

A Warning Trumpet Sounds?

As we all know this week the Coronavirus has been declared a pandemic. The stock market has been officially declared to be a bear market (a fall of 20% or more)

Travel is restricted, businesses are going broke because of the lack of customers, major events are being cancelled and the world's anxiety and fear is rising daily.

Watching the news is like watching an apocalyptic movie.

I walked out of my door the other day just after 7am and saw a couple walking back from the supermarket each with a pack of 24 rolls of toilet paper. They told me to be quick as there was a big queue. I responded by saying I refuse to panic buy toilet paper.

How are we as God's people to respond to all this craziness?

Firstly we shouldn't be at all surprised. Last year we studied the book of Revelation and I said this about chapter 9: *with these warning trumpets John is saying to his readers – learn to read the signs of the times - these ongoing destructive events are Gods way of getting people to sit up and take notice – that everything is not alright and everything will never be alright on this earth until the earths rightful King, comes again to rule and reign and usher in the new creation.*

But all these troubles are only partial - God is always trying to get the world attention so that people turn to Him in humility, repentance and trust.

Secondly, we shouldn't worry as the world worries. Paul writes do not be anxious about anything but in everything pray, and God's peace that passes all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Thirdly we should be generous. God is doing something globally through this pandemic. People need to know where to find peace instead of panic. So let us generously share the peace and hope we have in Jesus our saviour. And perhaps we could also show our generosity by sharing our toilet paper!

Shalom
Rev'd Peter

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Our Mission

LOVING GOD - LOVING PEOPLE - MAKING DISCIPLES

Weekly Newsletter

15th March 2020

Third Sunday in Lent

Tea Gardens & Bulahdelah

Today's Readings: Genesis 3:1-19, Romans 5:12-21
'1st Adam, 2nd Adam'

Next Week's Readings: Romans 6:1-14, Romans 6:15-23

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
8.30am Holy Communion
5.00pm Prayer Praise & Proclamation

St Columba's, Karuah
8.30am Holy Communion

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

NEXT WEEK

St Andrew's
9am

Combined Parish Service (Holy Communion) & AGM

Please collect a copy of the AGM report from foyer.

AGED CARE SERVICES MARCH

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

See Robert Marsh for more information

For your daily PRAYERS MISSIONS

This week: Cursillo
Next week: CMS, Naomi & Pearsons



MARCH

Thursday 19 10am Men's Coffee
At Tillermans Café
Ph Andrew 0402054207

Thursday 26 10am Men's Growth Group at St Andrew's, looking at Luke's gospel

Saturday 21 11am - 12
Christianity Explained at St Andrew's

Be the living expression of God's kindness:

kindness in your face,
kindness in your eyes,
kindness in your smile.

—Mother Teresa

BIBLE SOCIETY

SRE has received free bibles so if you would like to make a donation to the Bible Society for their work in enabling the spread of the gospel please label your donation 'Bible Society'.

Blessings Helen S

BCA & LEPROSY BOXES

The boxes are now due for counting.
Tea Gardens: Basket in foyer

Bulahdelah: Hand to Liz Ison

Karuah: Hand to Rev'd Alison

Thankyou
Pam Gilchrist Box Secretary

SAMARITANS - EMERGENCY RELIEF

Each month Samaritans provides more than 1,000 families with emergency assistance and relief throughout the Hunter Valley and Central Coast regions.

Stocks are getting low on the following items and any donations would be helpful:

Long life milk
Cereal
Pasta sauce
Cup A Soup packets
Tinned chunky soup
Tinned meals
2 minute noodles
Baked beans

ACTIVITIES FOR 2020 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 St John's. 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
Prayer Thursdays each week, 4pm, St Andrew's see Gloria Ph 4997 1927

Scripture at Tea Gardens school
See Jan Weightman Ph 4997 0621

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

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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