many are invited, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord, thanks be to God.

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Parish Updates



Parish Council has met 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, by rescuing people from the terrible sickness of sin.

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



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