

ANGLICAN PARISH OF KINGSCLIFF  
BULLETIN

# 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.

## New Life

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.

# Letter from Constantine

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

## **The Death of My Mother, Matilda Osuchukwu**

It is with deep sorrow that I share the news of the death of my beloved mother, Matilda Osuchukwu, who went home to the Lord last Monday (Abuja time) after a long and courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Our hearts are heavy, yet we rest in the loving will of Almighty God. I am profoundly grateful for your prayers and words of condolence. Please continue to join us in praying for the repose of her gentle soul.

## **Remembrance Day Service – 11 November 2025**

It was a great honour to lead the prayers for the Kingscliff Branch RSL Remembrance Day Service. We thank God for the freedom we enjoy in Australia and for all who have given their lives in the cause of peace, freedom, and justice—in times of both war and peace.

We give thanks for our veterans and all who serve today. Above all, we thank God for Jesus Christ our Lord, who laid down His life so that we might know the ultimate freedom of eternal life and peace.

## **Parish Market Day – Saturday, 22 November**

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who has worked so diligently in preparing for our Parish Christmas Market Day on Saturday, 22 November. We pray for good weather and that God will bless all our efforts with joy and fruitfulness.

## **Vale *Nancy Allen***

Our beloved and long-standing parishioner, Nancy Allen, was called home to the Lord last Tuesday. We give thanks for her faithful life of Christian service and love. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for God's comfort upon her family.

Her funeral will be held at **St James, Friday 21 November at 1.00 pm**. All are warmly welcome.

## **Hope Walk #2 for Indigenous Education – Wednesday, 3 December**

As part of our ongoing commitment to Indigenous education and reconciliation, Nick Johnstone and Stuart Marquardt—Principals of Toowoomba Anglican School and Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School—will join us and Lindisfarne students for a Hope Walk from St James, Kingscliff to St Mark's, Pottsville.

This walk raises both awareness and funds to support an Indigenous student to attend Toowoomba Anglican School. Please join us for all or part of the walk, and for **Evening Prayer and a Community BBQ at 5.30 pm** in St Mark's Community Garden, Pottsville.

## **Baptism of Liam Smith on Sunday, 23 November**

We rejoice that Liam Smith will be baptized during our 8.30 am Holy Communion Service next Sunday, 23 November 2025. Please uphold him and his family in your prayers as he begins his journey in Christ.

## **The Wisdom of Etty Hillesum**

“By coming to terms with life I mean this: the reality of death has become a definite part of my life; my life has, so to speak, been extended by death—by looking it in the eye and accepting it. By excluding death from our life we cannot live fully, but by admitting death we enlarge and enrich life.”

May we, too, embrace life in its fullness—free from fear and anchored in the love of Christ. May our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave His life that we might have abundant life, grant peace, light, and rest to all who have departed this life in faith.

God loves you all, and so do I.

In Christ,

*Constantine*

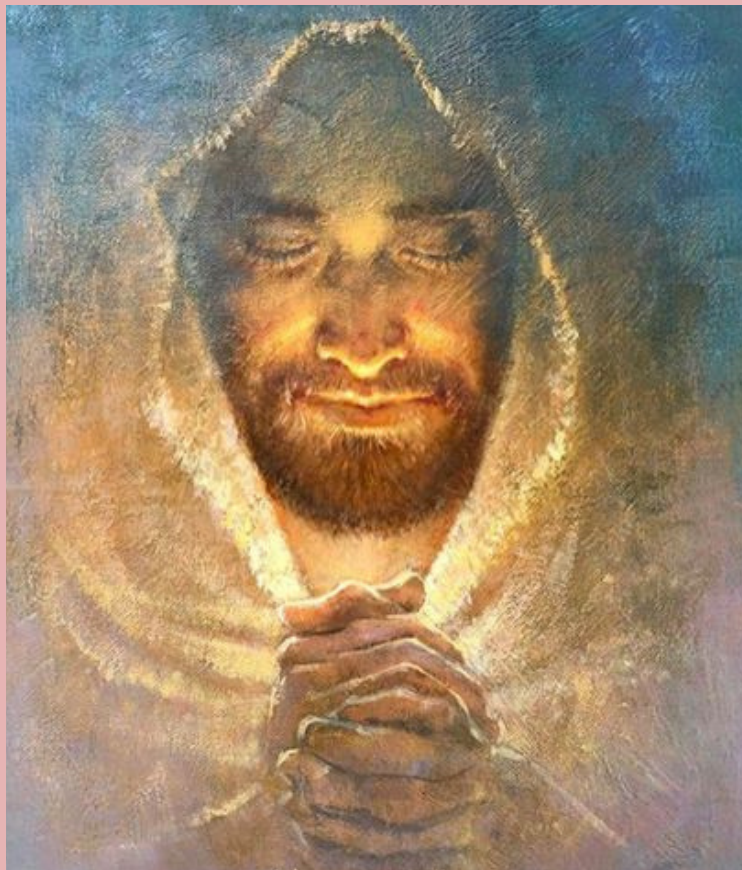
# Prayer of Abandonment

Father,  
I abandon myself into your hands;  
do with me what you will.  
Whatever you may do, I thank you:  
I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only your will be done in me,  
and in all your creatures -  
I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul:  
I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,  
for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself,  
to surrender myself into your hands without reserve,  
and with boundless confidence,  
for you are my Father. Amen.

*~Charles de Foucauld*





# Remembrance Day

As the nation paused for a minute's silence at 11 am on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month 2025, local veterans and their families gathered at the War Memorial in Rowan Robinson Park, Kingscliff to remember the fallen. With speeches honouring the memory of those who lost their lives, both in active service and in military training, the solemn occasion took place on a brilliant sunny day in stark contrast to the horrors of war. Rev. Constantine contributed to the moving service by leading prayer for those who serve, and that we might "suffer war no more".

Lest We Forget.



# Nancy Allen Funeral Friday 21st

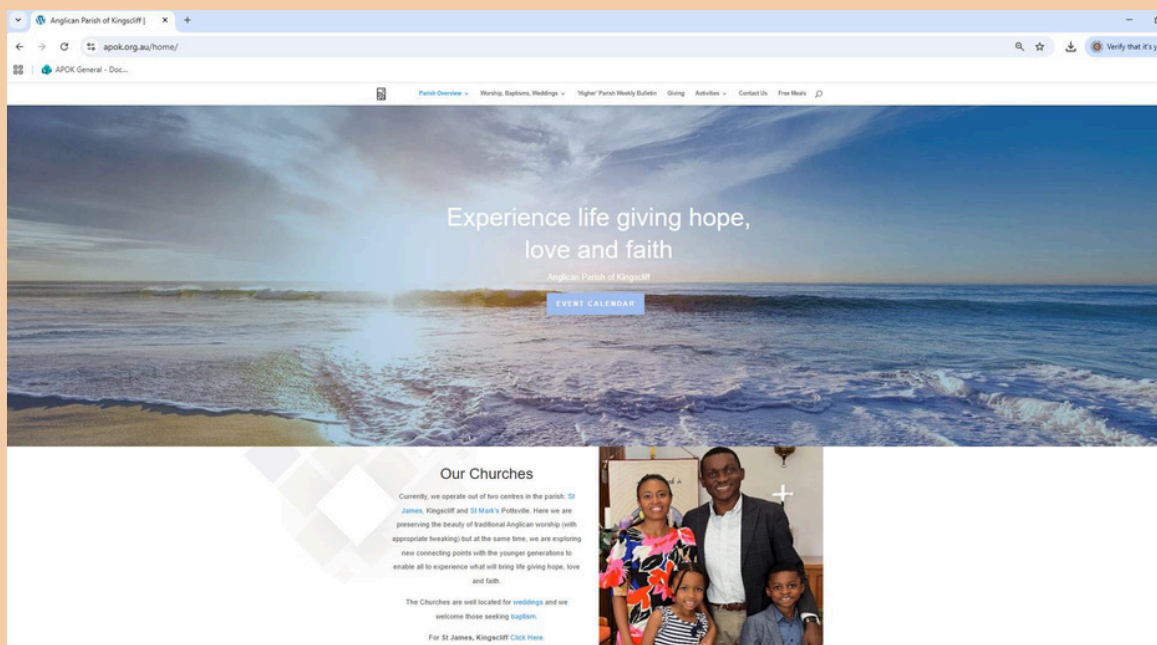
The funeral of Nancy Allen will be held at St James on Friday 21 at 1pm, led by Rev. Graeme Hodgkinson.

Nancy was a long-term parishioner who, together with her husband Bill, was an active contributor to many ministries of the Parish. Nancy was renowned for bringing delicious platters of food to 'Messy Church' and sharing the fruit of the soil she grew, such as sweet potatoes and mandarins.

All who knew her, or wish to celebrate her life, are invited to attend.

## Parish Website: [apok.org.au](http://apok.org.au)

The Parish Website is being updated by that assiduous advocate of advances in APOK announcements, advertising and other communications, Peter ("The Pottsville Potter") Pine. Visitors to the refreshed site will notice not only that our upcoming events are being promoted, but also our new vision statement: *By 2032, we will be a Christ-centred, thriving community – welcoming to all.* And mission statement: *Enabled by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to sharing Christ's message to positively impact our community.*





# Only 7 Sleeps More! Christmas Market Preparations Gearing Up

The excitement is palpable: with a week to go before the big day, the Parish Hall is a hive of activity as preparations for the Christmas Market come together.

A brief meeting will be held in the Parish Hall after Church on Sunday too ensure we are all well prepared logistically and for the day. All raffle ticket money and Stubbs need to be at the church no later than Thursday 20th Nov. If anyone needs collection, we can arrange that. Ph Raewyn 0419423742 if needed. Finally, a reminder for all bakers and cooks to get busy this week for the cake stall. Deliveries accepted 10.30a to 12.30p, Friday 21<sup>st</sup>.



## Constantine's Family Trip to NZ

Our hardworking Rector, Rev. Constantine, will be travelling to NZ this week, to represent Lindisfarne Grammar at an international conference dedicated to achieving Reconciliation with indigenous peoples. Constantine will be accompanied by his wife Faith and their children, with the aim of squeezing in a family holiday in the evenings, once each day's work is done. As Constantine grieves the passing of his dear Mum, and celebrates the imminent arrival of a new addition to the family, the whole Parish prays this trip will enrich and refresh him, and the whole family. Amen.



# New Soup Kitchen Start Date

The new Soup Kitchen start date is Dec 1. Posters and flyers are being distributed to promote the date. All volunteers are asked to attend a meeting at 9.45 am (after Church ) on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>. The meeting is to provide basic food handling safety training, discuss meal planning procedures, and to allocate roles and rosters.





# Men's Breakfast

The latest Men's Breakfast took place at St James on Sat 1<sup>st</sup> November with Father Paul of St Anthony's in the "hot seat", speaking about his life of ministry in the Catholic Church. Speaking of the many positions he'd been appointed to, during his long life of service, the 20 or so men who gathered to enjoy bacon and eggs provided by our efficient (and ecumenical) team of breakfast cooks left both nourished and edified by what they heard.





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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

Almighty God,  
whose sovereign purpose none  
can make void:  
give us faith to be steadfast  
amid the tumults of this world,  
knowing that your kingdom  
shall come and your will be  
done,  
to your eternal glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
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.



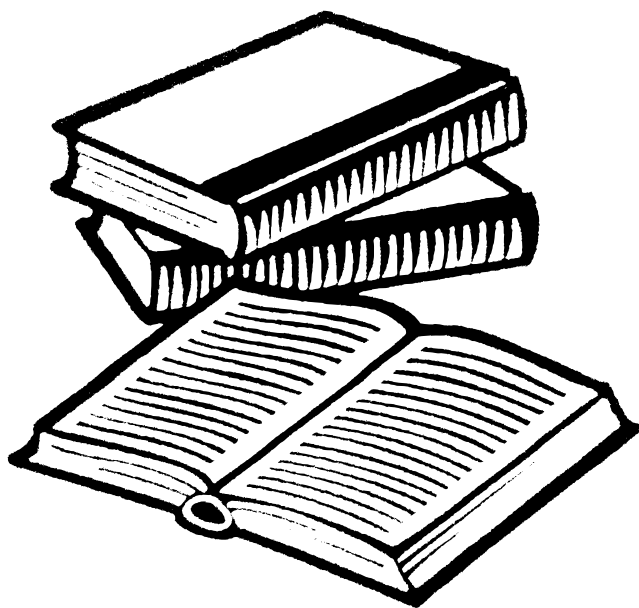
# Parish Food Ministry

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 - 93 meals

St Marks - 12 meals

Praise be to God!



## Sunday Worship Readings

### Sunday 16 November 2025

Isaiah 65 v17-25

Psalms Song of Isaiah (APBA p 391)

2 Thessalonians 3 v 6-13

Luke 21 v 5-19

### Sunday 23 November 2025

#### Kingscliff

Jeremiah 23 v1-6

Psalms 46

Matthew 28 18-20

#### Pottsville

Jeremiah 23 v1-6

Song of Zechariah (APBA p10)

Colossians 1v 11-20

Luke 23 v33-43



# Service Schedule

## St James

**Sunday 16 November 2025**

8.30am

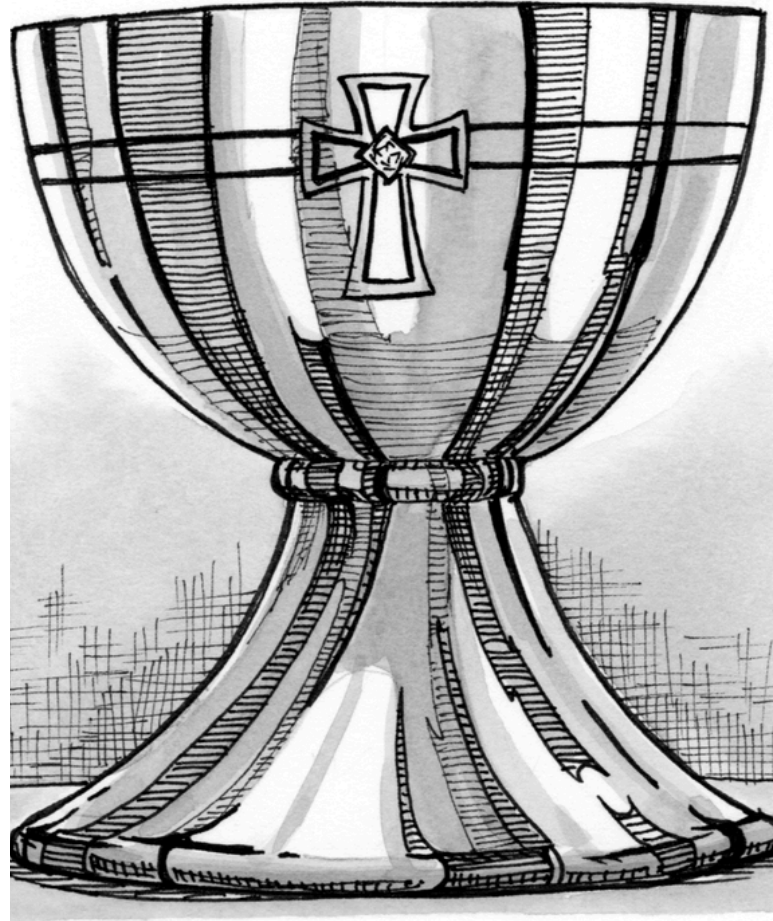
Rev. Graeme Hodgkinson

## St Marks

**Sunday 16 November 2025**

10.30am

Rev. Graeme Hodgkinson



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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, 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

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

**Baptism of Liam Smith** -Sunday, 23 November at 8.30am.

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

**Parish Council Meeting** -Wednesday, 10 December at 5:30 pm at St. Marks.