

# S T. J U D E ' S B O W R A L

Newsletter  
26 April 2020

Thanks for joining us for the online services today. We look forward to sharing our worship in these different times. Our online services will continue each Sunday, please access on our website [www.bowralanglican.org.au/online](http://www.bowralanglican.org.au/online)

## Parish Council Update



Our Parish Council met on Thursday 16 April via Zoom. There was a great deal of thoughtful and constructive discussion about various issues surrounding our church. A list of the answers to the questions put forward at the AGM on the 8<sup>th</sup> March are as follows.

Recommendations to the Incoming Parish Council, answers in bold type.

1. Suggestion to the treasurer that as the budget is in operation from January, well before the AGM, can we in future put out a summary draft budget in advance from the start of the year? **Yes; to be kept in matters deferred**

2. Parking, can the Parish Council please investigate more spaces in the car park. **Matter Deferred**
3. Please consider installing industrial type fans in the traditional church. **Quote received, but to be deferred in current circumstances**
4. Please consider starting the AGM with the acknowledgement of country. **To be considered in future. The Social Issues committee of the Diocese is considering a paper on reconciliation issues.**
5. What are we doing with the closing of the Anglicare Office, how is St Jude's working with Anglicare. **Rector: We have the storage of the food in the pantry, the small meeting room being used for counselling every two weeks and various other connections via the shop and other areas of Anglicare.**
6. How do we know who is in need and how do we distribute items to them. **Rector: We know there is need in the Highlands, often unnoticed. Anglicare has a list of their clients.**
7. Can we have some method of how to follow up on ways to help people who are falling between the cracks, checking who is missing and not attending. **Rector: we are already using personal contacts and Elvanto to track who is not here**
8. Can we look at voting outside this meeting like we do for the NCLS, to cover all services. **There is no provision for this in the ordinance, but it will be pursued with the Diocese**
9. If we are growing so fast could PC enlarge seating and growing the auditorium to keep up with this growth. **Matter Deferred.**
10. Please ask the school if we can park in the school grounds. **There is not much parking, and safety issues if children's ministry uses some of the spaces.**

## Judith Baxter

Judith Baxter is now living with her daughter at 7 Ella St, Bundanoon ph 043625930 or 4883 6221. Phone calls would be welcome to keep in touch.

## Christian Care

Kate has been sending out regular emails about ways to care for each other. This week's Care Update is John and Philippa join us to discuss the marriage program – Building a Safe and Strong Marriage. They were participants in the course we offered at St Jude's in Term 1 and share their feedback from the program.

[www.bowralanglican.org.au/care](http://www.bowralanglican.org.au/care)

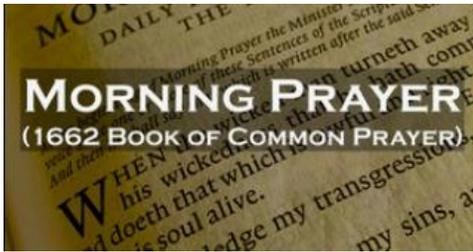
## Morning Prayer recorded by the Archbishop

For those who appreciate these sorts of things (and those who might be interested to discover it afresh) the Archbishop has recorded Morning Prayer from both 1978 and 1662 Prayer Books. It is recorded online via Spotify (you will have to log in, or sign up for a free account if you do not have one).

1978 AAPB click [here](#)



1662 BCP click [here](#)



## Southern Cross Magazine



If you have been missing your Southern Cross Magazine, here it is! Click on the link to read it online. The whole magazine can be read online, it's a great way to keep in touch with the events unfolding in our diocese.

<https://sydneyanglicans.net/southerncross>

## Link Missionaries

Covid 19 has hit Bangladesh severely –There is therefore an urgent need for food relief for the pastors and others. Warwick Lloyd has invited donations specifically for this. Bank details are:

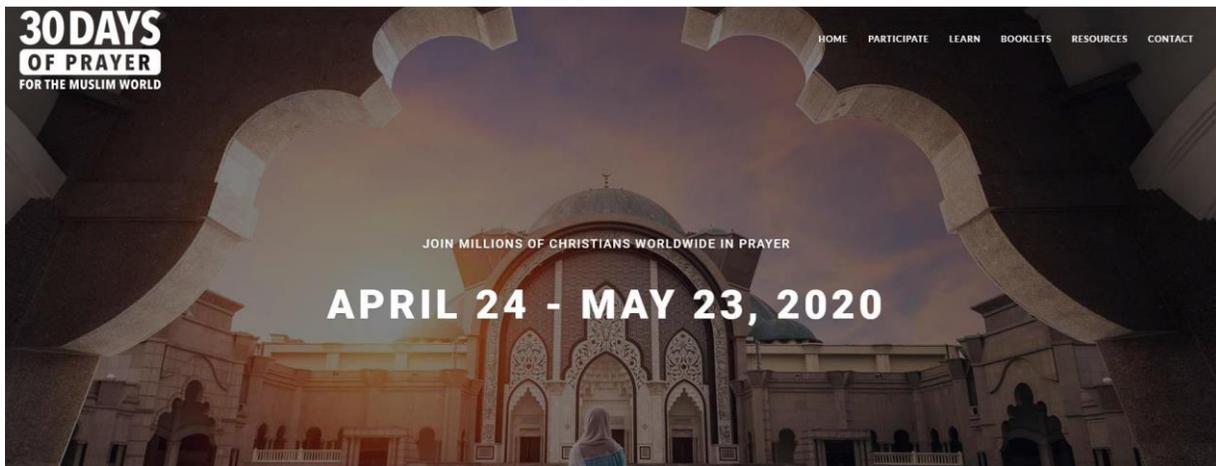
Caleb Foundation for South Asia BSB 012-129 acc 1945 56815

We suggest you let Warwick know when donating at [warwick2074@gmail.com](mailto:warwick2074@gmail.com)

## BCA

Thanks to all who brought their boxes in, BCA has asked us to hold the money until further notice. It has been placed in the trust account. If you still have your box, please hold it until the next opening in October. Empty boxes can be collected from the office. Please check with Felicity 4862 4383 before coming in.

## Prayer Guides



**30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World.** Please contact David Browning 48701399 to get a copy of the excellent booklet guiding you through prayers for Muslim neighbours and nations during Ramadan. Join millions of Christians worldwide in prayer.

Ramadan started April 24, its not to late to get your prayer guide to help you pray during this time.

During Ramadan please pray:

- That as Muslims fast and seek Allah, pray that they will find and know the one true God.
- Pray that Christians will take opportunities to boldly share their faith throughout the month of Ramadan
- Pray for new Christians who come from a Muslim background, that God will uphold and strengthen them, and that they will rely on Him.

## Members of St Jude's without Internet access

We have arranged for various members to also have copies of the services that we are recording. If you know someone who would find it easier to watch via a DVD, please call Felicity in the office and we will arrange for a copy to be sent out 4862 4383.

## Sermon Series starting Sunday 19 April

We have changed the sermon series after Easter to Habakkuk. It is a great short book wrestling with living by faith in a crazy world, especially when we have trouble understanding God's plans for his people.

We are encouraging Connect Groups to follow along using the following four week interactive bible study that Matthias Media have just released a that goes with these four weeks in Habakkuk. *It is not too late to order it online.* It can be downloaded by anyone for \$5.95 from the Matthias website (alternately you can have the book delivered to you \$7.95 + postage from Matthias website). We will encourage groups to download the studies, and use them in their study group.

<https://matthiasmedia.com.au/products/living-by-faith?variant=30953783328854>

## Facebook

Once again if you are inclined to use Facebook, we strongly encourage you to "like" the St Jude's Facebook page and join the St Jude's connect private group. It is a very casual, lovely way to keep in touch with others at St Jude's. You don't need to use other aspects of Facebook, you can just login, find the group and you can join (members of St Jude's only). It is like having an online community noticeboard.

On the St Jude's Connect page we have also had prayer requests and other general information, helping each other during this time.

## Church Office / Keeping in touch

The office is closed but we are still working, from home. Technology has allowed us to divert phones, and communicate via our computers. We are still receiving all calls and emails [office@bowralanglican.org.au](mailto:office@bowralanglican.org.au) and on the office phone number 48624383. We encourage you to keep in touch with any changing needs you or your friends may have. If you would like to bring in your offertory envelopes, call me and I'll make sure I'm there to receive them, otherwise I can arrange for them to be picked up from your home Felicity 4862 4383.

## Prayer

The staff team are still gathering (online) to pray together each day at 2.30pm when possible. If you have specific needs or prayer requests, please let us know (by phone and email). We can include your requests in

this time that we "get together" and pray as a team. Regular prayer points are attached to each Sunday service outline that will be sent for Sunday worship. Please remember our link missionaries as you pray also.

## Colleen Tidball

Colleen Tidball, the wife of Reg Tidball former Rector, died last week. Please pray for their family in this difficult time.

## Finances

Thank you to everyone who has responded to this crisis and made an effort to continue to support St Jude's with their offertory either by giving online or by dropping off their envelopes to the Church.

We have tried to reduce our costs and decided we cannot proceed to appoint a part time Senior Minister from the middle of this year and have adjusted our budget accordingly. This means we now need an increase in offertories of 7%, however we will endeavour to reduce our ongoing costs such as cleaning, printing, power etc.

We have also registered for the government "Job Keeper Allowance" in order to ensure that we can retain our staff. Unfortunately, at present the conditions of this grant are not entirely clear. We have committed that we will continue to employ our staff for the balance of this year and will need your help to ensure we can do this.

A summary of our offertories is:

March 2020 offertories were \$56,476 compared to \$54,277 last year and the revised budget of \$58,000. This is a wonderful result under the circumstances.

Year to date our actual offertories were \$160,808 compared to \$159,327 last year and a revised budget of \$171,000.

For April to date we have received offertories of \$36,500 and expect to receive around \$50,000 compared to \$65,028 last year and a revised budget of \$69,500.

If anyone has a question please contact one of the Wardens

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*Online Giving:* Electronic banking details for regular direct credit are below. Electronic banking details for regular direct credit are

**Account Name: St Simon and St Jude's Anglican Church**

8am Service	BSB 082-476	Account Number	84-659-6063
11am Service	BSB 082-476	Account Number	84-659-6127
9.30am Service	BSB 082-476	Account Number	84-659-6194
5.30pm Service	BSB 082-476	Account Number	84-647-9289

PayPal. You are now also able to give via PayPal. Go to our online giving page with a link to our papal account. <https://bowralanglican.org.au/online> Or Click [here](#) to go straight to the PayPal site.

*Envelopes and Cash Giving:* If you are unable to change to online giving, cash and giving envelopes can still be brought into the church office. Please ring ahead and make sure that Felicity is here to receive these. Otherwise you could go into a NAB bank and deposit directly into any of the accounts listed.

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