



ANGLICAN PARISH OF LAMBTON

**St John the Baptist
Lambton
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Today's Scripture Readings – 5th Sunday of Easter

Old Testament – Acts 8 : 26 - 40
Psalm 22 : 26-32
New Testament – 1 John 4 : 7 - 21
Gospel – John 15 : 1 - 8

Readings for 9th May - 6th Sunday of Easter

Old Testament – Acts 10 : 44 - 48
Psalm 98
New Testament – 1 John 5 : 1 - 12
Gospel – John 15 : 9 - 17



From Rev Kate Heath

Welcome to Parish News!

Who lives in our Parish?

Hint: It may not be who you expect.

This data is based on the 2016 Census.

Here are the top three age-groups by percentage of the population in the suburb:

Lambton

Children (0-17) 21.9%

Parents and Homebuilder (ages 35-49) 20.7%

Older workers and pre-retirees (50-59) 14.5%

North Lambton

Children (0-17) 19.9%

Young workforce (25-34) 18.1%

Tertiary education and independence (18-24) 17.7%

Jesmond

Young workforce (25-34) 20.7%

Children (0-17) 19.8%

Tertiary education and independence (18-24) 19.6%

It will be very interesting to analyse the data when the 2021 census is completed. With the median house price for Lambton of \$730,000, it will probably tend towards more and more 2-salary households.

Reflect on these figures. Are they what you expected? When in your own life were you or your family in these different phases? What do you think it means in terms of our mission as the Parish of Lambton and Jesmond?

Parish Council in their meeting and planning will be informed by the data about the current composition of our region. Please pray for them as they lead us in mission and ministry.

Mothers' Day Concert

“Bella Voce celebrates Mothers' Day” 3pm in the Hall Sunday 9th May. Tickets available at the door \$15/\$10

Women Celebrating our Faith

15th May 2021 10am All Saints, New Lambton.

Theme: Awaken.

Speaker: Sharon Kirk. Rego closes 4th May. For more information see notice board.

Mission for May

CMS – Church Missionary Society of Australia – is a fellowship of Christian people and churches committed to global mission. They work with churches to set apart long-term workers who cross cultures to share the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. They have over 200 long term workers serving in strategic ministries to reach people for Christ. They need our support to help bring lasting hope to people across the globe! Please pray for this society and the people who work in these missions.

Below is a reprint of a Pastoral Letter first sent earlier in the year before there were various delays in vaccine distribution. This stands a timely reminder.

Pastoral Letter from the Anglican Bishop of Newcastle Regarding COVID Vaccinations

In the coming weeks, COVID19 vaccines will be available in Australia. This is good news.

Overseas evidence is showing that the immunisation program is reducing the number of hospital admissions and reducing the severity of illnesses arising from the virus. This also is wonderful news.

At the heart of the Christian understanding of human relationships is God's command, emphasised through his Son Jesus, that we are 'to love our neighbour'. This is captured in the Anglican Mark of Mission, 'to respond to human need by loving service'. You may have seen pictures of the Archbishop Justin of Canterbury receiving his vaccination and heard that Pope Francis has also been immunised.

I strongly encourage all Anglicans and all citizens, to be vaccinated when the opportunity for them to do so arises as part of the Commonwealth Government vaccination roll out. Every person should do so on the basis of any advice they receive from their medical practitioner.

Please continue to pray for those affected by or responding to COVID as well as those who have the responsibility of ensuring our community is safe for all people.

Bishop Peter