

# Anglican Parish of Kingscliff

## Vicar's Chat

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### This Week's Headlines

In times of turmoil and danger, gratitude helps to steady and ground us. It brings us into presence, and our full presence is perhaps the best offering we can make to our world.

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### At Parish Council

- **A Faculty** has been granted by the bishop of Grafton to allow the parish to replace the pews at Pottsville with chairs. This is being done to create increased comfort, allow for greater flexibility in the church in worship and for outreach groups. The AGM and the council have considered replacing the chairs at St. James however the possibility of redevelopment means that it is wisest to delay this.
- **The treasurer** reported a cash flow positive month! Deficit months have been the norm. It is inspiring and encouraging to know people are stepping up and supporting the church and mission in the parish. We will now have to give some thought to supporting mission beyond our parish! It has been reported to me that maybe I've talked enough about *giving*. Maybe, BUT consideration of our finances, stewardship of Time Resources and Money is a normal part of our discipleship. To do otherwise would be a failure of honesty, calling and the values of good community. So I make no apologies.
- **Anglican Parish of Kingscliff, Mission and Mission Project:** A letter was sent to The Registrar enclosing three quotes for the selection of a Town Planner. Following the appointment of a Town Planner there will be the development of a Financial Feasibility Study coordinated by the architect. The study will be progressed by a Development Manager (DMA). The working group will be the Architect, Development Manager and the Town Planner. They will report to me, the Mission and Mission Team. The Team will then report to The Diocese, Parish Council. Depending on the nature of the report we might make it public to the parish. In any case, it will become a significant decision for the whole parish to make. We will be convening appropriate parish meetings.
- **St. Marks Renovation:** Parish Council has accepted a quote for the tiling of the landing, stairs and ramp at the front of St. Marks. The remaining items in the St. Marks renovation project are the painting of the hand rails and the concreting of a grill for a stormwater inspection point in the car park. Contact David Lucas if you'd like to help at St. Marks.

- We are thinking about ways to advertise or ***promote the church***. Jenny Wyver is going to give some thought to strategies that we can use when we know the church doors can be opened and we can resume worship in the buildings. ... "Buildings?" Some people might think, "Why did you use that word "buildings" and not "church"? Some buildings are churches ... true. The People of God in worship are The Church too! So the good news is that church is still alive and vibrant .... The church is also the faithful people in prayer, worship, discipleship, service wherever they are.... At the moment our Anglican Parish of Kingscliff, The Church community is gathering in a virtual way! Give Jenny a call if you have ideas ie
  - Letter box drops,
  - Posters,
  - Street signage at St. Marks,
  - Street signage at St. James etc.
- **Thank you** for supporting the church in attendance through Zoom or through Facebook. It's impressive to see everybody mastering the technology. Thank you. If you need help, just let me know. It's easy to fix!

## Mission and Outreach and is not just for the professionals

1. Maybe you could do "*The Pittsburg Prayer Experiment*"? Google it. It's simple and easy. Maybe you could do it in your friendship network or Home Group? I'll talk about it in the next Vicars Chat because this one is reaching its word limit.
2. Do the Spiritual Practice that George and myself develop each week. Why not give it a go with your friendship network? It gets emailed or posted each Friday.

## Home Groups

- **All groups** are open to new people. All groups are operating via Zoom.
- **Thursday evening** home group has been zooming at full speed. They are working their way through Romans. Contact Peter Pine (0407 732 440) to get the zoom links if you'd like to join them.
- **Wednesday and Friday** groups are convening via Zoom. We are watching talks by an Old Testament scholar, Peter Enns. This week's talk was fascinating and thought provoking... **Why** does God favour the youngest Son? **Why** is the cleansing of the temple at the start of John Gospel (Ch 3) and at the end of Matthew, Mark and Luke? **Why** is the material in each of the gospels in a different order?
- The zoom links are below. The theme for next week is, "**Why doesn't God make up His mind?**"
- Is there another time that you'd prefer? Just give me a call and we'll be able to work something out.

## Mikey's Funny

Boss - Do you think you can come in on Saturday? I know you enjoy your weekends but I need you here.

Me - Yeah, no problem. I'll probably be late though as public transport on weekends is slow.

Boss - What time will you get here?

Me - Monday.

A priest, a minister, and a rabbit walk into a bar. The rabbit says, "I might be a typo."

PASS IT ON! Yeah, you can send this Funny to anybody you want. And, if you're REAL nice, you'll tell them where you got it! [www.mikeysFunnies.com](http://www.mikeysFunnies.com)

## Sunday Worship

From now on we will make it simpler and less stressful for everybody concerned.

You can connect in these simple ways,

1. **Website:** Go to the parish website, [www.apok.org.au](http://www.apok.org.au) , and click on the “church on line” button,
2. **Facebook:** Connect to Facebook and the parish Facebook page and watch it. This Sunday I think the service will be posted in the afternoon.
3. **Zoom:** Use the zoom link that is at the end of this email. This link and meeting number and password will not change from week to week. Just click on the blue hyperlink.
4. **Giving:** We now have the ability to accept offerings and donations through our website ([apok.org.au](http://apok.org.au)) using the trusted and secure PayPal system. It’s quick and easy to do and importantly you are protected from fraud by PayPal. Full details are on the website.

## Sunday Worship Readings

Readings for Sunday 17th May 20    Readings for Sunday 24th May 2020

Acts 17: 22-31  
Psalm 66: 7-19  
John 14: 15-21

Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35  
John 17: 1-11

## Prayer of the Day for Easter 5 and Prayer Of The Week

### Prayer of the Day

O God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
joys beyond our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love for you,  
that, loving you above all else,  
we may obtain your promises  
that exceed all we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

### Prayer of the Week

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,  
the truth and the life:  
grant that we may walk in his way,  
rejoice in his truth, and share his risen life;  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Sunday Worship Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86803759342?pwd=Um1TYXd0dGxvemVTWC9qb3BUVXRUT09>

Meeting ID: 868 0375 9342

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## Wednesday Evening Home Group

Facilitator: Greg March 0417 616 256 bushwalkingreg@gmail.com

**Topic: Wednesday Evening Home Group by Greg and George 7.30 pm**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85367754008?pwd=bFlzRGhaYXJ1UWpxVGJUU1VJc2Fidz09>

Meeting ID: 853 6775 4008

Password: 727482

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## Friday Afternoon Home Group

Facilitator: Chris Parsons 0466 715 467 [kpkevinparsons@gmail.com](mailto:kpkevinparsons@gmail.com)

**Topic: Chris and Kev's Friday Afternoon 2 pm Home Group**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87543324774?pwd=eW5aRE02V3k5QW55ZXJ6aTEyL0JsUT09>

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