

ANGLICAN PARISH OF KINGSCLIFF  
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# Higher

“as it is in heaven”

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# Higher

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.

## **Season of Creation**

# Letter from Constantine

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

**Grace, peace and blessing from the Triune God be with you all. Amen.**

## **Our KICK (Kids in Church Kingscliff) Service last Sunday**

It was a joy to have our children and young people at our KICK Service last Sunday. Thank you to the team who organized and provided hospitality to our young people and parishioners. It's very much appreciated. Our next KICK service will be held on October 5, and it'll be a Pets Blessing Service to remember St Francis of Assisi.

**‘We Are Human Together’** -African Proverb.

“The problem of ‘othering’”, John Powell said, “is one of the greatest challenges of our century.”

It is easy to see others as “the other.” As a migrant, a proud Nigerian and Australian, I am saddened when migrants and refugees are spoken of as threats rather than as people.

I must state clearly that I don’t advocate for open borders, but a fair and controlled migration. I don’t exonerate people who burn Australian flags or seek to do harm to Australians.

The truth is that migration is essential to Australia’s future. With our fertility rate at just 1.51 (well below the 2.1 replacement rate), our ageing population needs the skills, energy, and contributions of new Australians. Research shows that by 2050, migration will add \$1.6 trillion to our economy. Migrants are often highly educated, in their prime working years, and quick to boost productivity, innovation, and entrepreneurship. They don’t take away from our society, in fact they help sustain it.

But migration is about more than economics. It is about people. Migrants, like me and my family, bring stories, traditions, and gifts that enrich our Australian culture. Consider Nyamko Sabuni, born in Sweden to Congolese parents. She rose to become Sweden's Minister for Integration and Gender Equality, making a lasting contribution to her nation's public life. Her story reminds us how migration strengthens not just economies, but societies and communities.

As the writer Etty Hillesum wisely said: "We must destroy in ourselves what we ought to destroy in others." Division begins in the heart. In Africa we say, "We are human together"; and "I am because we are" (Ubuntu).

If we are to thrive as a nation and as communities, we must move beyond "us and them" thinking. What we need is dialogue, compassion, and a shared commitment to one another's wellbeing. Migration is not just about numbers—it's about who we are, and who we can become, together.

In our parish communities, we see this truth every day: the growing richness of cultural diversity makes our community stronger, kinder, and more vibrant.

Let us learn to walk the path of love, fraternity, dialogue, and cultural diversity, and not the path of hatred, 'othering' and exclusion.

## **Fathers' Day 2025**

As we mark Father's Day this weekend, I pray that all fathers, grandfathers, and father-figures may be blessed with joy in the company of their loved ones. May our Heavenly Father, whose everlasting love embraces us all, continue to uphold you in His unfailing grace.

Please join us on Sunday, September 7, in the Mahers Lane Chapel for the 'Spiritual Gym' to celebrate our fathers and grandfathers on Sunday at 4.30pm (refreshments) and 5pm (service of Thanksgiving).

Thank you for who you are and for all you do.

With abundant blessings  
Constantine

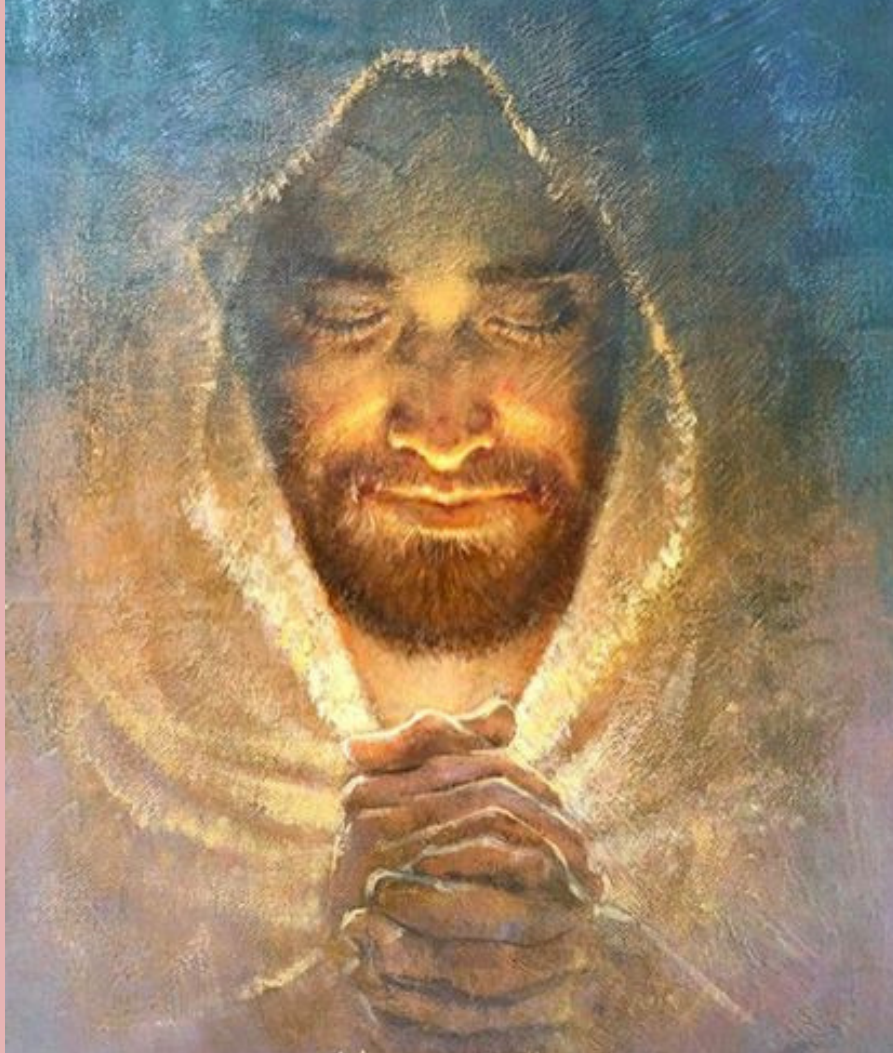
# Prayer of an African Christian

O God,  
Enlarge my heart  
that it may be big enough to receive the greatness of your love.  
Stretch my heart  
That it may take into it all those who with me around the world  
Believe in Jesus Christ.

Stretch it  
that it may take into it all those who do not know him,  
But who are my responsibility because I know him

And stretch it  
That it may take in all those who are not lovely in my eyes:  
and those whose hands I do not want to touch;  
Through Jesus Christ, my Saviour.

Amen.





# The Season of Creation is Upon Us

As the days heat up, we're all welcoming the return of Spring and the longer, warmer days ahead. Each year, from 1 September (the Global Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (St Francis of Assisi Day), Anglicans all over the world celebrate the Season of Creation. We pray and celebrate with creation, focus on the story of Earth, and commit to a ministry of healing Earth.



## Ecumenical Men's Breakfast



The Men's Breakfast returns this Saturday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall. With guests from all around the Tweed, the event is an opportunity to "break bread" with fellow Christians of all denominations and get to know each other. Judging from last time, if Constantine continues to serve up his signature Eggs Benedict breakfast plate, we are sure to see ecumenical fellowship flourish in our part of the world! If you're a bloke, and you love God, we'll see you there at 8.00 am

# Soup Kitchen Planning



The next Parish Council meeting is due to hear of plans to serve regular hot meals to the community in the Parish Hall in the near future. With a wealth of talented cooks in the Parish (and a flourishing Community Garden producing an abundance of vegetables at St Marks) our Soup Kitchen volunteers plan to work in teams so as to be able to serve a free weekly meal on Monday nights. All will be welcome to share in a homecooked meal, from the lost and lonely, to those in desperate need, seeking company, or hungering for the nourishment of a loving Christian community. Dates and rosters are yet to be confirmed, so watch this space.

# Discernment Day is Saturday Sept 20



Our Parish Discernment Day is just around the corner, taking place on **Friday, September 20, from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm** at the **Lindisfarne Boat House** (Point Break Circuit, Salt).

This important day will be a time for us to gather as a Church to reflect on our long-term mission and ministry goals, and to begin shaping a shared vision for the future. With Rev. Constantine now leading us into a new chapter, this is a valuable opportunity to listen, dream, and plan together.

The day will include a mix of open forum discussion and guided conversation, with a break for lunch. Everyone is encouraged to come along – all voices are welcome and needed.

Let's come together in faith, unity, and hope, as we discern where God is calling us next.



# Christmas Market Preparations

Preparations continue for the re-booted Christmas Market at St James on Nov 22. If that seems like a long way away, keep in mind that its only 76 more sleeps until the big day. Raewyn and Christen will be approaching local businesses to invite them to contribute to raffle prizes and other donations. All funds raised will be put towards funding the new Soup Kitchen Ministry



## Spiritual Gym

A reminder that Lindisfarne's Spiritual Gym service is on in the school chapel, this afternoon at 5 pm, with afternoon tea served from 4.30.

# KICK Returns

The congregation at St James enjoyed the presence of a bunch of children in Church last Sunday as Chris Parsons and Rev. Constantine ran the first KICK service we've seen in quite a while. Featuring lots of clapping, hand-waving, world-hugging and other enthusiastic gestures, the lively service marks the resumption of efforts to include children in worship and other Sunday morning activities that teach them about God. We're not sure who enjoyed it more – the young ones, or the child-like older kids in the pews! The service was followed by a BBQ serving sausage sangers on the lawn.





# Welcome New Sign for St Marks



Here is the brand-new sign for St Mark's at Pottsville! It's a beautiful addition to our church grounds, and we're so pleased to be able to present such a welcoming message, to the community.

A big thank you to Peter Pine for the time, care, and effort he put into making this happen. His dedication is much appreciated, and the result speaks for itself, The sign looks great!

# Support our Community

## Christmas Market donations needed



St James Kingscliff & St Mark's Pottsville Anglican Churches are thrilled to host our **Festive Christmas Market on Saturday 22nd November 2025**. All proceeds will go toward providing meals & support to people across our wider communities

We're reaching out to local community members and businesses for donation of goods or vouchers, to help fill our delightful **raffle hamper prizes** & contribute to our vibrant market stalls. Whether is homemade treats, crafts or gift vouchers- every contribution makes a difference.

### How to donate

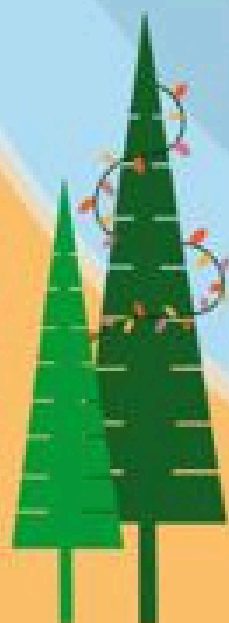
- Drop off items at St James Kingscliff (120 Marine Pde Kingscliff or St Marks Pottsville (15a Berkleys lane Pottsville)

- contact our parish office on 0266741513

or email [office@apok.org.au](mailto:office@apok.org.au) to arrange collection or discuss your donation

Your generosity will directly support our efforts to feed those in need & strengthen local communities

**Thank you-** together, we're creating a season of 'Joy and Hope'





**Banora Point Uniting Church  
63 Darlington Drive Banora Point  
Takes Pleasure In Hosting A**



***Parade***

**Wednesday  
17th September  
2025**

**Fashion Parade  
Commences  
At 10:30am**

**\$15 includes Lunch**

**Lucky Door Prizes including \$50 Portofino  
Gift Voucher and Guessing Competition**

**Enjoy a Day of Fun, Food, Fashion  
and Some Great Shopping**

**Accessories including Jewellery  
and Handbags will be available**

**Most Portofino Fashion is manufactured  
in Brisbane and Exclusive to Portofino**

# POSITION VACANT: OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

The Anglican Parish of Murwillumbah invites written applications, for the position of Office Manager on a part time basis (12 hours per week, spread over 3 days) from 9am – 1pm.

(We are still looking for someone to fill this position)

The role provides administrative support to the Rector and Parish Council, receptionist duties, preparation of Parish Newsletter and Sunday Services (training will be provided), as well as general administrative duties to support the smooth running of the parish.

Applicants must have experience in office administration and be familiar with Microsoft Office suite (Word, Power Point, Publisher & Outlook).

For further information phone 02 6672 6070 and to apply please email [office@allsaintsanglican.org.au](mailto:office@allsaintsanglican.org.au)





## HEALING EUCHARIST

The 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:office@apok.org.au)

Find us online: [apok.org.au](http://apok.org.au) || FB Kingscliff Anglican Church



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# SPIRITUAL GYM



Sunday, 7 September 2025

4.30pm Refreshments | 5.00pm Service

Mahers Lane Chapel | All Welcome



**LINDISFARNE**  
Anglican Grammar School



## Prayer of the Week

O God,  
you know us to be set in the midst  
of so many and so great dangers  
that by reason of the frailty of our  
nature  
we cannot always stand upright:  
grant to us such strength and  
protection  
as may support us in all dangers  
and carry us through all  
temptations;  
through 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, we appreciate your generosity.

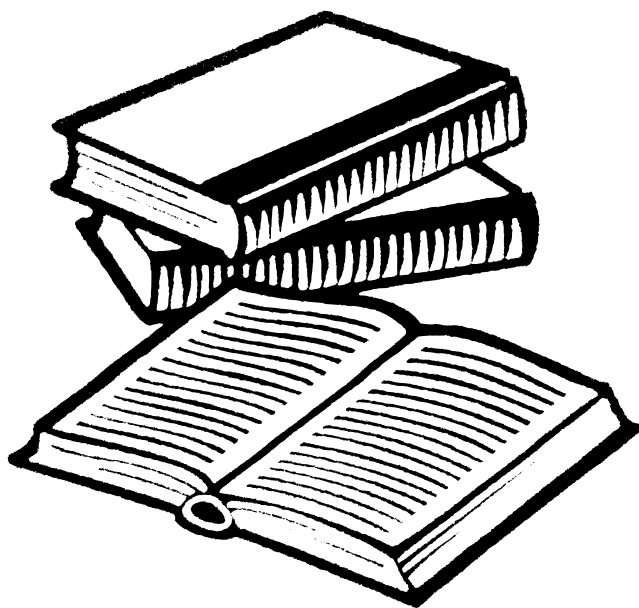
# Parish Food Ministry

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 -82 meals

St Marks - 32 meals

Praise be to God!



## Sunday Worship Readings

### Sunday 7 September 2025

Jeremiah 18.1-11  
Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18  
Philemon 1-25  
Luke 14.25 -35

### Sunday 14 September 2025

Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28  
Psalm 14  
1 Timothy 1, 1-2; 12-19a  
Luke 15.1 -10

# Service Schedule

## St James

**Sunday 7 September 2025**

8.30am

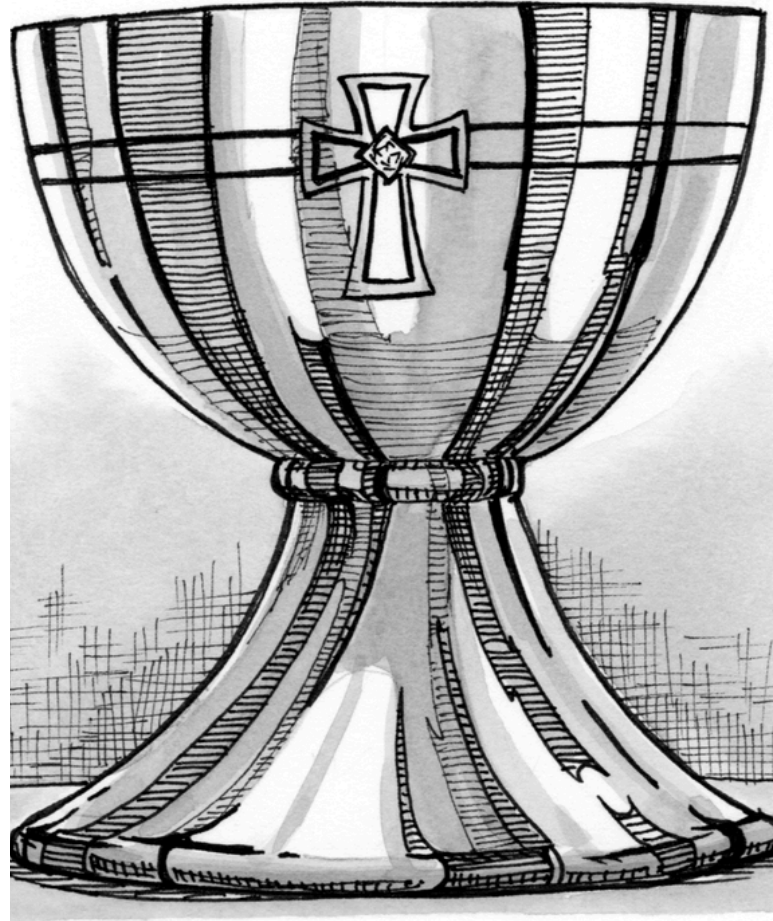
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## St Marks

**Sunday 7 September 2025**

10.30am

Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu



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# Parish Calendar for 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

- Justice of the Peace – St Marks, 9:00am–12:00pm
- Meal Handout – St Marks, 11:00am–1:00pm
- 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
- 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
  - 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

**Ecumenical Men's Breakfast, Saturday 6 September at 8 am at the Parish Hall**

**Parish Council Meeting** – Wednesday, 17 September 2025 at St Marks, Pottsville

**Spring Spirituality Weekend** – Friday to Sunday, 24 to 26 October 2025 at St James, Kingscliff, St Marks Pottsville.

**Parish Christmas Market**, Saturday 22 November 2025