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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.

**Unity in
Synodality**

Letter from Constantine

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

The Courage to Be Saints

On the Feast of St Peter and St Paul, we celebrate two very different people whom God transformed into great saints.

Peter, the impulsive fisherman who denied Jesus, became the rock upon which Christ built his Church. Paul, once a persecutor of Christians, encountered the risen Lord and became the Church's greatest missionary. Their lives remind us that holiness is not about perfection—it is about saying "yes" to God's grace.

A beautiful Jewish story tells of Rabbi Yehuda, who dreamt he stood before the gates of heaven. As the names of those entering God's kingdom were read, he never heard his own.

The angel explained that many people never recognise their "true name" because they have never discovered who God created them to be. The rabbi awoke praying, *"Lord, grant that before I die, I may hear my own true name."*

That prayer is ours as well. Have we heard our true name? Have we embraced the unique vocation God has given us? The Church honours saints from every culture, personality, and background because there is no single pattern of holiness. Peter and Paul were different in temperament, gifts, and mission, yet both allowed Christ to shape their lives completely.

As St Catherine of Siena wrote, "Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire." Our world is longing for courageous disciples whose lives reflect God's love, mercy, justice, and hope. In an increasingly fragmented and divided world, we need the courage to be saints -witnesses of communion, fraternity, love, and peace.

May the example of St Peter and St Paul inspire us not simply to admire the saints, but to become saints ourselves, trusting that God can do extraordinary things through ordinary people like you and I.

Be assured of my prayers for you and all those you love, and please don't forget to pray for me and mine.

Blessings

Constantine



A Prayer for Good Humour

by St. Thomas More

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest.

Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humor to maintain it.

Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.

Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "I."

Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour.

Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy,

And to be able to share it with others.

Amen.

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Synodality

Its Synod time again, when representatives of Parishes from all over the Diocese gather for a weekend to hear reports of the year gone by and consider the big issues shaping the year ahead. This year the Parish will be represented in Coffs Harbour from the Eucharist at St Johns this evening Fri 26th to Sun June 28th by the delegation of Rev Constantine, Warden Steven “Huck” Elworthy and Councillor Deb Clarke, who will also represent Cursillo at the event.

Synodality in the Anglican Church refers to the practice of governance and decision-making through synods, which are councils of bishops, clergy, and laity. It emphasizes the **full participation of all Christian disciples** in the life, worship, and mission of the church, including its governance. At Synod church seeks to heal divisions and preserve unity through processes of discernment, consultation, and deliberation. Synodality is characterized by its focus on inclusion, participation, and shared responsibility among all church members, as the Church lives out its mission as the body of Christ.

Free First Aid Training by Red Cross

The Red Cross is conducting Free First Aid Training in the Parish Hall on July 15th. Please register with Sandi (the manager of the Anglicare Community Hub in the Hall) if you would like to be part of this training. Spaces are limited so get in early.

Rev Graeme to Preach on Unifying Theme

Good news: more unity! In Rev. Constantine's absence, both services will be led by Rev. Graeme who, in recognition of their Feast Day on Monday 29th will be preaching on two giants of the Church, the Apostles Peter and Paul. Peter, one of Jesus' twelve apostles, is known as the "rock" upon which Christ built the Church, while Paul, initially a persecutor of Christians, was a leading theologian-missionary who spread the Gospel of salvation in Christ. Their joint celebration emphasizes their unity in faith and the sacrifice both made as martyrs for Christ.

Faithfulness in Service Training

Parishioners who contribute to Church ministries or activities must stay to date with their Faithfulness in Service training, which should be undertaken every three years. If you need to complete the training there is a course running at All Saints in Murwillumbah on Saturday 11th July.

The course runs from 9 am – 12 pm and covers important topics such as ethics, safety, and legal obligations of volunteers. To register please contact Kaz in the Parish Office by email at office@apok.org.au

Alpha Holy Spirit Day

As the Parish's first Alpha course in a while approaches its end, the event organizer Kaz is pleased to report that it has been a great success with parishioners from both centres as well as some new (and nearly-new) faces attending the sessions showing the popular video series hosted by Nikki Gumbel. The last session takes place on July 2nd.

Rotary's Community Outreach Announcement

The Rotary Club of Banora Tweed, in collaboration with the Chinderah & Surrounds People's Hub (and partnership with the Anglican Parish of Kingscliff) is delighted to announce the launch of two new events at St James, Kingscliff, on Fridays, commencing today Friday 26th June. Designed to boost community connections for older residents, the "Lunch Ladies" and "Breakfast Brothers" are two welcoming, meal-focused social groups created to foster community spirit, strengthen resilience, and encourage meaningful connections among residents in a spirit of togetherness.

All parishioners are invited to participate in these events, either as guest or helpers. The new partnership reflects a shared dedication to nurturing and caring for the community, with an open heart, providing simple yet impactful opportunities for people to connect. Sharing a meal opens the door to conversation, friendship and belonging. By working together, we can reach more people and offer a welcoming space for those seeking connection. *Starting in July, Lunch Ladies will meet on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month from 11:00am to 1:30pm, while Breakfast Brothers will meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 8:00am to 10:00am. NSW Services will be available in the Hall to guests unable to travel to their offices in Tweed Heads*

For further information or to express your interest in joining, please contact Coordinator Louanne King, of the Rotary Club of Banora Tweed, on 0406 853 908.

Mens' Breakfast Sat 4th July

A reminder to all men that the Ecumenical Men's Breakfast is on in the Parish Hall at St James from 8 am – 9.30 am St 4th July. Our guest speaker is the Parish priest of the Anglican Parish of Kyogle, Chibuzo Anene.

Pastoral Care Meeting

The Pastoral Care committee will meet at St James on July 11th at 11am or online if requested. Please advise Kaz of attendance.

How to contact Parish Admin

The Parish office is getting organised. Depending on the nature of your enquiry or information, please direct your communications to the correct contact address, using these emails.

office@apok.org.au - for all general church business

Editor@apok.org.au - for all submissions to and matters relating to Higher magazine.

Calendar@apok.org.au - for all calendar bookings (e.g. events internal and external that parishioners might attend) or changes to dates and times. This email also serves as a way of contacting new Admin Officer Kaz Sainsbury, and receiving information she has requested.

Prayer@apok.org.au - for any prayer requests to the Prayer Chain coordinated by Leonie Wells or Rev. Constantine

Treasurer@apok.org.au - for all finance related matters.

St Mark's Fence Completed

The programme of works at St Mark's is proceeding apace. The fence has now been completed.

HOLY BAPTISM

*Saturday 18 July at 11:00am
followed by morning tea
at St. James Anglican Church, Kingscliff, NSW*



Kenechukwu Patrick Osuchukwu

"I praise you, God, because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." (Psalm 139:14)

RSVP: Faith -0477 527 870; Constantine-0435 750 155

CURSILLO FIRE DAY

Kingscliff
Saturday 4th July
St James Church
122 Marine parade
Kingscliff

9:30am morning tea
for a 10:00am start

All welcome, invite your friends
Lunch \$10.00



DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2026

June

Friday/Sun 26-28 Synod in Coffs Harbour

July

Sat 11/7 Faithfulness in Service Workshop, All Saints

Murwillumbah 9am-12pm

Sun 12/7 Contemporary Worship Service at St James, 5pm

18/7 Tweed Network meeting, Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School 11.30am

25/7 Hope Walk for Hope Vale from Kingscliff to Pottsville, starting at midday and finishing at 4pm with Evening Prayer, Community BBQ and Curries.

August

Sun 2/08 Spiritual Gym, Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School, 4.30pm

Sun 9/8 Contemporary Worship Service at St James, 5pm

September

Sun, 6/9 Spiritual Gym, Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School, 4.30pm

Sun 13/9 Contemporary Worship Service at St James, 5pm

Sat 19/9 Safe Church Ministry, Lismore

October

Sun 11/10 Contemporary Worship Service at St James, 5pm

Sat 17/10 Tweed Network Prayer Day (St James Kingscliff)

Sun 18/10 Bishop Murray's Parish Pastoral Visit with confirmations of students from Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School.

November

Sun 8/11 Contemporary Worship Service at St James, 5pm

Sun 1/11 Spiritual Gym, Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School, 4.30pm

Sat 28/11 Parish Festive Christmas Market

December

Sun 13/12 Contemporary Worship Service at St James, 5pm

Sun 6/12 Community Carols Service, Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School, 4.30pm

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, who inspired your apostles Peter and Paul to build up your Church upon the foundation of the faith they proclaimed: grant that your Church may be so joined together in unity of spirit and in the teaching of the apostles, that it may grow up into a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of 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.

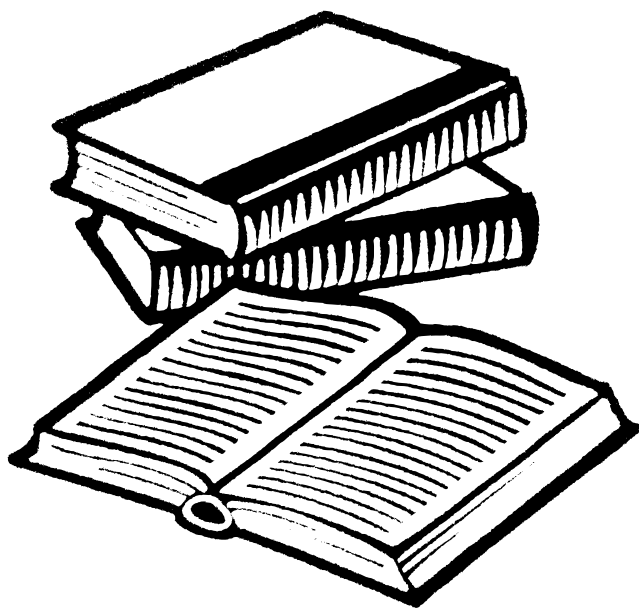
Parish Food Ministry

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 - 33 meals

St Marks 54 meals

Praise be to God!



Sunday Worship Readings

Sunday 28 June 2026

Ezekiel 34 v 11-16
Psalm 34 v1-10
2 Timothy 4 v6-8
John 21 v15-22

Sunday 5 July 2026

Genesis 24 v34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Psalm 45 v10-17
Romans 7 v 14-25
Matthew 11 v15-19, 25-30

Service Schedule

St James @ 8.30am

Sunday 28th June 2026

Officiant & Preacher:

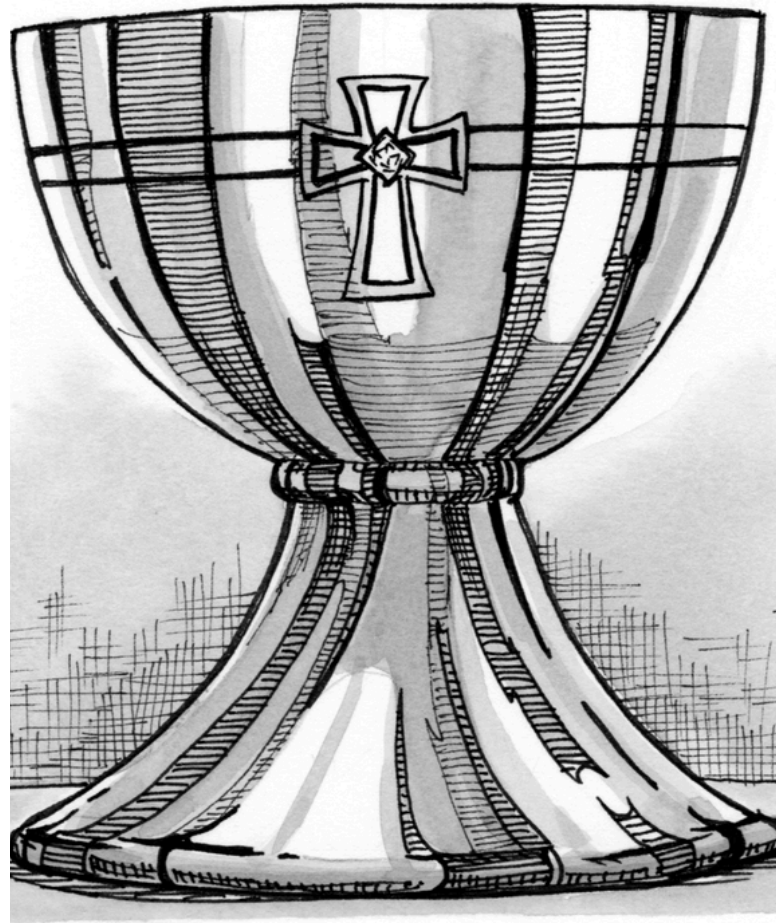
Rev. Graeme Hodgkinson

St Marks @ 10.30am

Sunday 28th June 2026

Officiant & Preacher:

Rev. Graeme Hodgkinson



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Parish Calendar for June/July 2026

Mondays

- U3A Art Group – St Mark's Pottsville, 9:00am–12:00pm
- Evening Prayer – St James Kingscliff, 5:15pm–5:30pm
- Community Meal, St James Kingscliff from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Tuesdays

- Meals Handout – St Mark's Pottsville 11:00am–1:00pm
- Justice of the Peace -St Mark's Pottsville 9:00am -12:00pm
- AA Meeting – St James Kingscliff, 7:30pm
- Pottsville Community Association – Last Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm
- Holy Communion Service 12.30pm at St Marks

Wednesdays

- Holy Communion/Eucharist – St James Kingscliff, 10:00am
- *Lectio Divina*, (Holy Reading of the Bible) St. James Hall, 11:30 am to 12 noon
- Ecumenical Bible Study -St Mark's Pottsville 10:00am, Fortnightly
- Christian Meditation -St James Kingscliff, 4pm, Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89184784092?pwd=TFI3eWc1UXM0b3VVZnR5bkMxUIM1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 891 8478 4092 Passcode: 516345

- ZOOM in to pray with fellow parishioners for peace and for the material and spiritual needs of all in our communities. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84084825835?pwd=aPSm1tk4mn4GW9BiAHTkIIBNBfHFfaE.1>

Meeting ID: 840 8482 5835 **Passcode:** K9D1Z4

Thursdays

- Ladies Craft Group – St Mark's Pottsville, 9:00am–12:00pm
- Meals Handout – St James Kingscliff, 11:00am–1:00pm
- AA Meeting – St Mark's Pottsville, 6:00pm

Fridays

- Making Art Group – St. Mark's, Pottsville, 10:00am to 2:00pm
- **Sing to Connect Choir** 9.30 - 10.45. In the church. All welcome. Wendy Hawkins 0421651524

Saturdays

- Community Garden Club – St Mark's Pottsville, 9:00am–11:00am
- Sister Suzie's Sewing Circle – 10 Guilfoyle Plc, Cudgen, 1:00pm–3:00pm
- Seven-Day Adventist Church at St Mark's, 9.00am -1.00pm
- Healing Service (Book of Common Prayer) -St James Kingscliff, 5pm (1st Saturday)

Sundays

- Holy Communion/Eucharist, St James Kingscliff, 8:30am
- Holy Communion/Eucharist, St Mark's Pottsville, 10:30am
- Contemporary Service, 5pm, St James Kingscliff, every second Sunday of the month

Upcoming Events:

- **Friday/Sun June 26-28**, Synod in Coffs Harbour
- **Wednesday 8 July**, Parish Council Meeting at St James at 5:30pm
- **Sunday 26 July**, Stewardship Program Commitment Form