



ANGLICAN PARISH OF LAMBTON

**St John the Baptist
Lambton
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Today's Scripture Readings – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament – Exodus 33, 12-23

Psalm - 99

New Testament – 1 Thessalonians 1, 1-10

Gospel – Matthew 22, 15-33

Readings for 25th October 2020 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament – Deuteronomy 34, 1-12

Psalm – 90, 1-6, 13-17

New Testament – 1 Thessalonians 2, 1-13

Gospel – Matthew 22, 34-46



From Rev Chris Bullock

Welcome to Lambton News!

Welcome to our guest - Archdeacon Arthur Copeman

Archdeacon Arthur is well known to us; and we extend a very warm welcome to him today. He will be our preacher and celebrant.



Mainly Music has begun.

We give hearty thanks to God for our beginning of mainly music. With the leadership of Beck Bishop from New

Lambton assisted by two members of their team, and joined by three of our people, Alysson Watson, Gina Parslow and Gail Iles, mainly music began on Tuesday with 19 children from 15

families. It was good to see the number of families from the local suburbs present. Our “advertising” through our Play Group and with the help of the Lambton Local, together with cooperating shops, the news got out. Some of the group have previously been involved with me at Fletcher but it is encouraging to have families who had no previous contact. We do thank God for this opportunity. ***Please continue to uphold the team and the families in your prayers.*** We all went home a little exhausted on Tuesday, but excited. “God is good. All the time.” as our African friends say.

Prayer focus



The United Nations was inaugurated in 24 October 1945. 75 years on Saturday.

The United Nations (UN) is an intergovernmental organisation that aims to maintain international peace and security, develop friendly relations among nations, achieve international cooperation, and be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations. It is the largest, most familiar, most internationally represented and most powerful intergovernmental organization in the world. Pursuant to the Charter, the organization's objectives include maintaining international peace and security, protecting human rights, delivering humanitarian aid, promoting sustainable development, and upholding international law. At its founding, the UN had 51 member states, with the addition of South Sudan in 2011; membership is now 193, representing almost all of the world's sovereign.

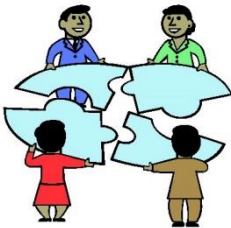
Please pray for the ongoing and effective capacity of this world body to facilitate cooperation between nations to facilitate the wellbeing of all people on this planet.

St Luke, Evangelist and Martyr. (Commemoration today)

There are many churches and other organisations in our Diocese which are dedicated to St Luke, including St Luke's Wallsend, St Luke's Scone, St Luke's Woy Woy and St Luke's Toukley; and Scone grammar School, formally known as St Luke's (Scone) Grammar School.

Paul describes Luke as "the beloved physician". ***Please pray for all involved in the ministry of healing and the proclamation of God's good news.***

Morning Prayer and Bible Study – Wednesday at 9am.



I have spoken about this before. This time of worship is a relaxed time fellowship, reflection, and prayer. The perspective of others is often a significant encouragement to us as we explore our own faith journey. A warm

invitation is extended to all members of the parish to join us. We have been dedicating approximately an hour to our time together.

Working bee – Keep the date



Monday 9 November – from 9.00 am.

Good fellowship comes from working together. And we can look over our shoulder and see where we have been! There have been many positive comments about the state of the grounds and the rectory gardens.



Photocopier fundraiser – the target achieved.

We do thank God for the support of members of the parish to provide the parish with a new photocopier. A praiseworthy outcome!

Social distancing, etc. – A gentle reminder

There are no changes for places of worship at present. The Bishop has reminded us of the need to respect these guidelines including social distancing, wearing a mask, and not singing (even though it is very tempting!).



The relaxing of guidelines for hospitality, etc. does give us hope for Christmas celebrations.

Air Conditioning in the church

Electrical upgrading work has begun; and we hope will be completed this week. You may have seen the new pole on Church Street.

Porch at entrance to church

The Wardens have been authorised to proceed with the work to arrange for the work to raise the porch to its original level (with Resinjet RS170) and replace guttering.

Pest Control - completed on Monday.

Watch out – the evidence may be at your feet!



Funeral – Kate Dornan

The family passes on their gratitude to the parish for their help in arranging the funeral.

Keeping in contact

There are members of our congregation who have not been able to attend worship. I know how much that they appreciate a phone call or a visit. Thank you to everyone who is keeping in touch with those they know are not able to come to worship. Please speak with me if you know of particular needs.

Our Treasurer reports on our finances

The balance in our main account is \$30,175.30

During the last 2 weeks our church received \$6,029.40 and spent \$3,399.54.

Our main regular monthly expense is \$1,310.39 which pays for insurance (\$653.98), Parish contribution to Diocesan Budget (\$581.58), Financial Strategies Levy (\$58.16) and Synod Costs (\$16.67).

- The Financial Strategy Levy was advised at the 2015 Synod to assist in payment of redress for survivors of child sexual abuse.
- An unexpected expense was the purchase of a new vacuum cleaner worth \$525.

Once a new Parish priest is appointed, we would expect this monthly payment to increase substantially. Currently this extra amount is \$6,974.95 which would bring the total monthly payment to \$8,285.53.

Chris Bullock

