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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.

Feasting

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

Thanksgiving, Journey Mercies, and New Year Blessings

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“Surely God’s goodness and mercy shall pursue us all the days of our lives...” (cf. Psalm 23)

I arrived safely in Nigeria last Wednesday and have begun preparations for my mother’s funeral service, which will take place on Wednesday, 14th January 2026. It has been a grace-filled experience to reconnect with extended family and rediscover my roots and cultural practice.

Thank you sincerely for your prayers and practical support. They mean so much to us at this time. May the Lord bless and reward you abundantly, in ways only He can.

On another note, I trust that the New Year has begun well for you. I pray that it brings us God’s richest blessings in every aspect of our lives. As with every year, there will be moments of joy and sorrow, as well as challenges and uncertainties. Yet, it is important for us to remember that the Lord goes ahead of us, and that His goodness and mercy will pursue us throughout the days and months ahead.

All that God asks of us is that we learn to trust in His loving plans and purposes, and to accept whatever He permits in our lives. As an old prayer reminds us:

“Lord, help me to remember that there is nothing that will happen to me today which, together with You, I cannot handle.” I look forward to seeing you again upon my return on the 25th of January. In the meantime, may the Lord bless you and grant you good health, peace, joy, and hope.

In Christ,

Constantine

THE YEAR AS A HOUSE

Think of the year
as a house:
door flung wide
in welcome,
threshold swept
and waiting,
a graced spaciousness
opening and offering itself
to you.

Let it be blessed
in every room.
Let it be hallowed
in every corner.
Let every nook
be a refuge
and every object
set to holy use.

Let it be here
that safety will rest.
Let it be here
that health will make its home.
Let it be here
that peace will show its face.
Let it be here
that love will find its way.

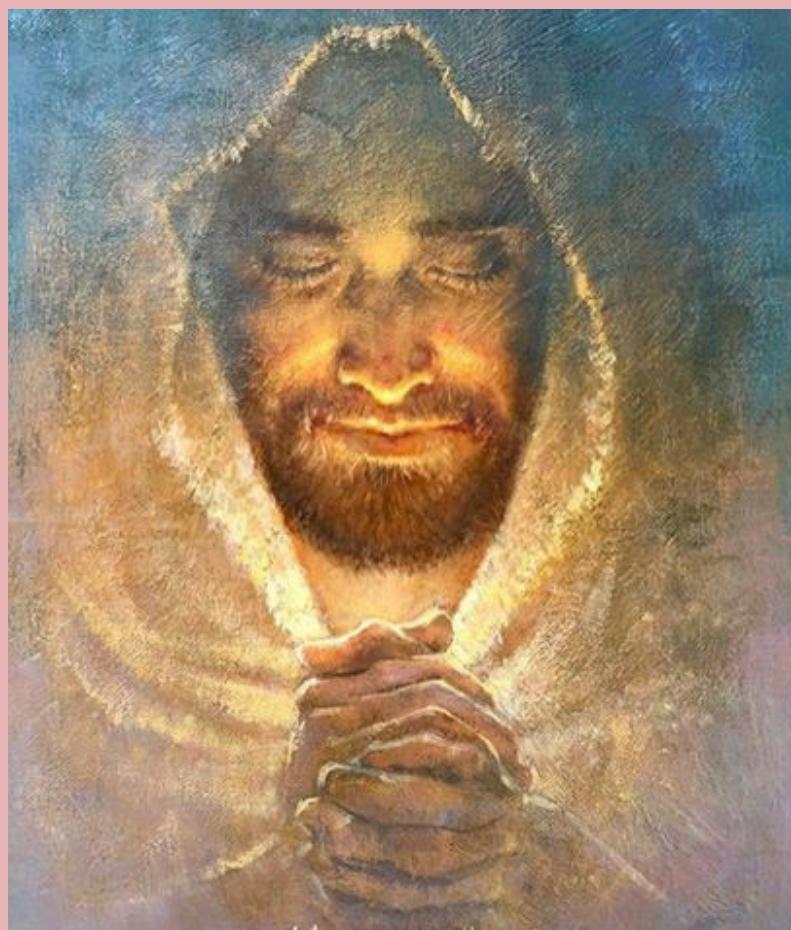
Here
let the weary come
let the aching come
let the lost come
let the sorrowing come.

Here
let them find their rest
and let them find their soothing
and let them find their place
and let them find their delight.

And may it be
in this house of a year
that the seasons will spin in beauty,
and may it be
in these turning days
that time will spiral with joy.

And may it be
that its rooms will fill
with ordinary grace
and light spill from every window
to welcome the stranger home.

—Jan Richardson
from *How the Stars Get in Your Bones: A Book of Blessings*.



Meet the APOKALYPSE Crew

A script without a production is just words on a bit of paper. Turning a script into a performance requires the skill of those dedicated crewmembers who work “behind the scenes” to make sure that “the show will go on” rail, hail or shine!

Introducing the “unsung heroes”, the rock-steady crew behind the APOKALYPSE productions at St James over the last few years

Wardrobe Mistress

Audio Technician/Foley Artist

Stage Manager

Stage Hand

Adrienne Freckleton

Mike Sainsbury

Liz Thomas

Laurie

The show wouldn't go on without them!







Pork on the Fork at Soup Kitchen

One of the many great things about being a Christian is that pork is not struck from the menu (and nor are ham, bacon or even pigs trotters, for that matter). Next Monday local chef extraordinaire, Mike Sainsbury, will serve his signature roast pork dish to all comers at the Soup Kitchen. Well-known to members of the Thursday Bible Study Group, Mike's roast pork is not to be missed – a message we hope will be shared with the wider community as we seek to expand our welcome to more guests.

Soup Kitchen January Menu

The Christian Calendar includes many feast days (e.g. Christmas, Easter, Pentecost) as well as times of fasting (Lent), to keep things in balance. In our parish, it now seems that every Monday is a feast day with delicious meals for all being rolled out once a week.

With no shortage of volunteer chefs coming forward to cook, the menu for January has taken shape as follows:

Monday 5th Jan – Pea and Ham Soup (Adrienne F.)

Monday 12th Jan – Roast Pork and Vegetables (Mike and Kaz S.)

Monday 19th Jan – Pasta Bake (or Lasagna) and Salad (Raewyn and Geoff)

Australia Day, Mon 26th – Beef Burgers and Snag Sangers (Huck)

The 2026 Soup Kitchen Roster will start in Feb.

"New Beginnings" at Contemporary Service

Fans of the Monthly Contemporary Service will be delighted to learn that as well as the great music and relaxed atmosphere, this Sunday, Richard Curtin will speak on the theme of "New Beginnings". Be there or be a trapezoid!

Monday Soup Kitchen

On the Menu - January 12th, 2026



Roast Pork with Vegetables

Free Community Meal Served with LOVE

St James Anglican Church 122 Marine Pde/ Pearl St

Dining Room Opens, 6 pm.
All Welcome!

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God,
who anointed Jesus at his
baptism with the Holy Spirit
and revealed him as your
beloved Son:
inspire us, your children,
who are born again of water
and the Spirit,
to surrender our lives to your
service,
that we may rejoice to be
called your children;
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

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Account Name: Anglican Parish of
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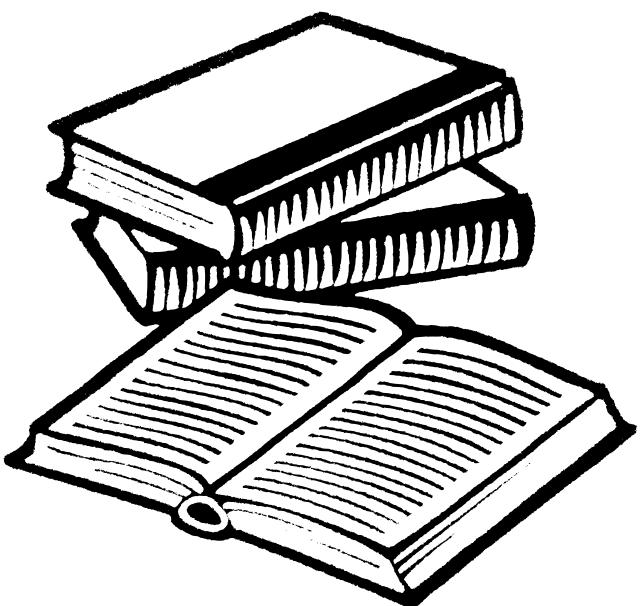
Parish Food Ministry

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 - 9 meals

St Marks - 3 meals

Praise be to God!



Sunday Worship Readings

Sunday 11 January 2026

Isaiah 42 v 1-9

Psalm 29

Acts 10 v 34-43

Matthew 3 v 13-17

Sunday 18 January 2026

Isaiah 49 v 1-7

Psalm 40 v 1-14

1 Corinthians 1 v 1-9

John 1 v 29-42

Service Schedule

St James @ 8.30am

Sunday 11 January 2026

Officiant & Preacher:

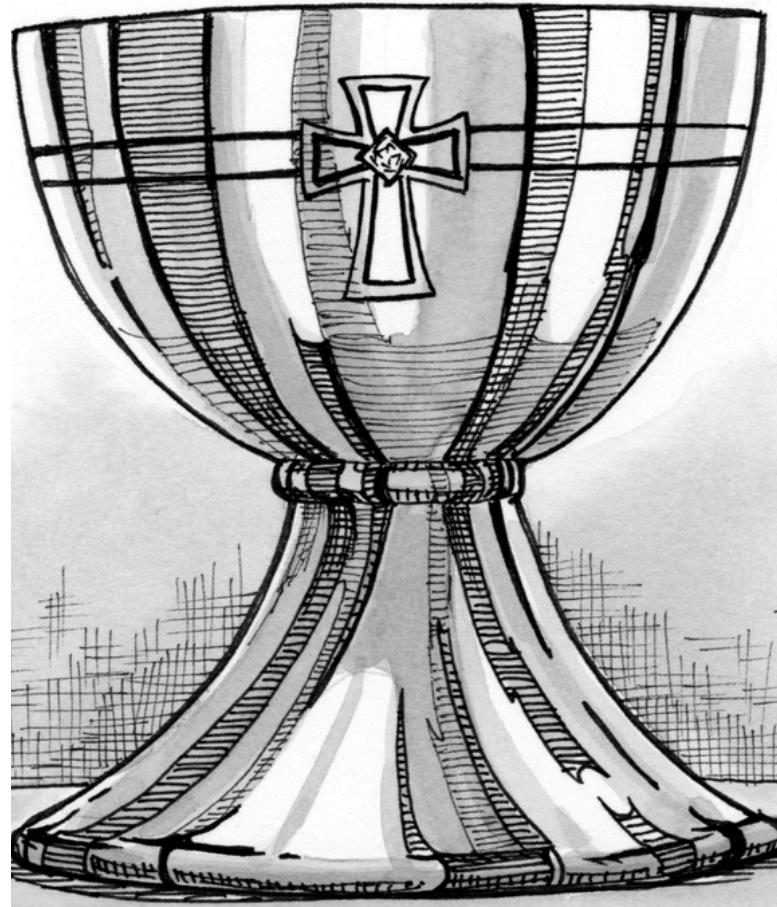
Rev. Graeme Hodgkinson

St Marks @ 10.30am

Sunday 4 January 2026

Officiant & Preacher:

Rev. Graeme Hodgkinson



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Parish Calendar for January 2026

● Mondays

- U3A Art Group – St Mark’s Pottsville, 9:00am–12:00pm
- *Evening Prayer – St James Kingscliff, 5:15pm–5:30pm*

● Tuesdays

- Meal Handout – St Mark’s Pottsville 11:00am–1:00pm
- AA Meeting – St James Kingscliff, 7:30pm
- Pottsville Community Association – Last Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm

● Wednesdays

- **No Mid-week Services** for the rest of December and all of January 2026.

● 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

● Fridays

- **Activities resume in Feb 2026**

● Saturdays

- Community Garden Club – St Mark’s Pottsville, 9:00am–11:00am
- Seven-Day Adventist Church at St Mark’s, 9.00am -1.00pm

● Sundays

- *Holy Communion/Eucharist*
– St James Kingscliff, 8:30am
- St Mark’s Pottsville, 10:30am
- Contemporary Service, 5pm

---*Contemporary Service*, 2nd Sundays of the Month at St James at 5pm.

📌 Upcoming Events:

- **Next Contemporary Service** is on Sunday, 11 January 2026 at 5pm at St James.