



ANGLICAN PARISH OF LAMBTON

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Today's Scripture Readings –

Old Testament – 2 Samuel, 7.1-14a
Psalm – 89, 21-38
New Testament – Ephesians 2, 11-22
Gospel – Mark 6, 30-34, 53-56

Readings for 25 July

Old Testament – 2 Samuel, 11. 1-15
Psalm 14
New Testament – Ephesians 3, 14-21
Gospel – John 6, 1-21



From Rev Kate Heath

Welcome to Parish News!

COVID Regulations

Dear friends, What a lesson in the dangers of complacency. We are once again reminded of the value of the measures we have been taking, without them matters can deteriorate really rapidly.

We have been very lucky so far in Newcastle, but we don't want to place the safety of ourselves or our dear ones in the hands of just luck. Please be aware that we are exposed to quite a great deal of risk here; people travelling from Greater Sydney to here don't even need to show a recent negative COVID test (as we are too close for this rule to apply).

So just a quick reminder of the current NSW Public Health Orders as they apply to our services:

- If you have any symptoms, get tested, and isolate until you receive your negative result.
Enormous thanks to our Tech Team who is enabling people to join in our worship, even if they are sick or isolating.
- When you arrive, check in using the QR code. Thank you also to the Welcoming Team who have been ensuring we are all able to meet this requirement
- Wear a mask, covering your nose and mouth, unless you have a medical exemption.

- The only singing permitted is by a soloist, wearing a mask and 3 m away from others.
- Remember to maintain hand hygiene and social distancing
- We can receive only the communion bread, not the wine

Prayers

Prayers of intercession are so significant for so many of us, both when we are praying and when others are praying for us. We want to bring to God those people we are praying for personally through the prayers of our Church family too.

We are so fortunate through the efforts of our tech team (Rob, Chris, Des, Jim, Ken and others) that we are able to offer online services to those unable to be with us in person. Our services could be watched by anyone, anywhere in the world! (I am certainly aware of them being watched across different states in Australia – and that is just the people I know about.) How extraordinary! But it brings certain drawbacks. It does mean that we need to be careful to maintain confidentiality and privacy. One of the ways we might inadvertently breach this is in our prayers.

Prayer Guidelines

- First names ONLY (no last name)
- No medical details
- Ask Permission

Bible Society

This is our mission for this month.

"The goal of Bible Society Australia is the same one that Bible Societies around the world have been pursuing for some 200 years: to translate, publish, distribute and engage people with the Bible. The Bible Society wish to see people engaging with God's Word, the Bible. Within Australia and overseas, they seek to provide Scripture to people in their own language in a format they can use and at a price they can afford. Now more than ever the world needs a message of hope. The bible can supply this.

If you would like to support this wonderful outreach please make a donation and pray for its continuing success."

Diary Dates – 2021

Date	Event
Sunday 8/8	Mission Morning tea. Rev Garry Dodd
Saturday 4/9	Council Election (Polling Booth in Hall)
Saturday 11/9	Lions Fashion Parade
Sunday 26/9	Blessing of the Animals
Saturday 2/10	WORKING BEE
Sunday 10/10	Episcopal Visit from Bishop Peter
Sunday 31/10	Grandparents' Day