



## ANGLICAN PARISH OF LAMBTON

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### **Today's Scripture Readings – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Old Testament – Jeremiah 4: 23-28  
Psalm – 19: 1-6  
New Testament – Philippians 2: 9-13  
Gospel – Mark 15: 33-39

### **Readings for 19<sup>th</sup> September – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Old Testament – Isaiah 65: 17-25  
Psalm - 48: 1-11  
New Testament – Romans 8: 28-39  
Gospel – Mark 16: 14-18



*From Rev Kate Heath*

## **Welcome to Parish News!**

My Dear Friends,

A number of us will be feeling disappointment and sadness at the requirement that Newcastle remain locked down. Thank you for all that you are doing, and all that you are foregoing, in order to keep us safe as a community. There is also the potential for hope, that soon we will have community vaccination rates sufficient to safely re-engage with each other in person.

The Diocese is working with our parishes to ensure that we will be able to offer in-person worship services as soon as this becomes a possibility. At present they are getting proof of the vaccination status of all the Parish clergy as part of making the case for our “industry” adhering to high levels of safety.

## **Joint Message for the Protection of Creation**

While the risk of COVID-19 is at the forefront of our minds, some of you may also have seen coverage of the international scientific consensus that the time to act on the Climate Emergency is now. This week the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Right Rev'd Justin Welby, Pope Francis and The Patriarch of Constantinople, Bartholomew (the Spiritual Leader of Orthodox Christians world-wide) have taken the striking step of releasing an unambiguous joint statement on our response as Christians. I encourage you to read the whole statement, if you are able, as it is a striking statement of hope, as well as a call to action.

<https://www.newcastleanglican.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Joint-Statement-on-the-Environment.pdf>

Our Bishops in the Newcastle Diocese have wholeheartedly endorsed this joint statement, and quote the commission:

“All of us—whoever and wherever we are—can play a part in changing our collective response to the unprecedented threat of climate change and environmental degradation.

Caring for God’s creation is a spiritual commission requiring a response of commitment. This is a critical moment. Our children’s future and the future of our common home depend on it.”

### What can we do?

Remember, the idea that action by individuals alone is the solution to our Climate Crisis is a pernicious untruth, which serves only the interests of high-polluting multi-National companies and the governments unwilling to stand up to them.

However, we can by our action and our prayer make change and express our conviction that climate action is a matter of faith.

### **Pray**

- for the forthcoming UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, that nations may work together for the sake of the whole planet.
  
- for just pathways into meaningful, sustainable, long-term work, especially for our local community.
- for people of faith to make their voices heard that climate is important to us.

## Get involved

- if you are on Facebook, consider joining the “Anglican EcoCare Newcastle” group to connect with other Anglicans, locally and globally on the issue.
- express your concern to politicians, they need to know that ordinary Australians care about the future for their children and grandchildren.
- consider how we as a Parish might express this conviction.

## Spring has Sprung!

Here are some lovely photos from some of our parishioners gardens to cheer us up during our lockdown.

