

Proverbs 21:1-3

In the Lord's hand the king's heart is a stream of water that he channels toward all who please him. A person may think their own ways are right, but the Lord weighs the heart. To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

What's New?

For starters, we now have a new look foyer. A big call of thanks goes out to Geoff Whitehead (parish council) and Revd. Rob Barrie (Church Warden) for giving so freely of their time and talents. No, the fit out is not complete. We wait the arrival of furniture and a paint job to finish off the space.

What's Needed?

Artsfest are seeking volunteers to help out with the operations during viewing times. Please contact the office on 4393 1333 if you can assist. We are still looking out for travel buddies. Please contact us if you need a lift to church on Sunday or are able to provide a lift for somebody. Thank you We are also seeking budding baristas to operate our new coffee suite on Sunday mornings. Great opportunity for youth or people of any age to learn new skills and be able to serve.

What's on the horizon?

We are close to getting an office administrator onto staff.



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New look, new focus

As Lakes Anglican Church continues to welcome new faces to its congregations, we begin to create a new sense of mission and ministry. This will take shape within the 9:30am Sunday gathering, while preserving our traditional worship at 7:30am on Sundays intact without change. 628CREW will continue to reach out to the youth of our community and our pathways around our playgroup and social justice connections will continue to develop.

CONNECT WITH US

Discipleship and outreach is not on the sole task of clergy or church workers.

Through September, our Sermon series will focus on the word discipleship, with emphasis on:

- The cost of discipleship
- Commission to Discipleship
- Going the Distance as a Disciple
- Reward for Discipleship
- And Being a Family of Disciples

Welcome to our new monthly newsletter.

Welcome to our newly produced monthly newsletter. Each month, we will be showcasing the events on our horizon and featuring articles and people from around Lakes Anglican. Do you know someone who would like an e-copy of this publication? Please let us know in the office and we can get one off to them.

If you have any items that you think could be included in this production, please forward via email to the church office. Email and contact details can be found on the back page or on the weekly pew sheet. As we start September with our first Sunday being Fathers Day, let us be reminded of the role good male parenting brings to families. Let us be reminded of the gifts that Dads are able to bring our communities and our church. Let us celebrate the ultimate Father, our Heavenly Dad.

We will be running a parish profile section, where we focus on some of our regulars as well as new faces. We will be running a focus on new ministries as they begin and continue to celebrate the successful groups already in action.

One request that brought about this monthly publication was for a list of preaching topics for Sunday worship. The idea is so people can follow a sermon series and be able to do some reading prior to the service.



Plans for 2019

Praying, talking and vision casting has begun for this coming year. Vision must always begin with prayer. The vision that is forming has a direct focus on reaching into the community. Next months Newsletter will have a feature article on this process for us here at Lakes Anglican.



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Principles for Change Management Success

If you had assumed that change was happening at a greater rate than last year, you would be correct. For change to be of value to its community, validity for change must be recognized. We can all celebrate a new foyer however the need for this change must be noted.

The space is now cleaner, quieter, more welcoming and greatly lends itself to people engaging in conversation. The change acknowledges the work of those who built it in the past and now opens itself to new faces who enter into it.

The office downstairs is also undergoing a makeover. The main space behind the doors to the reception has been modelled to be the 'engine room' for the parish. By engine room, I refer to the praying, dreaming, planning and releasing for ministry space. Currently it is a work in progress, however with the left over carpet and a coat of paint, it will transform into a workable space. It is not about shutting people out, but rather creating a creative space to grow from.



What's Happening

September is becoming a busy month for us here at Lakes. The following list is a guideline to key events for the month.

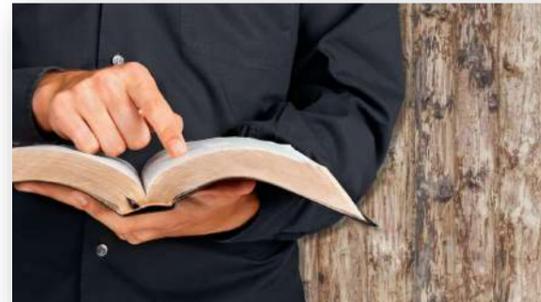
◆ Sunday 2nd Sept.

- Beginning of 5 part sermon series on discipleship. Part one: **Cost of Discipleship**; Luke 9:23; 14:25-33 with Revd. Tim Waghorn
- Fathers Day BBQ after 9:30 service
- 6pm. 628CREW - **628CREATE**

◆ Friday 7th– Sunday 9th Sept. Artsfest

◆ Sunday 9th Sept.

- Sermon series on Discipleship part 2: **Commission to Discipleship**; Matt 28:16-20 with Revd. Tim
- Baptisms at 9:30 service
- International Buy a Priest a Beer Day



◆ Tuesday 11th Sept.

- Central Coast Anglican Clergy gathering

◆ Sunday 16th Sept.

- Sermon Series on Discipleship part 3: **Going the Distance as a Disciple**; 1 Cor 1:26-31 with Revd. Dan Connor
- **Digging Deeper@9:30**. Youth Bible Study with Harriet

◆ Saturday 22nd Sept. 10am-2pm

- Grand opening Kincumber Anglican Church Building

◆ Sunday 23rd Sept.

- Sermon Series on Discipleship part 4: **Reward for Discipleship**; Mark 10:17-31 with Revd. Tim
- Y12 Lakes Grammar attending 9:30 service
- **David Willersdorf Concert**; Lakes Anglican Church. 6:30pm. 10 cans food gets you entry

◆ Tuesday 25th Sept 2pm.

- Pastors Network Meeting at Lakes Anglican Church

◆ Friday 28th Sept. 10am

- Presentation Ceremony Y12 Students, Lakes Grammar
- End of School Term (for some...)

◆ Sunday 30th September

- Sermon Series final. Part 5: **Being a Family of Disciples**; Eph. 2:19-22 with Revd. Rob Barrie



Children's Youth and Family Ministry with Annette

August has been an exciting month of starting Term 3. **Kidzone** – Our theme for term 3 is Mission Possible. August has seen us explore Adam & Eve, Abraham, Moses, Joshua and Gideon. During the week of Joshua we hosted Lakes Grammar year 1 & 2 students.

They were involved in our usual KidZone with great fun and success (a little chaos). Feedback that has been passed on is that some of the children have asked their parents to come back.

Playtime: Term three we are exploring Outer Space with the kids. We have seen new families come during August and have organised a social outing just for the mums and nans.

Building relationships outside Playtime: We intend to do this now on a regular basis. We have approx. 6 families from Playtime regularly attending our 930am service.

HeartBeat: We began our Heartbeat program for term 3 at the beginning of August and have currently held 3 sessions.

It's a fabulous time incorporating music and movement in an environment that builds relationships. The little ones have loved colouring in up the back of the church after morning tea and now find our church space a safe and fun place.

Our HeartBeat families have also been able to meet and get to know a wider group of people from church through members of Mothers Union hosting morning tea. Its beautiful to see those barriers being broken down.

GirlsCru: GirlsCru is held every Wednesday lunchtime at Lakes Grammar School for years 5&6 girls.

This term during August we have started on the theme of, "The Character of God" This term we are structuring it so that we have one week bible study and the following week a craft that supports and ties in with the bible study to remind and consolidate the learning from the week before. August has seen us explore The Eyes Of God, The Hands of God and The Feet of God.

628CREW in August the theme was "Campfire Communion", exploring what it means to be in common union with each other and how Jesus through His death and resurrection knows and loves us as we are. It was a fantastic night with 19 young people plus 4 leaders. Diving in to the word of God and then sharing communion together around a campfire.

7CREW, Have been mentoring and supporting Edan and Callum as they continue to do peer Christian leadership in their school. They are currently using a resource by Bill Hybles called "Who are you when no-one is looking" They are also able to work with Crusaders leaders who regularly visit the school.

Informal: August has seen us be able to be the hands and feet in a practical sense for several families involved in Playtime. Lots of pastoral care. –Annette

EYE ON IT Current church trends

While we witness the shutting down of churches in our diocese, we are blessed here at Lakes to be recognized as a hub parish.

As we continue to focus on growing disciples and bringing the Body together, we will continue to grow in strength. Strength in the church is not about finances or even numbers who attend. Strength is measured in our faith, prayer life and commitment to the great commandment.

HUMOUR Monthly Picks

A pastor I know has a standard liturgy for funerals.

To personalize each service, he uses the Find and Replace command on his computer to replace the name of the deceased from the previous funeral with the new name.

The next morning, the funeral was going smoothly until the Apostle's Creed. "Jesus Christ," the congregation read from the program, "born of the Virgin Edna..."

