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“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.

Lest We Forget

Letter from Constantine

Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ

“You Are Gods, Children of the Most High” (Psalm 82:6)– A Message of Identity and Hope

There’s a scene in Peter Pan where Peter is asked how he can fly. He smiles and says, “Think lovely thoughts, and you’ll fly.” This week, I want to offer you a truly lovely thought – one more powerful than fairy dust: *you are a child of God*.

Imagine how our lives, our families, our parish, our society, and our world might change if we really believed this – even a little more each day.

This truth isn’t about what we wear, how we look, where we live, or what we achieve. It goes deeper than our bank balance, popularity, or possessions. It’s the truth that we are made in the image of God (*cf. Genesis 1:26-27*).

As Etty Hillesum wrote during the darkness of World War II, there is a “well, ‘a garden, a mansion’ deep within each of us – and there, God dwells. Sometimes it gets covered by stones of worry, fear, or doubt, and God is hidden. Then God must be dug out again.”

The truth is that God never leaves us, no matter what we’re going through in life. We simply need to uncover that well of God’s abiding presence again and again.

Try this simple practice each morning when you wake up: *“I am a child of God, and something beautiful is happening in my life right now.”*

This small act of faith helps us rise above negativity and remember who we truly are.

The mystic Elizabeth of the Trinity said, “I have found heaven on earth since heaven is God and God is in my soul.” Heaven isn’t far away – it’s as close as your next breath, actually closer to us that we are to ourselves.

God’s presence is found not only within us but also in our friendships, acts of kindness, laughter, learning, nature, every person we meet, and in the gift of community.

So when someone asks how you keep going with joy and hope, perhaps you can smile, like Peter Pan, and say: *“I think lovely thoughts.”*

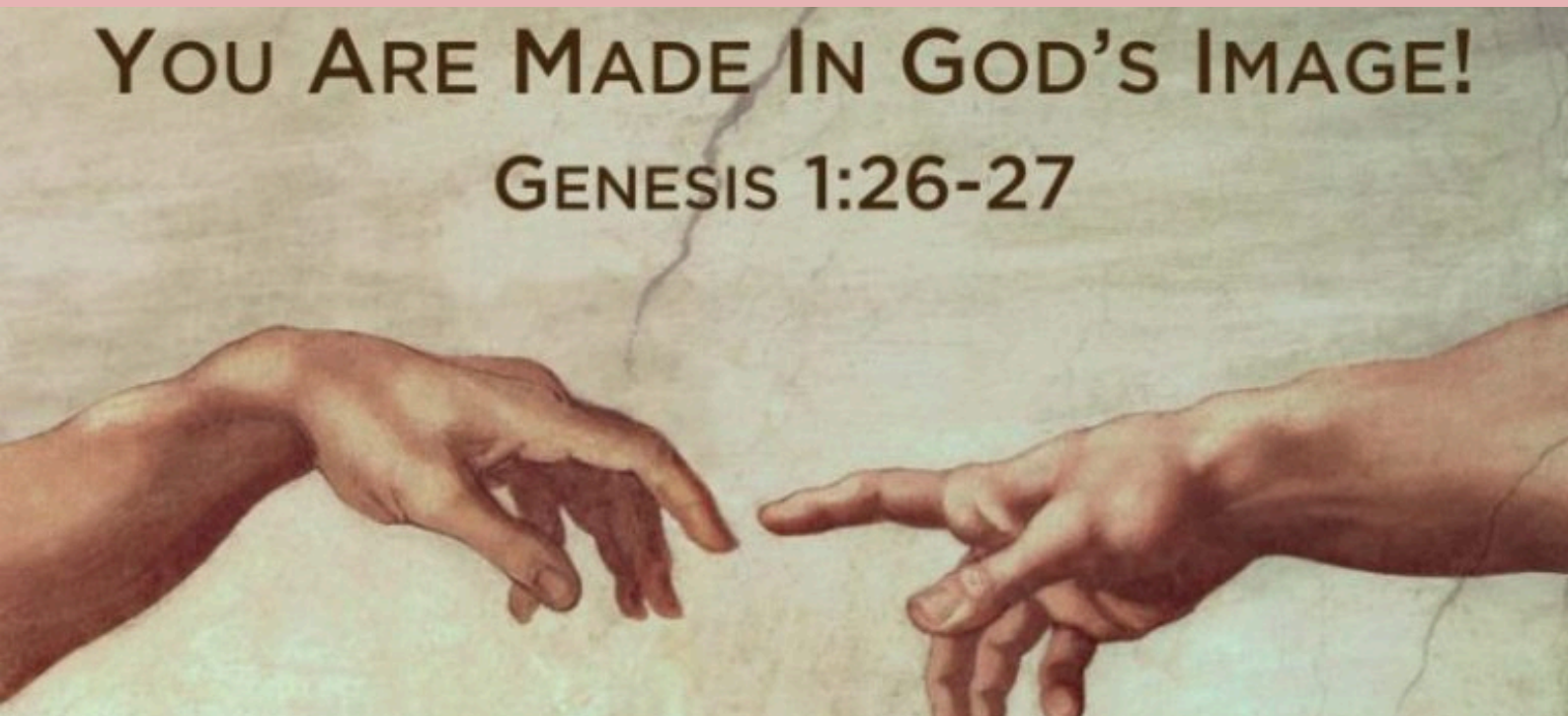
And what lovelier thought is there than this? *“We are gods, children of the Most High.”*

May God bless you and bless you kindly.

In Christ,

Constantine

YOU ARE MADE IN GOD’S IMAGE!
GENESIS 1:26-27



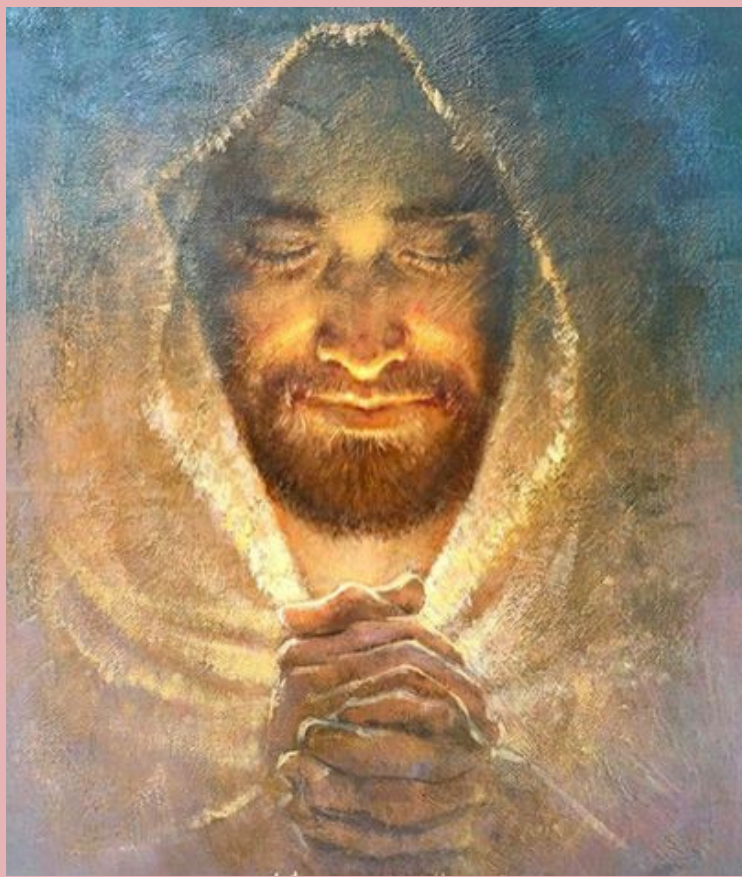
Created for Service by St John Henry Newman, Doctor of the Church

“God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.

He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments.

Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about.”

Amen.



Lest We Forget

We all know that the 11th of November is a solemn day when we remember the sacrifices made by those who have fought to defend our country, and our friends and allies overseas. Remembrance or Armistice Day marks the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that brought the Great War (1914 – 18) to an end, and restored peace in Europe (for a while, at least). Nobody likes war, or wants to glorify it, but we owe gratitude to those who put their lives on the line for the sake of others. When we gather to worship this week we will honour those who gave their lives and pray, in Christ's name, that no future generations will have to pay such a price.

Lest We Forget



Can You Contribute to the Parish History?

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Jason is compiling a brief Parish History for the Birthday celebration events in early December. Any parishioner with knowledge of any period or episode in the life of the Parish deserving of inclusion should speak to Jason about it, or send an email to the Parish Office with the information. In particular, there is a history somewhere written by Barry Chambers. If anyone has a copy please share it with Jason.

Also, Rev. Constantine is gathering historical photos for display so if you have any good ones please let him know.



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Cake Stall for the Xmas Market

Thank you to all of you who are providing home baking to our Cake Stall.

Xmas Cakes, Puddings, Biscuits, Slices, confectionary will be wonderful. If you prefer baking other cakes, slices, biscuits, jams and pickles we will be delighted.

Could you please wrap your items attractively in cellophane secured with a colourful ribbon. Kim and I will be at the Church Hall from 10.30am to 12.30pm on Friday, 21st Nov to receive and price your baking. If this time doesn't suit you, please let me know.

We are grateful for your delicious contribution.
Many Thanks,

Marg Dephof



Christmas Cake Stall Calling for Bakers!

St James' famous Christmas Cake Stall is at the heart of our "Bigger-than-Ben Hur" Christmas Market on Nov 22. The familiar banners promoting the stall - visible to passersby on Marine Pde - went up this week. Traditionally, locals line up early and all cakes, biscuits, shortbreads, etc are sold out by 9.30 am.

If you are a baker, now is the time to put your hand up and let us know how many Christmas puddings, shortbread pastries, and other delicious treats you can create before Nov 22. Please contact Marg or Kim.



Baked Goods Labelling

It's important that the ingredients of all goods sold are displayed. Could all bakers label their own products with either a handwritten stick-on label, or on a piece of paper taped to the bottom or side of the goods. There are some blank labels in the parish office if required.

Contemporary Worship Service on Nov 9

Yes, another month has past, and we would love to invite you again to the Contemporary Service at St. James this Sun, Nov 9th from 5pm. Great music, relevant teaching, by Rev. Lindsay Mullholland from Lindisfarne, as well as awesome fellowship. Hope to see you. PS Our theme is HOPE. It's a good opportunity to invite some friends.

Also, you are welcome to join us for dinner after at the Kingscliff Pub.

Christmas Play

A new Christmas Play is being written as we speak. The performance will take place at St James at 5.30 pm on Christmas Eve. As always, the Play ends with audience participation : the singing of Carols ahead of the Christmas and Family Service at 6 pm.

New Soup Kitchen Launch Date

Due to multiple unforeseen scheduling conflicts the Parish Soup Kitchen launch date has been deferred until a week after the Christmas Market on Nov 22. The new launch date is Mon December 1st.

The first meal to be offered will be a tasty lasagne with Mediterranean salad. Please spread the word to those who might appreciate a free meal with others in the community. Flyers which can be shared with potential diners are available in the Foyer



Remember the Triathlon

Speaking of remembrance, please remember that Sunday 16th is the Kingscliff Triathlon so parking will be at a premium around St James. Please leave early and be prepared to walk a bit further than usual.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday 24 December

- 5.30pm Christmas Play with Carols at St James
Kingscliff followed by
- 6.00pm Family and Children's Service including
the decoration of the Christmas Tree
- 11pm Christmas Vigil Service with Carols
at St James Kingscliff

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday 25 December

- 8.30am Holy Communion Service
at St James Kingscliff
- 9.30am Holy Communion Service
at St Mark's Pottsville



Monday Soup Kitchen

*6:00 pm Monday every week
from December 1*



Free Community Meal Served with LOVE
St James Church Hall, Kingscliff
All Welcome!

Prayer of the Week

Blessed Lord,
you have caused all holy
Scriptures to be written for our
learning:
grant that we may so hear
them, read, mark, learn and
inwardly digest them,
that, by patience and the
comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and ever
hold fast the blessed hope of
everlasting life,
which you have given us in our
Saviour Jesus Christ.
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.

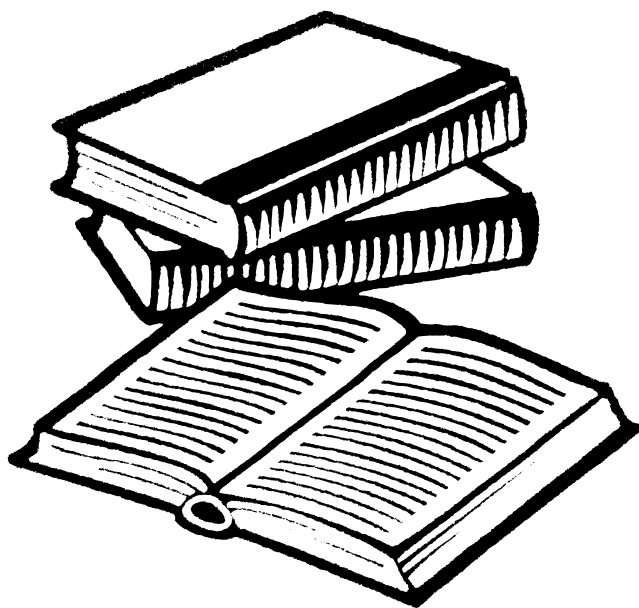
Parish Food Ministry

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 - 29 meals

St Marks - 72 meals

Praise be to God!



Sunday Worship Readings

Sunday 9 November 2025

Haggai 1. v15 - 2v - 9

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 2 v1-5, 13-17

Luke 20 v27 - 40

Sunday 16 November 2025

Isaiah 65 v17-25

Psalm Song of Isaiah (APBA p 391)

2 Thessalonians 3 v 6-13

Luke 21 v 5-19

Service Schedule

St James

Sunday 9 November 2025

8.30am

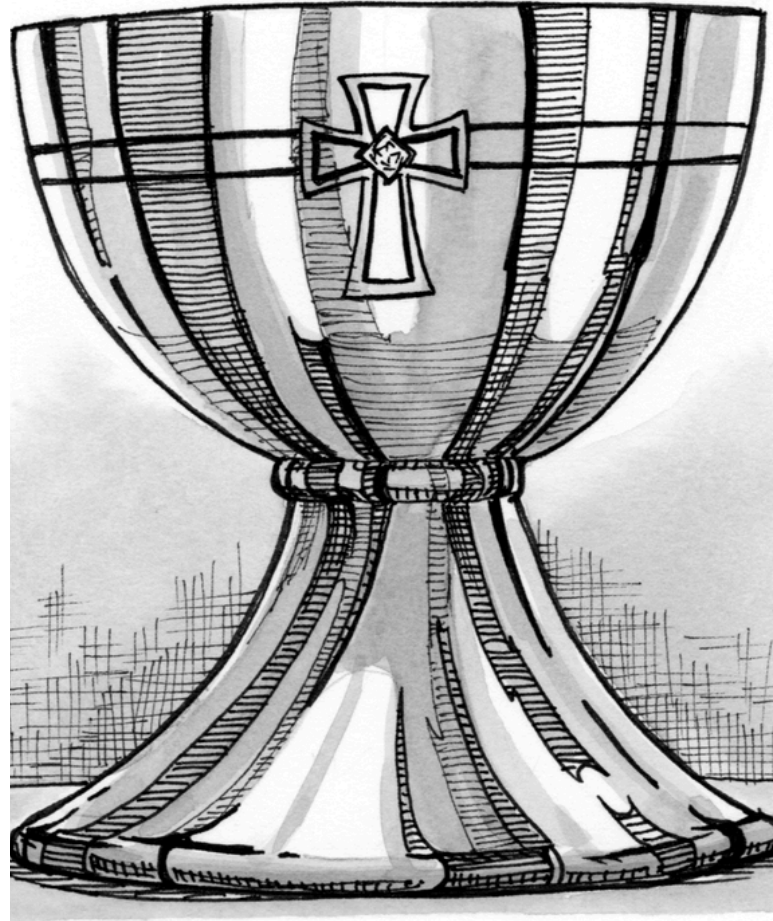
Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu

St Marks

Sunday 9 November 2025

10.30am

Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu



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Parish Calendar for 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, 1st Saturday of the month at 5pm

● Sundays

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

📌 Upcoming Events

Contemporary Worship Service -Sunday, 9 November at 5pm at St James.

Parish Council Meeting -Wednesday, 12 November at 5:30 pm at St. James.

Parish Market Day - Saturday, 22 November at St James Parish Grounds.

Parish 60th Anniversary Celebrations -3rd and 5th December 2025.