

ANGLICAN PARISH OF KINGSCLIFF
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Higher

“as it is in heaven”

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Welcome stranger! If you are visiting St James in Kingscliff or St Marks in Pottsville, this page is especially for you. We are the two Anglican Churches in this part of the world and are delighted to welcome you to our growing Parish. You can learn more by leafing through this magazine, HIGHER, our weekly bulletin which keeps our Christian community informed and updated about all that is going on.

If you are curious to know more about our Christian faith please contact our Rector, Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu whose details can be found at the back of this bulletin. Give him a call and invite him for coffee – he's a trained barista and will be happy to make one to your taste in our on-site coffee cart. If the sun is shining you might like to enjoy it in the café garden courtyard adjacent. Long story short, we are all about hospitality and the love of God here, and would love you to join us. You can also get a better idea of who we are what we are about by attending worship on Sundays (8.30 – 9.30 am at St James, 10.30 – 11.30 am at St Marks) and staying on for morning tea afterwards.

Shared Leadership

Message from the Parish Priest

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

Knowledge and Wisdom: Holding Life's Joys and Sorrows Together

Knowledge is knowing; wisdom is doing.

As a church community, we treasure knowledge of God's Word, but wisdom is shown in how we live it out. True Christian formation is not only about knowing Scripture and church teaching—it is about shaping hearts so that we can live faithfully in a world where joy and sorrow are woven together.

The English poet William Blake expressed it well:

Man was made for Joy and Woe

And when this we rightly know

Through the world we safely go

Joy and Woe are woven fine

A clothing for the soul divine

Under every grief and pine

Runs a joy with silken twine.

Blake reminds us that joy and sorrow are not enemies but companions in life's journey. Without challenges, we cannot savour God's blessings. Without loss, we may never value what we have. Without the winters of life, we may not truly rejoice in the springtime of renewal.

As disciples of Jesus, this is vital to grasp. Life in Christ does not shield us from hardship—it gives us strength to face it. In moments of difficulty, there are often hidden blessings: the comfort of a friend's prayer, the quiet assurance of God's presence, or the deep peace that comes from persevering in faith.

For our parish, this is both an encouragement and a calling. We are to be a community that enables one another to hold joy and sorrow in the same hand, trusting that God weaves both into His redemptive plan.

Here in Kingscliff and Pottsville, we want to grow not just in knowledge but in wisdom—the courage, compassion, and steady heart that comes from walking closely with Jesus. Hard times are not detours from God's purposes; they are threads in His greater tapestry—threads that make our shared life stronger, more beautiful, and more Christlike.

As we journey through this season together, may we remember Blake's insight: *"Under every grief and pine runs a joy with silken twine."* Let us keep looking for those threads of joy, trusting they are always present in God's loving and almighty hands. As our Lord reminded us, *'in the world you will have tribulations, but do not be afraid I have overcome the world.'* (John 16:33).

Thank you immensely for upholding me and my family in your prayers over the past month. I feel truly blessed to be your brother in Christ, and it's good to be back amongst people that I love dearly.

Please continue to pray for those in our parish and around the world battling cancer, those who care for them, and for our Year 12 students as they prepare for their final months of schooling. May God bless you all richly.

Your brother in Christ
Constantine

The Merton Prayer” By Thomas Merton

My Lord God,

I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself,

*and the fact that I think I am following your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.*

*But I believe that the desire to please you
does in fact please you.*

And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

*And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right
road,*

though I may know nothing about it.

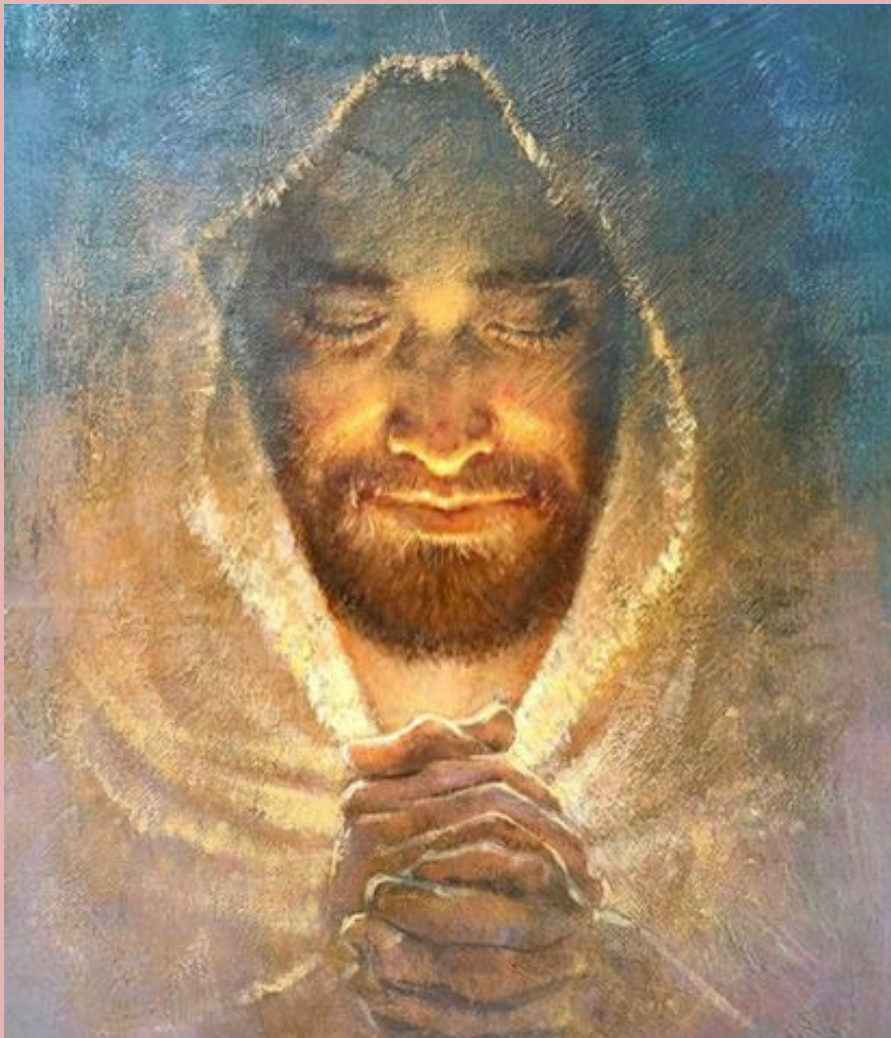
Therefore will I trust you always though

I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me,

and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

*“The Merton Prayer” from Thoughts in Solitude by Thomas
Merton.*



Shared Leadership



The topic of shared leadership has been in the spotlight around the parish of late. At Parish Council on Wednesday, Rev. Constantine spoke of how geese take it in turns to fly out front of the flock, and then, when tired, falling back to let others lead. That's a model for Churches too, as we look to lay folk to lead when and where they are able to do so. When Jesus entrusted his Church to the disciples, he knew he'd assembled a diverse group of ordinary men who would be able to work together. And, apart from a bit of conflict between Peter and the new Apostle, Paul, (Gal 2 : 11 – 14) they did so and brought many more disciples to Christ.

That's our model of Church here in Kingscliff: not just one leader, but many, sharing their gifts for the glory of God. Examples of shared leadership we've seen recently include: a series of visiting priests inspiring us with insightful sermons; Raewyn stepping up to organise the return of the Christmas Market event; Peter Pine stepping up to chair this week's Parish Council meeting due to Constantine's commitment to another event. No doubt there are many more new things God is doing in our midst through the efforts of those who love Him. Praise the Lord that He works in this way.

August Parish Council Meeting

Under the capable chairmanship of Peter (“The Pottsville Potter”) Pine, Parish Council met on Wednesday night to discuss the life and mission of the Parish. A joyful atmosphere prevailed as the members of Council went about their shared task of reaching sound decisions for the Church.

Rev. Constantine reported on progress in establishing a Pastoral Care Ministry to visit people at home and in hospital. Council discussed key safety principles of Transparency, Accountability and Collaborative Ministry, noting established practices and where we need to improve, including posting the Minutes of each Council meeting on the Parish bulletin boards each month.

Other key decisions made included: a commitment to research an EFTPOS “tap point” to enable electronic donations and purchases at Church events like the Christmas Market; proceeding with convening a group dedicated to offering regular Soup Kitchen meals to the community; and making the Church more accommodating to children (see “KICK Returns” below).

Council Thanks Parishioners for their Generosity

Parish Council wishes to thank parishioners for their generosity in making donations. Last month’s donation receipts were at an all-time high and this reflects increased generosity at a time when many other aspects of Church life are growing too. This is most encouraging and a positive sign to be thankful for. It goes without saying that making a financial donation is a valuable way of contributing to the work of the Church, especially for those who don’t always have the time or energy to do so.

Christianity Explained

'Christianity Explained' is continuing with Session 2 this coming Tuesday 19 August at St Mark's Church Hall at 4:00pm led by Graeme Hodgkinson. Those attending Session 1 were very impressed and said that the program aided their understanding on who Jesus is and what he did. Session 2 builds on that understanding.

Online Calendar

The Parish website now boasts an online calendar flagging all upcoming events in the Parish. If you have an event that you'd like posted online so the parish knows about please send an email with the details to the office, email: office@apok.org.au

KICK Returns Sun Aug 31

After an hiatus St James Children Service KICK (Kids in Church, Kingscliff) will return on Sunday Aug 31st . Be sure to let any parents of young children know - all are welcome at this fun-filled service with its songs and teaching about Jesus specially tailored for children.



Christmas Market Planning Underway



The Market is a combined effort from both St James and St Marks and profits will go toward supporting our greater communities with supplying meals to those in need. Parish Council is looking to establish an EFTPOS facility in order to make the most of the opportunity for sales and donations. Planned stalls include:

Bakers and cooks: Xmas cakes, cakes, cookies, sweet treats, preserves, jams etc

Craft: Making Marks craft group

Garden and plants: Succulents, plants, herbs, festive arrangements

Quality Used Clothing:

Tools: Second hand tools and quality brick a Bric-à-brac

Raffles: Hamper, bottles, sandpit

Breakfast BBQ: to be staffed by men's group from 7.30 am

Coffee Cart : coffee and cake

Entertainment: may include roving carollers and buskers.

External stall holders: to pay a stall fee and donate % of sales to the Church.



HEALING EUCHARIST

The 1st Saturday in Every Month

5pm

St James Anglican Church, 122 Marine Pde, Kingscliff

Do you carry worry, pain, or grief?

On Saturday nights, our church gathers in stillness and beauty to break bread and pray for healing. This is a time to pause - to place both wounds and hopes before the God who heals.

Shaped by the timeless words of the Book of Common Prayer, with space for silence, and anointing for healing, this is not a service of noise or performance. It is a quiet offering – for all who carry pain in body, mind, or spirit.

Questions? Want to talk to someone first?

Contact us: 0435 750 155 || office@apok.org.au

Find us online: apok.org.au || FB Kingscliff Anglican Church

LINDISFARNE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL WARMLY INVITES YOU TO A

SPIRITUAL GYM



Sunday, 7 September 2025

4.30pm Refreshments | 5.00pm Service

Mahers Lane Chapel | All Welcome



LINDISFARNE
Anglican Grammar School



Social Futures and Uniting are offering support for people impacted by extreme weather events.

We can help you with paperwork, grant applications, referral for mental health and psychosocial support, applications for GIVIT, disaster preparation, or just having a chat about your experience.

You are welcome to drop in:

South Tweed Community Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30am to 3:30pm,
or **Kyogle Family Support Service** on Thursdays 9:30am to 4pm.

Alternatively, you can make an appointment at either Tweed or Kyogle by:

Calling **Social Futures** on 1800 719 625, email recoveryconnect@socialfutures.org.au

Calling **Uniting** on 0403 786 473, email recoverysupport@uniting.org

Recovery support services are available to residents of Lismore,
Tweed Heads, Byron Bay, Kyogle and Clarence Valley.

 **1800 719 625 Social Futures, 0403 786 473 Uniting**

This Program is jointly funded under the Commonwealth–State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land where we live and work and their continuing connection to land, water, sea and community. We pay respects to Australia's First Peoples, to their unique and diverse cultures, and to Elders past, present and future.

Inclusion is about the actions we take every day. We welcome, support, and celebrate diversity.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God,
you have given your only Son
to be for us both a sacrifice for sin
and also an example of godly life:
give us grace that we may always
thankfully receive the benefits
of his sacrifice, and also daily
endeavour to follow the blessed
steps of his most holy life;
through the same Jesus Christ our
Lord.
Amen.



Bank Account Details

If you would like to contribute financially to the life and mission of both churches in the Parish of Kingscliff by electronic means, our bank account details are:

BSB: 062-673

Account: 1001 5155

Account Name: Anglican Parish of Kingscliff

Thank you for your support!

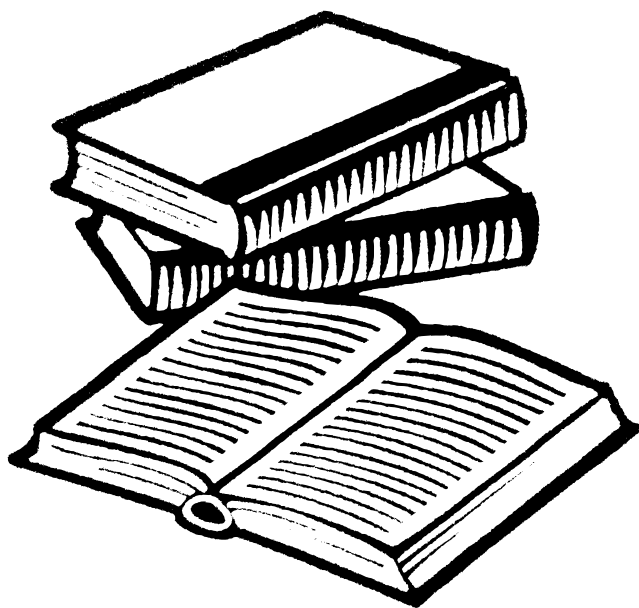
Parish Food Ministry

The Parish would like to thank all who helped distribute the meals through the Food Ministry this week, add both St Marks and St James. Well done all for keeping this vital long running ministry alive.

St James - 87 meals

St Marks - 41 meals

Praise be to God!



Sunday Worship Readings

Sunday 17 August 2025

Isaiah 5.1-7
Psalm 80.1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11.29-12.2
Luke 12.49-59

Sunday 24 August 2025

Jeremiah 1.4-10
Psalm 71.1-6
Hebrews 12.18-29
Luke 13.10-17

Service Schedule

St James

Sunday 17 August 2025

8.30am

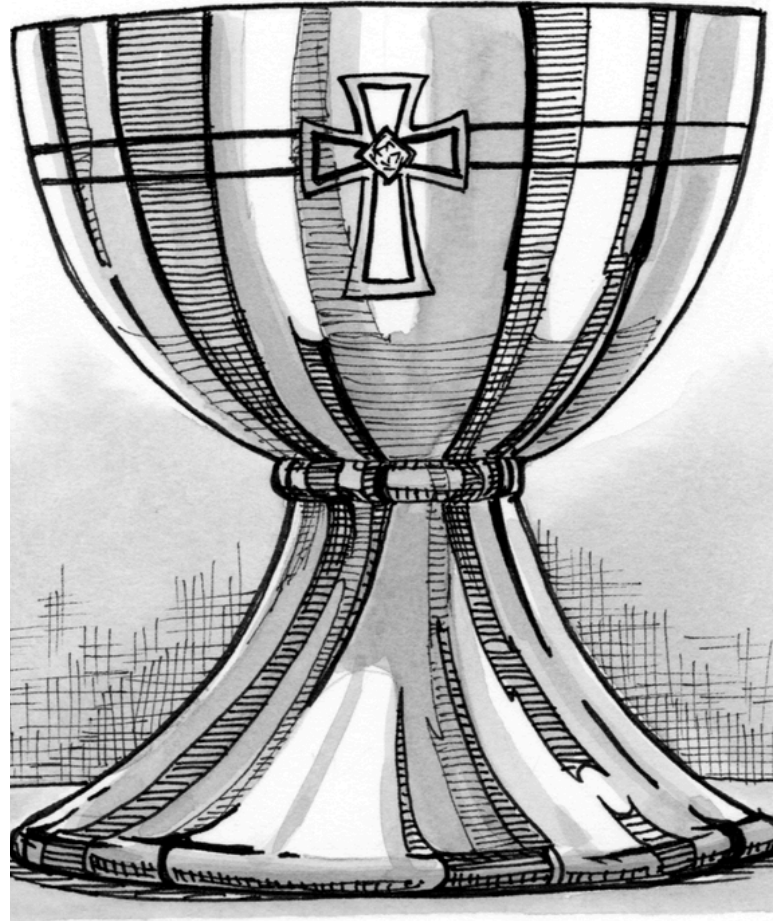
Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu

St Marks

Sunday 17 August 2025

10.30am

Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu



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Parish Calendar for August/September 2025

● Mondays

- U3A Art Group – St Marks, 9:00am–12:00pm
- OCTEC Employment Services – St Marks, Monday to Friday, 9:00am–4:00pm
- Bible Study – St James Parish Hall, 2:00pm–4:00pm
- Evening Prayer – St James, 5:15pm–5:30pm

● Tuesdays

- Morning Prayer at St James (9am-9.15am)
- Justice of the Peace – St Marks, 9:00am–12:00pm
- Meal Handout – St Marks, 11:00am–1:00pm
- Holy Communion/Eucharist at St Mark's (12.30pm -1pm)
- Bible Study – St Marks Pottsville Hall, 4:00pm
- AA Meeting – St James, 7:30pm
- Pottsville Community Association – Last Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm

● Wednesdays

- Holy Communion/Eucharist – St James, Kingscliff, 10:00am
- Lectio Divina – St James, 11:30am (following Eucharist)
- Bible Study – St Marks, Pottsville, 10:00am
- Meditation (in person) – St James, 4:00pm & Via Zoom

Zoom link

Meeting ID: 891 8478 4092 | Passcode: 516345

- Evening Prayer – St James, 5:15pm–5:30pm

● Thursdays

- Ladies Craft Group – St Marks, 9:00am–12:00pm
- Meal Handout – St James, 11:00am–1:00pm
- Evening Prayer at St James (5.15pm -5.30pm)
- AA Meeting – St Marks, 6:00pm
- Men's Bible Study – 6:30pm

Contact: Jason 0406 450 056

● Fridays

- Making Marks Art Group – St James, 1:00pm–4:00pm

● Saturdays

- Contemplative Morning Walk – 1st Saturday of the month, 7:00am–8:00am
Meet at St James on September 6.
- Ecumenical Men's Breakfast, Saturday 6 September at 8 am at the Parish Hall
- BCP Healing Eucharist, Saturday 6 September at 5 pm at St James, Kingscliff
- Community Garden Club – St Marks, 9:00am–11:00am

● Sundays

- Holy Communion/Eucharist
– St James, 8:30am
– St Marks, 10:30am

📌 Upcoming Events

Parish Vision & Mission Task Force Metting–Saturday , 23 August

Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday, 10 September 2025 at St James, Kingscliff

Spring Spirituality Weekend – Friday to Sunday, 24 to 26 October at St James, Kingscliff, St Marks Pottsville.

Parish Christmas Market, Saturday 22 November 2025