



THE BUZZ

All Saints' Church ANGLICAN PARISH OF KEMPSEY

Welcome to this Deluxe Edition of the BUZZ!

There has been a lot happening around All Saint's since the restrictions have eased.

We hope you enjoy reading all the latest news and events for February and March 2022



The 2022 Parish Council was elected in February and the Commissioned was held on 6th March.

L to R : Terry Hunt, Barbara Cheers, Jane Lewis, Jo Robinson, Nancy Fuller (Warden) Lorraine Saul (Warden) Sister Helen CSC, Ross Newton (Rectors Warden), all appointed to serve the Body of Christ in faith, hope and love. David Behera has been appointed Parish Treasurer.

ANGLICARE SUNDAY

3rd February was Anglicare Sunday! We welcomed Leon Ankersmit, CEO of Anglicare North Coast. Leon's sermon reflected on themes drawn from James 2.14-24, and challenged us to consider the complex interplay of faith and works in our mission to serve the community in Kempsey.



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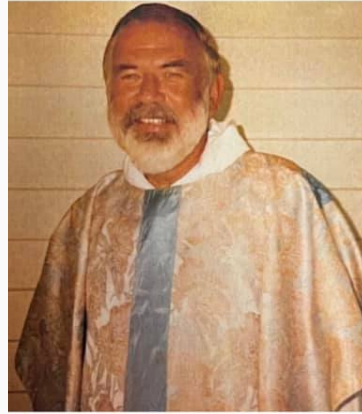
World Day of Prayer was held on 4th March. It was wonderful to hear stories of women across the UK in their journeys of faith and to have representatives from many of the Christian communities that gather to worship in Kempsey.

Morning Tea and fellowship followed in the Parish Hall.



Fr. Jesse shared some of the plans that God has had for him in his faith journey.

**Remembering
Father
Stuart Benson**



It is with much sadness we learned of the death of Father Stuart Benson in February, who faithfully served as Rector of the Parish of Kempsey from 1991 to 1996. Father Benson oversaw much work and ministry in the life of the Church in this place, and we give thanks to God for his life and contributions. We remembered Father Stuart at a Requiem on 16th February and we keep Leonie and his family in our prayers. Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.



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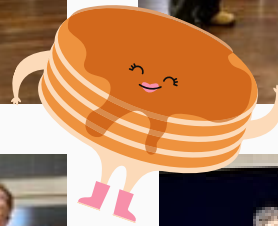
SMALL SAINTS Play Group started in February! This is a lovely way for mums, carers and their bubs to join in some fun and fellowship, and play time, story time and music time! Small Saints is every Monday morning of the School Term, 10am - 12 midday in the Marsh Street Youth Centre. Please be in touch if you or someone you know would like to come along!



Shrove Tuesday



Flipping Pancakes and auctions!



SHROVE TUESDAY WAS HELD ON MARCH 1ST WITH FRIENDS FROM MANY OF THE DIFFERENT MINISTRIES AND COMMUNITIES OFFERED FROM OUR CHURCH. IN FUN AND FELLOWSHIP WE SHARED TOGETHER IN A TRADITIONAL MEAL OF SAVOURY PANCAKES AS WE CLOSED EPIPHANY TIDE AND BEGAN TO PREPARE FOR THE SEASON OF LENT.



A Baby Shower was held after church on March 3rd as we all look forward to welcoming Naomi and David's baby into the world. There will be no shortage of loving grandmothers for babysitting duties! Congratulations Naomi and David!



UPDATES

We have regular updates online:
FACEBOOK: All Saints Anglican Parish Kempsey
WEBSITE www.kempseyanglican.com.au

Prayer for the Season of LENT

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Each Monday night during LENT we have been enjoying a simple Lenten meal together (vegetarian of course!) reflecting on the Lenten Collects and to lean more deeply into our prayer in the holy season. The reflections have also been held after Wednesday Mass. Pictured : Shakshouka, a delicious Maghrebi dish of eggs cooked in flavourful spiced tomato sauce, and served with warm flatbread.

Father Jesse writes....

We sometimes grow so attached to our own structures, buildings and ways of doing things that we don't allow the Spirit to flow, move and breath in our lives and to flow through our places of worship.

The uncomplicated, yet beautiful, World Day of Prayer service held in early March is a lasting reminder for me of the simplicity of a space filled not with things, but with love.

Things are important. They give context, meaning, and atmosphere, but sometimes they hinder the flow of God's love.

In the Season of Lent, you may have noticed that the furnishings in the sanctuary have moved, flowers are absent, and there are sections of the liturgy that are more sparse than usual. This is all to remind us that the Season of Lent is a time to strip away to allow the Spirit to move in us.

What are the idols we have made in our own lives? The Psalmist the 51st Psalm beseeches God to let that same Spirit to move within us:

'to create in me a clean heart.'

Lent is a time for us to consider the heart, and all things that are marred and broken - our own sinfulness, a relationship ruined, a family broken. In this Lenten season we are challenged to ask ourselves, 'How is my heart? And am I ready to let God create in me a new heart?'

My prayer for us all as we journey toward that radiant Easter morn is that we all find opportunities in this season to reflect on our thirsting for God's presence in the wilderness of life, and that, like the Psalmist, we seek out a new heart - clear of the distractions of things, and filled with the love of God.

Father Jesse



The Old Rectory Shop has a new floor! During March we closed for a few days while Kempsey Carpet Court worked their magic and transformed the space into a much brighter shopping environment. The Op Shop caters for everyone; clothing, bric-a-brac galore and a friendly smile!



Trading Hours
Monday to Friday
8:30am to 1pm



NEW FLOOR

LADY DAY

Lady Day was held on 25th March. This is an annual event for the Mother's Union (MU Australia) who formally adopted the feast day: Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary as its yearly day of prayer, intercession and thanksgiving. We were honoured to host the event this year with members from Kempsey, Wauchope and Port Macquarie, while Mothers' Union branches, both in Australia and around the world, also gathered in celebration. A luncheon followed in the Parish Hall.



Mother's Union is specifically concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life. Its aim is the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Isaiah 55.6

Remembering Sue Oakley by Sister Helen CSC Sue and her husband Bill were parishioners at All Saints for some years. After Bill's sudden death, Sue remained involved in the ministry of the parish, being a member of the Bible Study Group that gathered in the Aldavilla Area, and as an ordained deacon assisting with services in the parish. In November 1998 Sue was admitted as an Associate of the Community of the Sisters of the Church, supporting the Community through prayer and other ways open to her. She was also a school teacher and taught in the U3A. I remember Sue as a bright, vivacious woman, and a faithful Christian. She was a good friend and I give thanks to God for her life. A Memorial Service was held for Sue on 26th March at All Saints.

A Prayer for Peace

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us, both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive these his inestimable gifts, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;

We pray for Ukraine and Russia, its leaders and people. We pray that you would make your presence known to them at this time of strife. We pray for their protection and for an end to violence and conflict.

We pray for the innocent, the frightened, the dispossessed, and those who have lost loved ones, homes and family.

We pray that you would bless the endeavours of those who work for peace and an end to this conflict. Have mercy, we pray, on Ukraine and Russia. May your peace rule in the hearts and minds of all.

Continue to stir up the leaders of the world to work together for the good of all. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen.



Regularly Around All Saints

Sundays: Mass 8:30am All Saints

Mondays of school terms : Small Saints 10am-12pm Youth Centre

Wednesdays: Mass 10am All Saints

4th Sunday Monthly: Mass at Macleay Valley House Frederickton

4th Sunday Monthly: Pub Lunch Macleay Valley Hotel Frederickton

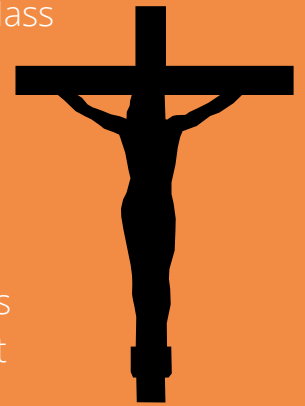


Friends For Lunch **SOUP KITCHEN** resumes on April 5th in the Marsh Street Youth Centre EVERY TUESDAY 12 noon - 1pm.

Gold coin donation is appreciated. Share wholesome home cooked lunch, tea and coffee.

Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Service Times

- Palm Sunday: 10th April - 8:30am Mass
- Maundy Thursday:
 - 5:30pm Mass
 - 8:30pm Compline
- Good Friday: 15th April
 - 8:30am - Liturgy
 - 12 noon - Stations Of The Cross
 - 5:30pm - Passion Of The Christ
 - 8:30pm - Compline
- Holy Saturday: 16th April 8:30pm - Easter Vigil
- Easter Sunday: 17th April - Mass 8:30am



Please pass on your copy of the BUZZ to family, neighbours and friends, someone who might not be able to get to church or someone who might be interested in coming along and joining our many parish activities and Parish Family.

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