Pastor's Page

Be filled with the Holy Spirit

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8)

The gospel spread rapidly and the church grew from its beginnings amongst the Jewish people to include gentiles and Samaritans. It was important that the leaders of the church prayed for these believers, as they affirmed God's new life had come to them and also to impart the empowering presence of the Spirit of God to strengthen them to follow Jesus. The Anglican practice of confirmation stems from this Apostolic practice in Acts. The God appointed leader (the Bishop) of group of churches (a Diocese) - lays hands on believers at a public worship service and asks God to empower and strengthen them with his Holy Spirit so that they might live out what St. Paul writes in Ephesians about "growing up into the full measure of Christ"(Eph. 4:13).

On December 1st we are having a joint service at Tea Gardens as Bishop Peter visits the parish. The purpose of his visit is threefold. To worship with a congregation of God's people under his care; To meet with the parish council and wardens to talk about our church life and mission; and to offer the laying on of hands in confirmation to any in our congregation who feel it is the right time for them to publically confirm the promises made at their baptism.
There is also opportunity for any who have joined us from other denominations to be "officially" received into the Anglican church. If you would like to inquire more about confirmation or reception into the Anglican church then please contact me in the next few weeks and we can talk further.

For us all, the exhortation of Paul is a reminder of both the need and the availability of God's empowering presence: "..go on being filled with the Holy Spirit." Yours in Christ Revd Peter

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Please stay for a cuppa & chat after the Service

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Weekly Newsletter

8th September 2019

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Readings
Tea Gardens: Philemon 1-25, Luke 14:25-35
Bulahdelah: Psalm 40, Revelation 1

Next week's readings: Revelation 15, Revelation 16

Karuah
Lectionary Readings, as per handout

Good Morning and we warmly welcome all who have come to worship God with us today and trust that you will be blessed through having spent this time together. We invite you to stay for a cuppa and chat after the service.

WHAT'S COMING UP
TODAY

St Andrew's, Tea Gardens
8am Holy Communion
5.30pm Prayer Praise & Proclamation

St Columba's, Karuah
8.30am Prayer Praise & Proclamation

St John's, Bulahdelah
10.15am Morning Prayer

NEXT WEEK

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St John's, Bulahdelah
10.15am Prayer Praise & Proclamation

AGED CARE SERVICES

SEPTEMBER
Wednesday 18, 10.30am
Peter Sinclair Gardens, H. Nest
Friday 20, 11.00am
Cedar Wharf Lodge, Bulahdelah
Tuesday 24, 10.30am
Estia Health, Tea Gardens

For your daily PRAYERS
MISSIONS
This week: ECM, Maegraith family, Tim Adkins, Germany
Next week: Crossview, Minnis family, West Papua

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 19 10am Men's Coffee at The Nest Café at IGA Hawks Nest
Ph Andrew 0402 054 207

Thursday 12, 26 10am Men's Growth Group at St Andrew's

FORWARD PLANNING

Saturday 26 October Myall River Festival, Tea Gardens St Andrew's Stall

All donations (crafts, handmade goods, gifts, cakes, jams, pickles, bric-a-brac, lucky dips, etc) will be thankfully received.
Monies raised will be donated to local charities.
More information see Margaret or Anne

OP SHOP HOURS
Bulahdelah—St John's
Mondays 8.30am-1pm
Fridays 8.30am-3pm
Karuah—St Columba's
Thursdays-Saturdays- 8.30am-12.30pm
Tea Gardens- St Andrew's
Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays
8.30am-12.30pm

LADIES MORNING TEA

Saturday 28th September
9:30am at St Andrew's

Bring a plate to share
Bring a friend

BCA & LEPROSY BOXES

The above boxes are now due to be counted for September.
ST. ANDREWS: Please leave in the basket in foyer.
ST. JOHNS: Please give to Liz Ison.
ST. COLUMBA: Please phone Pam Gilchrist for collection 4997.2858

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 12th October
7:30am at St Andrew's
Speaker: Andrew Robertson

Andrew has been a journalist for more than 30 years, both in Australia and overseas. Andrew and his wife are also active in ministry in an Anglican church in Sydney. **More details to follow.**

Forgive one another just as God forgave you

ACTIVITIES FOR 2019
Bible Studies & Prayer Groups

St John's
Fridays 9am for 9.30am at Bea Weekes, Contact Maureen Guthrie-Horwill, Ph 0414 183 808.

Alternate Fridays 1:30pm KYB at Bea Weekes. Contact Meryl Ph 0429 647 393

St Andrew's
Mondays KYB 4pm at Melle's house
Anyone wanting to grow in their faith & understanding are welcome. See Jan Weightman Ph 4997 0621.

Thursdays 1.30pm Prayer & Reflection at Bev Charman's Ph 4997 0648.

Prayer
Thursdays each week, 4pm, St Andrew's see Gloria Ph 4997 1927

Scripture at Tea Gardens school
We are still looking for more teachers and helpers to join the team.
See Jan Weightman Ph 4997 0621.

Special Offertory Envelopes
We now have a supply of small gold envelopes which can be used for donations to the Rectory Fund or to employ Rev'd Alison Williams for extra hours. Please write on the front of the envelope either "Rectory" or "Ali" so your donation can be allocated to the correct fund.

BANKING DETAILS: Enquiries Treasurer, Andrew Sillar We encourage regular manual bank deposit or monthly internet banking direct deposit to: **Anglican Parish of Bulahdelah Tea Gardens, BSB 705077, Account No. 00040525**

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