## ANGLICAN PARISH OF KINGSCLIFF BULLETIN

# 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. 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.

# The Sound of Music

### Letter from Constantine

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

God is good-all the time; all the time-God is good!

### 🐰 John Wells – Rest in Peace

It is with deep sadness and shock that we learned of the sudden death of our dear parishioner, John Wells. Please join me in praying for the repose of John's soul and for God's comfort and strength for our sister Leonie, and their extended family. May John rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

### 🔥 Tweed Coast Christian Education Association

Representatives from our parish, along with members of other Christian denominations, gathered last Tuesday evening at the Presbyterian Church in Tweed Heads for the Annual General Meeting of the Tweed Coast Christian Education Association. It was truly inspiring to hear how God's presence continues to shape the lives of young people through Christian education, and to witness the commitment of teachers who faithfully share the Gospel of God's love and salvation.

Please continue to pray that God will provide:

- Additional teachers,
- Sufficient resources, and
- Ongoing financial support for this vital ministry.

Above all, may many more young people come to faith in Jesus Christ.

### Remembering Our Departed Loved Ones

Spiritual Gym - Sunday, 2 November | Mahers Lane, Terranora

- 4.30pm Refreshments
- 5.00pm Holy Communion Service

November is traditionally dedicated to remembering our departed loved ones. We believe that the communion of saints unites both the living and the dead, and so we will hold them in prayer throughout our November services—especially during the Spiritual Gym Service.

A Book of Remembrance is available in the church foyer. Please write the names of those you wish to remember. We have loved them in life; let us not forget them in death.

#### **\*\*** Gratitude

I thank you all for your faithfulness, dedication, and generosity in the service of the Gospel. Let us continue to pray that our labour and love, as well as our service and sacrifice, will draw many to faith in Jesus Christ and to the joy of His salvation.

### Food for Thought

Dawna Markova's poem "I Will Not Die an Unlived Life" offers us something profound to ponder:

I will not die an unlived life.

I will not live in fear of falling or catching fire.

I choose to inhabit my days,

to allow my living to open me,

to make me less afraid, more accessible;

to loosen my heart

until it becomes a wing,

a torch, a promise.

I choose to risk my significance;

to live so that which came to me as a seed

goes to the next as a blossom,

and that which came to me as a blossom,

goes on as fruit.

May the Lord, through our Eucharists this weekend, grant us the grace and courage to truly inhabit our days—to live fully, faithfully, and in loving service to Him and to one another.

God loves you all, and so do I.

Your brother in Christ

Constantine

# A Prayer for this Week: For Suffering by John O'Donohue

May you be blessed in the holy names of those Who, without you knowing it, Help to carry and lighten your pain.

May you know serenity When you are called To enter the house of suffering.

May a window of light always surprise you.

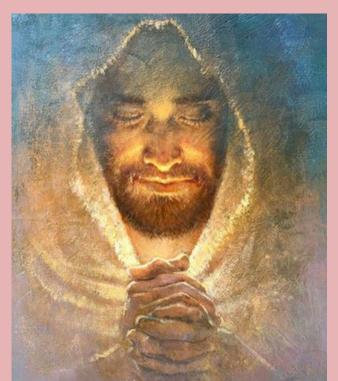
May you be granted the wisdom To avoid false resistance; When suffering knocks on the door of your life, May you glimpse its eventual gifts.

May you be able to receive the fruits of suffering.

May memory bless and protect you With the hard-earned light of past travail; To remind you that you have survived before And though the darkness now is deep, You will soon see the approaching light.

May the grace of time heal your wounds.

May you know that though the storm might rage, Not a hair of your head will be harmed. Amen.



# **Angelic Voices Lifting Spirits at St James**



Singing maestro Wendy Hawkins is at it again! The angelic voices of the singing group she leads can be heard all over St James' campus on Friday mornings, as The Sing-to-Connect Choir prepare to share the joys of song with the wider community at Christmas.

The silvery-tonsiled group will be performing at the Parish's Festive Christmas Market on Nov 22 and some of them, we hope, will be around to help lead the singing at the Christmas Play/Carols events on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec and Christmas Eve.

### Ecumenical Men's Breakfast Sat Nov 1.

The Men's Breakfast returns on Saturday Nov 1 with our neighbour and friend, local Catholic priest, Father Paul McDonald to address the men who gather every two months to encourage and be encouraged, in faith, by one another. The event starts at 8 am with a meal of bacon and eggs, before Father Paul shares stories from his long life and ministry in the Tweed.

### Vale John Wells



The Parish received the sad news of John Wells' passing this week. Whilst grieving our loss, we take comfort in knowing that John has gone to be with the Lord. John was a familiar face and active contributor to Church life, as these photos show







### Pencil Tree Fashion Parade

Thank you, Thank You

I would like to thank our church family and all who contributed in some way to the fundraiser for the Pencil Tree. We have raised a total of \$1318.00. Fantastic effort everyone.

Stevie Bellamy says that is 3 and a half children taken from the slums in India and put through school for a year.

Praise be to God. 🙏

From Julie Pine









### Faithfulness in Service Postponed

The "Faithfulness in Service" training day scheduled for tomorrow, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>, has been postponed until further notice. The Parish is praying for Leonie Wells at this time and giving thanks for the life and longstanding contribution of her late husband, John.

# 60th Birthday Celebrations

In early December the Parish will take some time to look back in time to the early days of the Parish when it was founded 60 years ago, in 1965. The editors of HIGHER are working to gather memories of Parish life. If you have memories or insights into the life of the Parish, especially since 1987 when the current history books end, please put it in an email and send it to office@apok.org.au

### **Christmas Market Planning**

The Christmas Market planning group will meet in the Parish Hall after church next Sunday. In the meanwhile don't forget to keep selling those raffle tickets and get the stubs (and takings) back to Raewyn.





"We want to invite you to join us in the **Elijah House Transforming Hearts Seminar -** A one-day event for every believer no matter your age or stage of life

Elijah House Ministries Australia presents



Saturday 1 November, 2025

9am - 5pm

Hosted by



56 Caloola Drive, Tweed Heads

#### Cost \$75

Morning & Afternoon Tea Provided
Please BYO lunch or support a local food outlet
Parking Available

email info@elijahhouse.com.au for more information





Keynote Speaker:

Debbie Ferris

Elijah House National Director

#### Sessions Cover

- Identifying Bitter Roots, Inner Vows & Foundational Lies
- How We See God
- Honour
- Forgiveness
- Walking Out Your Freedom

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"You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others" Matthew 5:14-15

# Games — Food — Worship

For students Years 3 - 8 in the Tweed / Banora community Venue: Pacific Coast Christian School Hall Hosted by the Pacific Group of Christian Schools and Combined Churches



# SPIRITUAL GYM

For our next Spiritual Gym we will be remembering our departed loved ones.



Sunday, 2 November 2025 4.30pm Refreshments | 5.00pm Service Mahers Lane Chapel | All Welcome



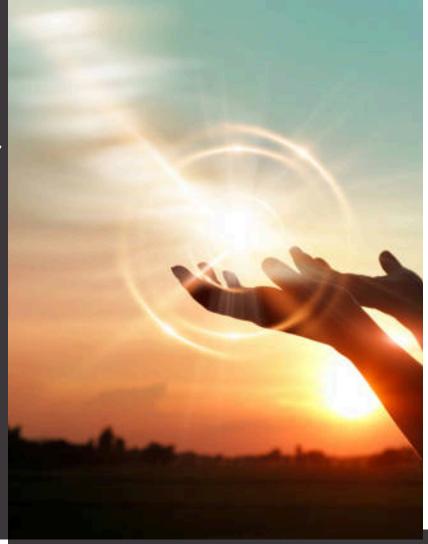
# Prayer of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, give to us the increase of faith, hope and love;

and, that we may obtain what you promise,

make us to love what you command:

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.

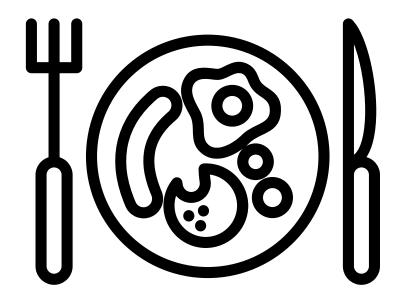
# Parish Food Ministry

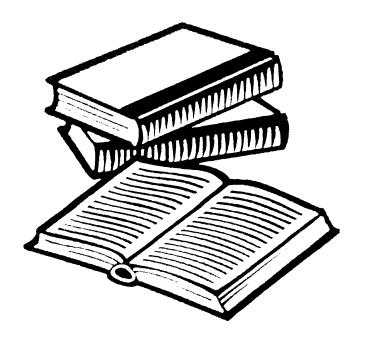
The Parish would like to thank all who helped distribute the meals through the Food Ministry this week, add both St Marks and St James. Well done all for keeping this vital long running ministry alive.

St James - 52 meals

St Marks - 27 meals

Praise be to God!





# Sunday Worship Readings

**Sunday 26 October 2025** 

<u>Kingscliff</u>

Joel 2.23-32

Psalm 65

2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18

Luke 18.15-30

**Pottsville** 

Genesis 1:20-25

Psalm 148

Matthew 11:25-30

### **Sunday 2 November 2025**

Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4

Psalm 119.137-144

2 Thessalonians 1.1-4, 11-12

Luke 19.1-10

### **Service Schedule**

St James

Sunday 26 October 2025

8.30am

Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu

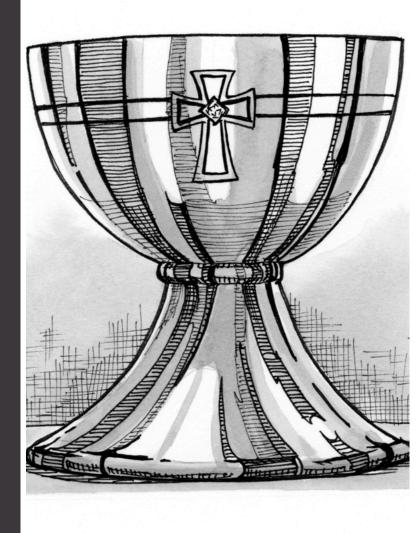
St Marks

Sunday 26 October 2025

10.30am

Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu





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### Parish Calendar for October/ November 2025

### Mondays

- U3A Art Group St Mark's Pottsville, 9:00am–12:00pm
- Bible Study St James Parish Hall, 2:00pm-4:00pm
- Evening Prayer St James Kingscliff, 5:15pm–5:30pm

### Tuesdays

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

#### Wednesdays

- Holy Communion/Eucharist St James Kingscliff, 10:00am
- 'Lectio Divina' (Holy Reading of the Bible) St James Kingscliff, 11:30am
- · Bible Study (fortnightly) -St Mark's Pottsville, 10.00am
- Meditation (in person) St James Kingscliff, 4:00pm & Via Zoom

#### Zoom link

Meeting ID: 891 8478 4092 | Passcode: 516345

• Evening Prayer - St James Kingscliff, 5:15pm-5:30pm

### Thursdays

- Ladies Craft Group St Mark's Pottsville, 9:00am-12:00pm
- Meal Handout St James Kingscliff, 11:00am–1:00pm
- AA Meeting St Mark's Pottsville, 6:00pm
- Men's Bible Study 6:30pm, Mike Sainsbury's Home, 5 Vulcan street, Kingscliff Contact: Jason 0406 450 056
- Evening Prayer St James Kingscliff, 5:15pm–5:30pm

### Fridays

- Sing to Connect Choir St James Kingscliff, 9:30-10:45am
- Making Marks Art Group St James Kingscliff, 1:00pm–4:00pm

### Saturdays

- Community Garden Club St Mark's Pottsville, 9:00am-11:00am
  - Seven-Day Adventist Church at St Mark's, 9.00am -1.00pm
  - BCP Healing Service at St James Kingscliff, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 5pm

### Sundays

- Holy Communion/Eucharist
- St James Kingscliff, 8:30am
- St Mark's Pottsville, 10:30am
- Contemporary Service, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of the Month at St James at 5pm.

### Upcoming Events

**Ecumenical Men's Breakfast** - Saturday 1 November at 8 am at St. James Parish Hall **Spiritual Gym** -2 November at 4:30 pm at Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School Chapel **Parish Council Meeting** -12 November at 5:30 pm at St. James

Parish Market Day -22 November at St James Parish Grounds

Parish 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations -3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025