

Proverbs 16:1-4

To humans belong the plans of the heart, but from the Lord comes the proper answer of the tongue. All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the Lord. Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans. The Lord works out everything to its proper end; even the wicked for a day of disaster.

What's New?

We have a sponsor child named Wapolo from Thailand. He is sponsored through Compassion Australia.

What's Needed?

We are seeking people to join our teams at both services to welcome people as they arrive, assist with serving tea & coffee and cleaning up. We need people to read the Bible at service and join our music team. Ever operated a coffee machine or want to learn? Tell us and we will get you on the list for lessons. These are all great opportunities to be involved and get to know our growing church family.

What's on the horizon?

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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LET'S GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a time for all. We are very much aware that the true heart of Christmas is more often than not ignored or pushed aside to make way for holidays and presents.

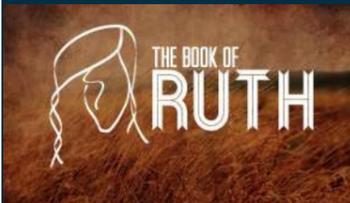
This is our opportunity to shine for Christ. Let us be more than good will. Let us be that light that connects with those around us where light does not always shine.

Invite friends and family to join with you, and us, this year for some or all of our Christmas celebrations. Check the dates and bring a friend or two...

CONNECT WITH US

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

- Through November, our Sermon series will focus on the amazing story of Ruth, and how we can prepare for Christmas through this.
- 'Not my Plan'; being apart from what we know
- 'God in the Details'; when nothing makes sense
- 'Redeemed by Grace'; when we don't know why
- 'But Wait, There's More'; God hasn't finished yet... God's Christmas narrative didn't end with Christmas, that is where it started!



Finishing the Year Well

Last month was a solid one for consolidation and focus. There is much that has brought forward fruit as they say, and other areas that still are open for pruning. We have shared curry meals, welcomed new families, held a kids disco, lost an hours sleep, and celebrated baptisms, to name just a few of the exciting events we have had. And before we know it, Christmas will be just around the corner.

November is a great preparation for Christmas. We all pretty much have an idea of the Christmas narrative and know the words to a few of the Christmas Carols. And then there is the calm before the Christmas season of advent begins.

For many, November is the month of planning, taking into account both the Christmas season and the New Year that follows. Often January is the forgotten month after the Christmas festivities.

But one thing is for sure. We cannot take Christ for granted during this

period. Jesus isn't about Christmas. Christmas is about Jesus. And so is Boxing Day, New Years day and the 16 of every month for that matter. So we have the opportunity to keep honouring God through the rest of this year and into the coming one. We are welcoming November in with Confirmation classes for a group who have chosen to openly declare their faith. We continue to celebrate creation with the 628CREW in RESTORE.

We will welcome new baptism families to our church family. We will make plans to build and grow with the community around us in the new year, to see lives changed. Let us together, finish this year well.

—Rev. Tim



Thank You

It is important to say thank you. It is also important to celebrate milestones when they happen. Late last month, we celebrated the services provided by our voluntary office staff. For many years, a team of volunteers provided administrative skills to ensure that the church kept moving forward.

To say thank you, they gathered with Reverend Tim at the local club for a celebratory lunch. Revd. Margaret, Wendy, Carol, Robyn, Merleen, Noeline, Betty and Jane received certificates of thanks for their time given.

Churches are made up of many volunteers from all walks and areas. We have volunteers on Sunday as well as in our Op Shop and Cafe.

We have volunteers who help out with the Samaritans, children's ministry, youth, families, music, and so much more.

Without the input of these people, we would not be the church we are today.

SO WE SAY THANK YOU!

What's Happening

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

◆ Thursday 1st November

- Confirmation classes start 6pm

◆ Sunday 4th November

- Beginning of Sermon Series on Ruth 1. 1-18
"Not my plan" with Revd Tim
- 6pm: 628CREW

◆ Thursday 8th November

- Confirmation classes 6pm

◆ Sunday 11th November

- Sermon Series on Ruth 2.
"God in the Details" with Revd Rob
- 9:30 Gathering: Baptism of Paxton & Aliza
- Remembrance Day

◆ Thursday 15th November

- Confirmation classes 6pm

◆ Sunday 18th November

- **Digging Deeper** @9:30. Youth Bible Study with Harriet
- Sermon Series on Ruth 3.
"Redeemed by Grace" with Revd Tim

◆ Thursday 22nd November

- Final Confirmation Class 6pm

◆ Sunday 25th November.

- Sermon Series on Ruth 4.
"But wait, there's more" with Revd Tim

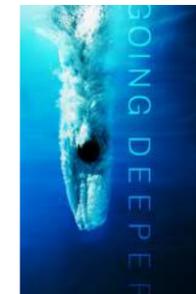


What's on the horizon? Lets plan and pray

I love that term: What's on the horizon. It provokes the concept of seeing but not knowing exactly what it is ahead, but knowing it will become clearer as we get closer. That is also how life is, as we move through it. The closer we get, the more we can grasp. What if God was preparing us to step out of our comfort zone and embrace something new? We were able to raise food for the homeless through music. We are now sponsoring a child to give them a chance, through making curry. What else are we able to do?

- What if we had casual evenings, some quiet acoustic gospel music with testimonies from people who want to share how they found God?
- What if we started getting men together and created pathways to teach boys how to grow to become men?
- What if we started engaging deeper with our local Anglican school and make valuable connections
- What if we grew Bible study groups in our neighbourhood?

We don't have to live on the what if. These are achievable and manageable. Originating in prayer, we have the people, skills and resources to bring these all into the light next year. We can talk about them, or pray and do them. By utilizing our buildings and time better, we can create the resources, time and opportunity to build God's Kingdom through these initiatives. The only thing that is stopping us, is us. If we dare to dream, we pray. If we pray, we dare to make reality. Let us dare to be active for God's Glory.



PLAYGROUP— Term 4 the kids will be learning about "People in our Community" . There will be special visitors coming in to talk to the playgroup.

KIDZONE— The next 6 weeks, we will be exploring how we can look to the needs of others and not just ourselves through emotions.

628CREW RESTORE— Term 4 kicks off on the 2nd November at 4pm

DIGGING DEEPER- Held on the 3rd Sunday of the Month being, 18th November 2018.

SYNOD Why it's important

Synod is our way of working out what is best for all our parishes. It allows the reps to give their opinions as individuals and as spokespeople for parishes on the concerns of our diocese. Check the weekly pew sheets for Synod snippets!

HUMOUR Monthly Picks

A young Vicar in his new parish, had to attend a cremation. He knew it was along way away and had never been before. So he programmed the location in to his Smart phone Sat Nav. Put the phone in his pocket and set off for the crematorium giving himself plenty of time. But the traffic was horrendous and he got to the crematorium in time to see the coffin already at the front of the chapel. He stood by the coffin. At that moment a voice came from his pocket " You have reached your destination"

Bonus Joke:

Typo spotted on a service order: "This Mornings Hymns 377 Immoral, invisible, God only wise..."

