



From Rev Paul Robertson

† **Holy Communion:** Home communion will be given today. Please pray for our extended faith community.



Also this Week:

Tues 11/6	9am	Mothers Union wave of prayer service in our church
Wed	9am	Morning prayer
	10-12	Lollypops playgroup
Thurs		SRE in our schools.

† Mission for June : Samaritans (see details overleaf)

Readings for next week	Proverbs 8 : 1 - 4, 22 - 31	Psalm 8
	Romans 5 : 1 - 5	John 16 : 12 - 15

A road trip

Recently four men, including two from our parish, travelled to the Central West of NSW to experience our beautiful country.

A major focus was a trip to a farm in a location called Albert where the owners, James and Jude, are struggling with the impact of this major drought which is the worst since Federation. In addition James is suffering from Parkinson's disease.

While the four visitors were there they gave practical help distributing fodder which had been sent from WA and they prayed with James and Jude. Since then James and Jude have sold all their sheep and are preparing to leave the land for good.

Please pray for this very serious situation in our Central West and for the work of the Anglican Diocese in Bathurst to provide for the needs both physical and spiritually for the people in this massive Diocese.



Anglican Church in Albert which James and Jude attend.

A thought

A loaf of bread is a fitting figure of unity of the Church. It is:

1. made of many units.
2. the product of earth and heaven, grain and rain.
3. a necessity.
4. made to be broken in God's hands.

(quote from May/June 2019 edition of Every Day with Jesus)



Dear Lambton Parish,

As the winter chill sets in, Samaritans experiences one of its busiest times as we support locals experiencing homelessness.

We know that one of the causes of homelessness is a lack of affordable rentals. Our recent research has highlighted the lack of affordable rentals in our local region for some of the most vulnerable people in our community.

As part of this research, Ebony shared her story with us.

"I put in hundreds of applications for rentals anywhere in the Hunter region, but no one would take me. My income was low, I was 16, I had a baby. I even had a guarantor, but no one was interested in giving me a chance," Ebony said.

"My case worker suggested that I apply for Samaritans Student Accommodation so that I could continue my education while living in safe, affordable housing. I was so happy to move into my apartment- it changed my life. My school attendance has improved because I can access school easily with easy access to public transport. My life is more stable and I feel safe," Ebony said.

Ebony's experience is unfortunately not a unique one. But it is because of people like you that we can help Ebony. We are grateful for your support, especially as we head into winter.

This winter, Samaritans is aiming to raise \$120,000 to help fund services like our Student Accommodation that supports Ebony.

Thank you!



Samaritans is our local support service and is no stranger to our community. They operate exclusively throughout the Central Coast, Hunter Valley and Mid-North Coast regions of NSW as well as in Mudgee in the Central

Western NSW.

They see thousands of people through more than 100 services each year that offer disability and mental health support, outreach to young people and families, those who are homeless or experiencing tough times, and much more. One special event over Christmas is the Christmas lunch. In 2018 year lunches were held at three locations – Newcastle, Central Coast and Singleton. Guests enjoy a free Christmas Lunch, entertainment, friendship and of course a visit from Santa! People in our parish have always given generously to the Samaritans.

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Notes

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Today's Scripture Readings – Pentecost. and Whitsuntide.



Acts 2 : 1 - 21	Psalms 104 : 26 - 36
Romans 8 : 14 - 17	John 14 : 8 - 17, (25 - 27)



The coming of the Holy Spirit.

The Church, (including our Anglican Church) began on the Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came and "filled" the disciples. It was spectacular, with a violent wind and tongues of fire, and a powerfully given compulsion for them to go out and tell the good news of Jesus. (Acts 2:1-21). That is how the Church grew, and continues to grow today, through the power of the Holy Spirit, living in, and working through every Christian believer. We might ask, how does the Spirit work in and through us?

- Conversion.** Our turning to Christ, whether it be instant or gradual is the work of the Holy Spirit, convicting us of our need of a Saviour (John 16 :8-10), and bearing witness within us to Jesus (John 15 :26). Our new birth is of the Spirit. (John 3: 6-8). From the very start, our coming to Christ is the work of the Spirit.
- Growing.** Our growth in the Christian life is the work of the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who produces holiness in the Christian. The fruit that we bear is the Spirit's fruit. (Galatians 5: 22-25). We are to "walk in the Spirit" (Gal. 5:16), and "be filled with the Spirit". (Ephesians 5:22)
- Understanding.** Our ability to understand God's plan for us, revealed in Scripture, is the work of the Holy Spirit. Since the Holy Spirit is the author, who inspired its writers, (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21), it is the Spirit who is the best interpreter to help us understand. Pray for the Spirit to "open our eyes to behold wondrous things."(Psalm 119:18).
- Fellowship.** Our unity within the Church as fellow Christians is through the Holy Spirit. Ours is a "fellowship", a "communion of the Holy Spirit". (2 Cor. 13:13). Pray "to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace". (Eph. 4:3-4).
- Service.** Our inspiration to serve others, in mission, witness, evangelism and good works, is through the Holy Spirit. Empowered by the Spirit as promised by Jesus, (Acts1:8), we are given gifts to enable us do so. (1 Cor.12). We are to be so filled with the Spirit, that the Spirit will flow from us like "rivers of living water". (John 7: 38-39). What a privilege! What a responsibility!