



Proverbs 22.17-21

Pay attention and turn your ear to the sayings of the wise; apply your heart to what I teach, for it is pleasing when you keep them in your heart and have all of them ready on your lips. So that your trust may be in the Lord, I teach you today, even you. Have I not written thirty sayings for you, sayings of counsel and knowledge, teaching you to be honest and to speak the truth, so that you bring back truthful reports to those you serve?

What's New?

Carols in the Carpark is fast approaching! Don't miss all the fun on Friday 14th December 2018.

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...

ADVENT WITH THE ANCIENT ONES

It is most common for advent to be portrayed through the eyes of the gospels. There is nothing wrong with this by any means. Advent is a time where we all know what's coming up, but yet cannot put a whole new aspect on Christmas or rewrite the Christmas narrative. What we can do, is reflect through the eyes of the Old Testament prophets. Our theme this advent is: WORDS FROM OF OLD. Through the prophetic word, lets get excited about Christmas anew!



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A New Year Ahead

So often, we assume that January is a 'fall in a hole' time of year. Christmas is over for the year, the New Year has ticked over without too much anticipation. Then comes January. School holidays and heavy draw on credit cards are focal points for many.

My favourite part of January is to do with planning. It is my time to dream about what could be, not only for my family but also for Lakes Anglican. Dreaming about the future is a mix of prayer, day dream, offering to God and logistical planning, all mixed into one. It is not accidental. It takes into account the views of those like minded dream planners.

From our dreaming, praying, offering and planning sessions, we have seen growth. Not just numerical but spiritual growth.

So what has this dreaming session brought to light to shine in 2019? Here are just a couple of ideas that will be given breath in the new year:

- New start for a men's program. While the idea of previous men's groups at Lakes have been mentioned with the view of using similar models, we are aiming at a different generation. This will mean designing a new format for engaging and growing these networks
- Growth groups. This style of ministry steps outside the concept of being simply a bible study group.
- Café evenings. Something a little different with some live acoustic music and gospel message

And so we will keep dreaming!



Welcome Wapolo!

Meet and welcome into our family, Wapolo, our sponsor child through Compassion Australia. He is one of 11 children that were sponsored on our Curry Night back in October.

Wapolo was born 13th October 2012 and lives in Nong Bua, North Thailand with his parents and two siblings. His father sometimes works as a farmer while his mother stays at home with Wapolo and his siblings.

We have received a letter from the Thailand staff project manager on behalf of Wapolo. He writes about Wapolo's favourite toys, food, colour and animal. Wapolo asks if we would keep him and his family in our prayers and also wishes God to bless each and every one of us for helping his family through sponsorship.

We will have regular monthly updates on Wapolo and his family as we receive letters and photos from him. We have sent him photos of our congregation so Wapolo can see who he prays for and feel welcomed into his new church family.



What's Happening

- ♦ **Sunday 2nd December**
 - ADVENT SERIES: WORDS FROM OF OLD
Week 1: Jeremiah 33.14-16. - Revd Tim
 - 6pm: 628CREW
- ♦ **Sunday 9th December**
 - ADVENT SERIES: WORDS FROM OF OLD
Week 2: Malachi 3.1-4 -Bp Charlie
 - 9:30 Gathering: Confirmations with Bishop Charlie
- ♦ **Wednesday 12th December**
 - Lakes Grammar Speech Day
- ♦ **Thursday 13th December**
 - Lakes Grammar Speech Day
- ♦ **Friday 14th December**
 - Carols in the Carpark 7pm
- ♦ **Sunday 16th December**
 - **Digging Deeper** @9:30. Youth Bible Study with Harriet
 - ADVENT SERIES: WORDS FROM OF OLD
Week 3: Zephaniah 3.14-20 - Revd Tim
- ♦ **Wednesday 19th December**
 - Op Shop and Café close for Christmas Break (Re-open 8th January 2019)
 - Samaritans office closes for Christmas Break (Re-Opens 14th January 2019)
- ♦ **Sunday 23rd December**
 - ADVENT SERIES: WORDS FROM OF OLD
Week 4: Micah 5.2-5a - Revd Tim
- ♦ **Monday 24th December**
 - Christmas Eve Family Special 6pm
- ♦ **Tuesday 25th December**
 - Christmas Day 9am only
- ♦ **Sunday 30th December**
 - Sermon Topic: Proverbs 8.22-31 -Revd Tim
 - 9:30am gathering with the Baptism of Isaiah



2018 Some Highlights in Pictures



This year we said good bye to Revd. Cathy who, with Peter moved to Dubbo. We also said farewell Nicholas, our 9:30 all round musician



We remodeled the entrance space to make it a place to sit and talk. Comfort, coffee and communication now fill this inviting room



We ate curry and became sponsors for 11 children that night



We raised food for the homeless and made prayer desks with 628CREW



PLAYTIME— This is the last term for the year, with the last class being 13th December 2018. Classes will resume February 2018. Please check Parish newsletters for updates.

KIDZONE— We continue through December exploring emotions and needs of others. Kidzone will have a break in January 2019 and resume in February 2019.

628CREW RESTORE— Next meeting will be 2nd December 2018 with Christmas celebrations. 628CREW will resume in February 2019 (no meetings in January)

DIGGING DEEPER— Held on the 3rd Sunday of the Month being, 16th December 2018. There will be no meetings in January 2019, with the 1st meeting of 2019 to be 17th February.

CONFIRMATION Why it's important

A BIG shout out to the parents of our Confirmation Class. You have kept your promise! Remember how you made vows to raise your children to know Christ, so that one day they may proclaim him as Lord and Saviour? December 9 is that day when that promise comes to fruition. Well done!

HUMOUR

Monthly Pick

Before performing a baptism, the priest approached the young father and said solemnly, "Baptism is a serious step. Are you prepared for it?"

"I think so," the man replied. "My wife has made all the appetizers herself and we have a caterer coming in to provide plenty of sandwiches and cakes for all of our guests."

"I don't mean that," the priest responded. "I mean, are you properly prepared spiritually?" "Oh, sure," came the reply. "I've got a keg of beer and a case of whiskey."

